

Troop Activity Ideas for Girl Scouts Save the Bay

Aquarium of the Bay- San Francisco

What: An aquarium all about the San Francisco Bay at Pier 39. They also provide programs and sleepovers just for Scouts!

Who: All ages

When: Daily, 10am-6pm

Website: <http://aquariumofthebay.com/>

Scout Programs:

<http://aquariumofthebay.com/events/display.asp?pageid=130&catid=60>

Contact: (415) 623-5346

Bay Model- Sausalito

What: A working model of the San Francisco Bay. Call ahead and they will plan a tour.

Who: All ages

When: Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm.

Website: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc>

Contact: (415) 332-3871

Baylands Nature Preserve- Palo Alto

What: Bayland's Facilities include the Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center, Byxbee Park Hills (Art Park), wildlife observation platforms and benches, and the Emily Renzel Wetlands

Who: All ages

When: Programs are offered on the weekends throughout the year.

Website: <http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/community-services/bay-activities.html>

Contact: (650) 329-2506

Berkeley Marina Experience Program- Berkeley

What: Shoreline cleanup, a strawbale nature center, adventure playground and marine environmental education programs.

Who: All ages

When: Call or see website for times and dates

Website: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marinaexp/>

Marine programs: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/marina/marinaexp/education.html>

Contact: Patty Donald at PAD3@ci.berkeley.ca.us or (510) 981-6720

Coyote Hills Visitor Center- Fremont

What: The visitor center contains exhibits portraying the Ohlone way of life, a tule reed boat constructed by park staff and volunteers using Native American methods, and exhibits cover the park's natural history and wildlife. Also offer public and group programs led by a naturalist.

Who: All ages

When: Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30am-5:00pm. Call for program times and information.

Website: <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/coyote.htm>

Contact: (510) 795-9385

Coyote Point Museum- San Mateo

What: Live animal exhibits and an aviary; also offer hands-on programs for Scouts.

Who: All ages

When: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday, 12pm-5pm. Call for program times and information.

Website: <http://www.coyoteptmuseum.org>

Contact: (650) 342-7853 or info@coyoteptmuseum.org

Crab Cove Visitor Center- Alameda

What: An 800-gallon aquarium system, interactive stations to view microscopic animals, build a crab from the inside out, or get a lug worm's view of the mudflats. The center also offers naturalist-led education programs for groups.

Who: All ages

When: Wednesday-Sunday, 10:30am-4:30pm. Call for program information.

Website: <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/crab.htm>

Contact: (510) 521-6887

Crissy Field Center- San Francisco

What: Located at Crissy Field right on the San Francisco Bay, the center offers a multitude of programs for groups to explore the natural environment.

Who: Ages 4 and up

When: Programs offered Tuesday through Saturday and are 1-2 hours.

Website: <http://www.ebparks.org/parks/crab.htm>

Contact: Cidney Webster at Cidney_Webster@nps.gov or (510) 521-6887

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge – Alviso and Fremont

What: Field trips and presentations all about the San Francisco Bay and wetlands!

Who: Grades K-12

When: Monday-Friday, generally 7:00am-4:30 pm; Saturday-Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm.

Website: <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/envIRON.htm>

Contact: Newark Slough Learning Center in Fremont: (510) 792-0222
Environmental Education Center in Alviso: (408) 262-5513

Earth Team- Berkeley

What: Restoration- Activities include removing non-native plants, creek and shoreline cleanup, planting native plants, and environmental monitoring.

Who: Middle and high school students

When: Saturdays, 10:00am-1:30pm

Website: http://www.earthteam.net/projects/restoration_projects/index.html

Contact: Trisha Allen at trisha@earthteam.net or (510) 704-4030

Environmental Volunteers- Palo Alto

What: A 2 ½ -3 hour program about the animals and plants of the Baylands ecosystem. Includes hands-on learning stations and an ecology fieldtrip around the Baylands Nature Preserve in Palo Alto.

Who: Grades K and up

When: Saturday or Sunday mornings

Website: <http://evols.org/weekend.htm>

Contact: Mel Erlbaum, at Mel@Evol.org or (650) 961-0545 Ext. 348

Farallon Marine Sanctuary Association- San Francisco

What: Located at Crissy Field, the visitor center has a touch tank and information about the wonders of the marine sanctuary.

Who: Ages 4 and up

When: Wednesday-Sunday, from 10am-4pm

Website: http://www.farallones.org/explore/visitor_centers.php

Contact: (415) 561-6625

Lawrence Hall of Science- Berkeley

What: Forces that Shape the Bay- An outdoor exhibit where you can experience small-scale versions of the geologic forces that shape and reshape landmasses like those in the Bay Area.

Who: All ages

When: Daily, 10am-5pm

Website: <http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu/exhibits/forces.html>

Contact: (510) 642-5132

Marine Science Insitute- Redwood City

What: Hands-on programs about San Francisco Bay ecology with live animals!

Who: Ages 4 and up for the *Shoreside Program*; ages 8-9 and up for the *Discovery Voyage* aboard a 90-foot research vessel.

When: Programs offered Monday-Saturday, 8am-5pm and last 2-4 hours

Website: <http://www.sfbaymsi.org>

Contact: Gail Broderick at (650) 364-2760 or gail@sfbaymsi.org

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary- Tiburon

What: Programs about San Francisco Bay ecology and, of course, birds!

Who: Grades K-8

When: Programs offered after school, and some Saturdays

Website: <http://www.tiburonaudubon.org>

Contact: Sarah Gill at (415) 388-2524 ext.103 or sgill@audubon.org

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park's Visitor Center- San Francisco

What: High-tech exhibitry tells the story of San Francisco's colorful and diverse maritime heritage.

Who: All ages

When: Daily, 9:30am-5pm

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/safr/planyourvisit/the-visitor-center.htm>

Contact: (415) 447-5000