



# UNIT ACTIVITY IDEAS

This list is comprised of great ideas put together from leaders of Samoset Council. We hope you enjoy it and find it useful. If you would like to submit anything to this list please send an e-mail to John Schultz at [jkschultz@charter.net](mailto:jkschultz@charter.net)

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## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

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### Stevens Point Area Conventions & Visitors Bureau

For more ideas visit their website below  
715-344-2556  
[www.spacvb.com](http://www.spacvb.com)

### Standing Rocks County Park

Just east of Stevens Point  
346-1433  
[www.co.portage.wi.us](http://www.co.portage.wi.us)

### BMX Track - Wisconsin Rapids

Mark Statz 715-213-4521  
[http://www.cwbmx.org/gettingstarted .htm](http://www.cwbmx.org/gettingstarted.htm)

### Stevens Point Parades

Holiday - Usually Thurs/Fri before Thanksgiving  
4 of July Parade  
343-5356 - Downtown Business Association

### Altenburg's Farm Market

7020 Plover Rd Hwy 54 E, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494  
Email: [altenburgs@tznet.com](mailto:altenburgs@tznet.com)  
<http://www.altenburgsfarm.com/groups.htm>

### Woodchucks Games

See website for Scout Day Activities  
<http://www.woodchucks.com/>

### **American Legion Baseball Games**

<http://www.legion.org/baseball>

### **Sparta Elroy Bike Trail**

[www.bikesparta.com](http://www.bikesparta.com)

### **UWSP Planetarium and Observatory**

The cost is \$15.00 for the whole group

346-2208

Contact: Nancy Stokosa at [nstokosa@uwsp](mailto:nstokosa@uwsp).

<http://forms.uwsp.edu/physastr/index.htm>

### **Mullins Cheese**

"The Best Wisconsin Cheese Curds Around"

598 Seagull Dr

Mosinee, WI 54455

(715) 693-3205

[www.mullinscheese.net/](http://www.mullinscheese.net/)

### **Stevens Point Mayor's office**

Contact: Kelly - Ask for a tour of the government buildings.

She will also have your group meet the mayor.

346-1570

### **Historic Fire Station #2**

715-344-4423

[www.pchswi.org](http://www.pchswi.org)

### **Portage County Sheriff's Dept**

Tour of the police department, dispatch center, squad cars, and jailhouse (entryway area only).

Contact: Annette Pulchinski. At 346-1425

### **Badger Hockey Game**

Kohl Center - Madison, WI

[www.uwbadgers.com](http://www.uwbadgers.com)

### **Stevens Point Curling Club**

Presentation for 4-6 graders on the basics of curling.

1628 Country Club Drive (Stevens Point Country Club)

Laurie Journeaux at 343-1248

[laurie@journeaux.net](mailto:laurie@journeaux.net)

### **Circus World Museum - Baraboo**

<http://circusworld.wisconsinhistory.org/>

### **Wolf River Tubing - New London**

Well worth the trip!

<http://www.wolfrivertrips.com/>

### **UWSP Museum of Natural History**

Ask them to do a presentation for the group

They let groups hold snakes, etc.

346-2858 (call first), or Ray Reiser 346-4888, 346-2821

[www.uwsp.edu/cols-ap/museum/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/cols-ap/museum/Pages/default.aspx)

### **Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame**

Located in the Schmeckle Reserve Visitor Center

North Point Drive – Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481

Open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

715.346.4992

[www.wchf.org](http://www.wchf.org)

### **Schmeckle Reserve**

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

2419 North Point Drive - Stevens Point, WI 54481

715-346-4992

[schmeckle@uwsp.edu](mailto:schmeckle@uwsp.edu)

<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeckle/>

### **Plover Fire Department**

Tour, Trucks and Fire Safety

345-5310

### **Portage County Recycling Plant**

600 Moore Rd in Plover

Tours and presentation

Contact: Juanita at 345-5972 or 341-4782

### **Five Star Lanes in Plover**

Contact: Becky at 341-2695

### **106.5 WYTE Radio Station**

There are 3-4 different radio stations housed in one building and you visit all of them.

2301 Plover Rd

295-9830

### **Portage County Humane Society**

Tour and animal safety presentation  
3200 Iber Ln, Plover  
344-6012

### **FFA Corn Maze**

During early to mid October only  
Ask if they will do the \$2.00 per person group discount  
7580 Cty Rd BB, Bancroft/Buena Vista  
Contact: Betney 344-5972 or 347-5442

### **Whispering Pines Assisted Living Center**

Groups can sing Christmas songs to the residents  
and give out presents  
3380 Bridlewood Dr, Plover  
342-4445

### **Nature's Niche Wildlife Presentation**

Live animals brought in to include: amphibians  
spiders, etc. of Wisconsin  
Contact: Dennis "Dino" Tlachac at 715-341-7149  
[www.naturesniche.org/index2.ivnu](http://www.naturesniche.org/index2.ivnu)

### **Grand Lodge by Stoney Creek**

Indoor waterpark  
\$15 per Scout (group rates available)  
Located in Rothschild, WI  
715-241-6300  
[www.stoneycreekinn.com](http://www.stoneycreekinn.com)

### **Rib Mountain State Park Hiking Trails**

13 miles of hiking from easy to hard  
Pack your lunch for the top  
Climb the 65 foot observation tower on top of the mountain  
[www.americasstateparks.org/Wisconsin/park/Rib-Mountain-State-Park/520](http://www.americasstateparks.org/Wisconsin/park/Rib-Mountain-State-Park/520)

### **Sylvan Hill Park**

Biggest tubing hill in the state  
\$6 per child - Must be 42" tall to ride  
Call to make sure they are open  
715-573-2424  
[ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Parks/WinterRecreation/SylvanTubingHill.aspx](http://ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Parks/WinterRecreation/SylvanTubingHill.aspx)

### **Rotary Winter Wonderland - Marshfield**

Over 1,000,000 lights with live nativity scene, Santa visits,  
live holiday music, animated displays, snow sculptures  
and other family friendly activities.  
Walking and drive-thru the light displays  
Cost: free will monetary & food donations support local pantries  
[www.rotarywinterwonderland.com/](http://www.rotarywinterwonderland.com/)



# SUPER TRIPS

## Sleeping with the Sharks – Mall of America



SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium at Mall of America

Named "The World's Best Shark Encounter" by Discovery's travelchannel.com

Program Includes:

Night Hike through the Aquarium, Behind-the-Scenes Tour, Pizza Party, Activities

Light Breakfast, Souvenir Spotter's Guide, Souvenir Pillowcase and T-shirt

952-853-0612

[www.visitsealife.com/minnesota/](http://www.visitsealife.com/minnesota/)

## Dozin' with the Dinos



Chicago Field Museum

Friday Nights (January-June 2011)

Night of family workshops, self-guided tours and fun activities

then spread your sleeping bag amidst the most popular exhibitions.

312-665-7400

[fieldmuseum.org/happening/programs/overnights](http://fieldmuseum.org/happening/programs/overnights)

## Chicago Camping Trip



Camp at Illinois Beach State Park

Swimming Lake Michigan

Great America is 15 minutes from campground

Visit:

Willis (Sears) Tower, Gurnee Mills, Shedd Aquarium, Navy Pier

Field Museum, Science and Industry Museum

[www.stateparks.com/illinois\\_beach.html?](http://www.stateparks.com/illinois_beach.html?)



## Old World Wisconsin

Return to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when immigrants settled Wisconsin

Eagle, WI (southeast part of the state)

262-594-6301

[oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/](http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/)

## Spooky Seas Family Sleepover



Chicago Shedd Aquarium (\$75 per person)

Enjoy themed activities for all ages, animal encounters, an aquatic animal

show, dinner and dancing. A late-night snack and continental

breakfast are included.

[www.sheddaquarium.org/families.html](http://www.sheddaquarium.org/families.html)



## Maritime Museum

Sleep overnight in the USS Cobia submarine

\$44 per person

Educational activities, and your museum admission the following day.

Manitowoc, WI 1-866-724-2356

[www.wisconsinmaritime.org](http://www.wisconsinmaritime.org)



## Hall of Fame Scout Sleepover Program

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame offers a sleepover program for children in grades 1- 8 that takes place in the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.

Children will receive a guided stadium tour, snacks, a Packers souvenir patch, certificate of complete and admission to the Hall of Fame the day following the sleepover.

[www.packers.com/lambeau-field/hall-of-fame/scout-sleepover-program.html](http://www.packers.com/lambeau-field/hall-of-fame/scout-sleepover-program.html)



## Mississippi River Boat Overnights - Port of Dubuque, Iowa

### William M. Black Boat & Breakfast (Seasonal April - October)

Spend a night "roughing it" on the William M. Black dredge boat.

Enjoy a night away from the ordinary in the state rooms or crew's quarters of this 1934 steamboat.

### NEW!! Mighty Mississippi Overnight Adventure

Bring your scouts in for the newest overnight experience at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium! This program provides your group with an unforgettable night of evening activities, movies and games.

Contact Melissa Wersinger at (563) 557-9545 ext. 213 or (800) 226-3369 ext. 213

[mwersinger@rivermuseum.com](mailto:mwersinger@rivermuseum.com)

[www.mississippirivermuseum.com/groups\\_overnight.cfm](http://www.mississippirivermuseum.com/groups_overnight.cfm)



## Old Fashioned Steam Train Trip

Laona Wisconsin (northeast part of the state)

Take a trip back in time with a ride on a vintage steam train. Head for Laona and climb aboard the famed Lumberjack Steam Train for a journey into the late 1800's. Sit in a rare cupola caboose as the vintage steam engine takes you to an actual site of a **Northwoods logging camp**.

715-674-3414

E-mail: [info@lumberjacksteamtrain.com](mailto:info@lumberjacksteamtrain.com)

[www.camp5museum.org/](http://www.camp5museum.org/)





### Eagle Cave Overnight - Blue River, WI

Come explore Wisconsin's largest onyx cave!

Southwest part of the state

- Sleep in the cave or rustic cabins
- Campsites available
- Guided Cave Tours
- Canoe the beautiful scenic Wisconsin River.
- Geocaching
- Fishing
- Mini golf

[www.eaglecave.net](http://www.eaglecave.net)



### Milwaukee Trip

- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Miller Park tour
- Brewer Game - Check their website for special Scout Game days
- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Milwaukee Bucks game
- Pabst Mansion tour
- James Lovell Museum of Science
- Miller Brewery tour
- Harley-Davidson Museum

### Quarry Quest Oshkosh

Mid-September each year

Quarry Quest offers children and adults a one-of-a-kind experience. Take a tour of a working quarry, ride and explore giant excavation machinery, and participate in a host of fun, hands-on educational activities. Become a miner for the day and prospect for fool's gold, mix up a batch of concrete cakes, or construct a wall with bricks and mortar.

<http://quarryquest.com/>



### EAA Museum Programs- Oshkosh

The Museum is one of the most extensive aviation attractions in the world, a year-round destination for the entire family. Come and explore our world-class displays and galleries.

- Sleepover in the Museum (AV139 per scout / \$10 adult)
- Webelos/ Cub Scout Aerospace Program (2 hours / \$7 per scout)
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Program (5 hours / \$10 per scout)

[museum.eaa.org/](http://museum.eaa.org/)





## Fox Cities Children's Museum -Overnight

Cub Scout Overnight programs

Climb through our treetops, explore the wonders of science, create an artful masterpiece, and when it is time to catch some zzzs, curl up in our fire truck or airplane!

\$15 per Cub Scout / Chaperones are free

920-734-3226

[www.buildingforkids.org/parties/cubscouts.html](http://www.buildingforkids.org/parties/cubscouts.html)

## Minnesota Zoo - Special Scout Activities

Tiger, Wolf and Bear Activity Packets - \$12.75 includes patches

Webelos Activity Packets - \$12.75 includes patches

Overnights available for Grades 3-6 (fall only) - about \$47/person

Enjoy an evening of learning about the animals before bedding down for the night. All overnights include: a special Zookeeper talk, evening snack, breakfast, a Minnesota Zoo patch and a program t-shirt.

Fee includes next day's admission pass.

IMAX Theater Experience is an additional cost.

[www.mnzoo.com/education/education\\_scoutsGroups.asp](http://www.mnzoo.com/education/education_scoutsGroups.asp)



## Wisconsin Dells

Yogi Bear Camp-Resort & Water Playground

Lost Canyon Tour - 15 person horse carriage

Ripley's Museum

Wisconsin River duck tours

Knucklehead's Bowling and Amusement Park

Wax World of the Stars

American UFO Sci Fi Museum

[www.wisdells.com/](http://www.wisdells.com/)

Wizard Quest

Fun Houses

Petting Zoos

Ski Shows

Amusement & water parks

Mini-golf



## Green Bay Trip Ideas

Bay Beach Amusement Park - rides cost \$.25 - \$.50 each

The new Zippin Pippin Roller-coaster is \$1

[www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/BayBeach/index.html](http://www.ci.green-bay.wi.us/BayBeach/index.html)

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary - Free (cost for some programs)

A fabulous place with activities and special Scout programs

[www.baybeachwildlife.com/](http://www.baybeachwildlife.com/)

Packer Hall of Fame Scout Patch Program

[www.packers.com/lambeau-field/hall-of-fame/scout-patch-program.html](http://www.packers.com/lambeau-field/hall-of-fame/scout-patch-program.html)

Lambeau Field Tour

[www.packers.com/lambeau-field/stadium-tours.html](http://www.packers.com/lambeau-field/stadium-tours.html)

NEW Zoo - Children \$4 / Adults \$6

[www.newzoo.org/](http://www.newzoo.org/)



# ACTIVITES FOR TROOPS

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## Devil's Lake Scout Jamboree & Hike

End of Sep/early Oct each year

Sponsored by Badger Trails

Thousand of Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts from around the Midwest attend this weekend of hiking, rock climbing, activities, and Saturday night dance.

[www.badgertrails.org/](http://www.badgertrails.org/)



## Grant Pilgrimage-Galena III

April each year

Sponsored by Blackhawk Area Council

Annual Event in Galena, IL drawing between 3,000 and 5,000 scouts and scouters. Activities at the event, Historical Trail hike, Museum tours, Generals Scavenger hunt, Parade, Bucket Brigade, zip line, smoke house, and more.

[www.blackhawkscouting.org/usgrantpilgrimage](http://www.blackhawkscouting.org/usgrantpilgrimage)



## Governor Dodge State Park

Governor Dodge State Park is one of the state's largest parks, with 5,350 acres of steep hills, bluffs, and deep valleys plus two lakes and a waterfall. Located in Wisconsin's scenic driftless area, Governor Dodge offers camping, picnicking, hiking, canoeing, biking, fishing, off-road biking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding opportunities.

Naturalist lead guided hikes and presents evening nature programs at the park amphitheater.

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/govdodge/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/govdodge/)



## Flambeau River Canoe Base

**Owned and operated by Samoset Council**

Nestled deep in the northwood's of Wisconsin is Samoset Council's, 150 acre Flambeau Canoe Base. Located on the south fork of the Flambeau River, this facility has miles of biking and hiking trails, with over 20 individual patrol camp sites, plus several troop camp sites, two modern outdoor latrines, a covered shelter, and campfire area.

[www.samoset.org/camping/flambeau.php](http://www.samoset.org/camping/flambeau.php)

## Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base

BSA Canoe Base - Ely, Minnesota

[www.ntier.org/Adventures/SummerAdventures/SommersCanoe.aspx](http://www.ntier.org/Adventures/SummerAdventures/SommersCanoe.aspx)

## Cave of the Mounds & Blue Mounds State Park



Boy Scout Event Days each fall

Geology Merit Badge & Geology Academics Pin

Orienteering Merit Badge

"HOLLOW-een" at the Cave

Hiking & Biking Trails

608-437-3038

[www.caveofthemounds.com/](http://www.caveofthemounds.com/)

## Hanna Venture Base - Samoset Council

### Wisconsin River – Canoeing Adventure

Canoe for six days on the lower Wisconsin River and earn your 50 Miler!

Participants will enjoy the journey fur traders made almost 200 years ago.

### Apostle Islands – Sea Kayaking Adventure

This program will find you paddling among the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Lake Superior! Spend 5 days on water and 4 nights on islands enjoying aquatic life, kayaking in sea caves and meals from the sea.

### Porcupine Mountains – Hiking Adventure

A five day hiking trek through the Porcupine Mountains

### Scuba Adventure - Crystal Lake

This adventure begins with classroom Scuba instruction and continues with several dives in Crystal Lake.

[clsr.samoset.org/hanna/](http://clsr.samoset.org/hanna/)



## Big Bay State Park -Madeline Island

The campground features picturesque sandstone bluffs, lake caves, 9 Miles of hiking trails, many with views of Lake Superior, canoeing and kayaking.

Included among the trails is a self-guided boardwalk nature trail separating the barrier beach and Big Bay Lagoon.

Summer: (715) 747-6425 Off Season: (715) 779-4020

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/bigbay/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/bigbay/)



## Copper Falls State Park

Ancient lava flows, deep gorges, and spectacular waterfalls make this one of state's most scenic parks. Log buildings from the 1930's CCC era add a special charm.

The Park also offers swimming, fishing hiking trails, flush restrooms & showers.

[dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/copperfalls/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/copperfalls/)



## House on the Rock

[www.thehouseontherock.com/](http://www.thehouseontherock.com/)

## Wisconsin Biking & Hiking maps

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/bike-foot/bikemaps.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/bike-foot/bikemaps.htm)