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.

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Stevens Point Area Conventions & Visitors Bureau
For more ideas visit their website below
715-344-2556
www.spacvb.com

Standing Rocks County Park
Just east of Stevens Point
346-1433
www.co.portage.wi.us

BMX Track - Wisconsin Rapids
Mark Statz 715-213-4521
http://www.cwbbmx.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
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

Circus World Museum - Baraboo
http://circusworld.wisconsinhistory.org/

Sparta Elroy Bike Trail
www.bikesparta.com

Wolf River Tubing - New London
Well worth the trip!
http://www.wolfrivertrips.com/

UWSP Planetarium and Observatory
The cost is $15.00 for the whole group
346-2208
Contact: Nancy Stokosa at nstokosa@uwsp.
http://forms.uwsp.edu/physastr/index.htm

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

Mullins Cheese
"The Best Wisconsin Cheese Curds Around"
598 Seagull Dr
Mosinee, WI 54455
(715) 693-3205
www.mullinscheese.net/

Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame
Located in the Schmeeckle 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

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

Schmeeckle Reserve
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
2419 North Point Drive - Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-346-4992 schmeeckle@uwsp.edu
http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeeckle/

Historic Fire Station #2
715-344-4423
www.pchswi.org

Plover Fire Department
Tour, Trucks and Fire Safety
345-5310

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

Portage County Recycling Plant
600 Moore Rd in Plover
Tours and presentation
Contact: Juanita at 345-5972 or 341-4782

Badger Hockey Game
Kohl Center - Madison, WI
www.uwbadgers.com

Five Star Lanes in Plover
Contact: Becky at 341-2695

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

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

Grand Lodge by Stoney Creek
Indoor waterpark
$15 per Scout (group rates available)
Located in Rothschild, WI
715-241-6300
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

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

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/
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/

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

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?

Old World Wisconsin
Return to the 19th century when immigrants settled Wisconsin
Eagle, WI (southeast part of the state)
262-594-6301
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.shedd aquarium.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

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

Mississippi River Boat Overnighters - 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.
NEWW!! 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.
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
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

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/
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

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

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
- Wizard Quest
- Fun Houses
- Petting Zoos
- Ski Shows
- Amusement & water parks
- Mini-golf
- www.wisdells.com/

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
- Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary - Free (cost for some programs)
  - A fabulous place with activities and special Scout programs
  - www.baybeachwildlife.com/
- Packer Hall of Fame Scout Patch Program
- Lambeau Field Tour
  - www.packers.com/lambeau-field/stadium-tours.html
- NEW Zoo - Children $4 / Adults $6
  - www.newzoo.org/
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/

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

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.
www.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

Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base
BSA Canoe Base - Ely, Minnesota
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/

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/

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/

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/

House on the Rock
www.thehouseontherock.com/

Wisconsin Biking & Hiking maps
www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/bike-foot/bikemaps.htm