



Handout #37

Fun Places

For Children and Families

Healthy Children, Strong Families, Caring Communities

How many times have you heard your children say, "There's nothing to do." Listed below are a few fun places to take your family or your child care children. Call for admission prices. All phone numbers are in the 916 area code unless otherwise noted:

This handout discusses:

- Fun places to go visit with your children

California State Railroad Museum

Located at 111 "I" Street (2nd & "I" Streets) in Old Sacramento, 445-6645. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. This five-building complex is the largest railroad museum in the U.S. and features a special toy train exhibit. The gift shop offers children's memorabilia, railroad books and miniature trains. www.csrmf.org

California State Capitol & Museum

Downtown on 10th (between L and N Streets), 324-0333. Children can see where California laws are made when visiting the 100 year-old State Capitol Building. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the 40-acre park, featuring more than 400 varieties and species of trees and shrubs from around the world. Don't forget to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Crocker Art Museum

216 O Street (2nd and O Streets), 264-5423. Children can participate in hands-on arts and crafts activities relating to the museum's current exhibits. www.crockerartmuseum.org

Discovery Museum History Center

Located at 101 "I" Street (1st and "I" Streets) in Old Sacramento, 264-7057. Open from 10 am to 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Educational exhibits. www.thediscovery.org

Discovery Museum Science & Space Center

3615 Auburn Blvd., 575-3941. Admission includes both museums. Open weekends from 10 am to 5 pm; Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 pm. This educational facility offers a wide range of learning experiences, including hands-on activities, a planetarium, discovery trail and gift shop. www.thediscovery.org

Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Located in Ancil Hoffman Park, 2850 San Leandro Way, 489-4918. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Features animals, plant life, insects, snakes, turtles and other creatures. Call for a schedule of ranger-led walks and special events. www.effieyeaw.org

Child Action, Inc.
9961 Horn Road,
Sacramento, CA 95827
916/369-0191
www.childaction.org

Fairytale Town

Located across from the Sacramento Zoo, 3901 Land Park Dr., 264-5233. This fun, six-acre "town" is developed around fairy tales and Mother Goose rhymes. Puppet shows are scheduled daily.

Firehouse Visits

You may arrange a free tour of your neighborhood firehouse. To arrange an appointment call 566-4398.

Folsom Zoo

Located in the Folsom City Park, Natoma and Stafford Streets, 351-3527. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. This zoo provides a home for injured and unwanted animals. A variety of mammals and birds are exhibited. www.folsomzoo.com

Jelly Belly Factory

Tour the factory located in Fairfield (1 hour west of Sacramento on Interstate 80), 707/428-2838. Open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Watch your favorite candy being made. There are free samples and you can arrange for birthday parties. Visit their website at www.jellybelly.com

Nimbus Fish Hatchery

2001 Nimbus Rd., at Hazel Ave., Rancho Cordova, 358-2820. Open daily, weekends and holidays from 7 am to 3 pm. A self-guided tour of the holding ponds, sorting area and spawning area is offered. The best time to visit is during fall.

Public Libraries

Call Youth Services for more information on activities and library hours at: 264-2770 on Mondays and Fridays. Visit the children's book section at Sacramento Public Library branches. They offer a range of programs for children.

Sacramento Zoo

Located in William Land Park, 264-5885. Open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. View 150 exhibits, including a reptile house and the botanical collection. www.saczoo.com

Scandia Family Fun Center

5070 Hillsdale Blvd., off Madison Avenue exit, on the west side of I-80, 331-5757. This fun center features miniature golf, batting cages, racing cars and bumper boats. Open daily Sunday through Thursday from 10 am to 10 pm, and Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 11 pm. www.scandiafamilyfun.com

Safetyville, U.S.A.

3909 Bradshaw Road, 366-7233, ext. #239. Open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. Tour groups of 10-20 people can visit this mini town created to promote safety awareness in public places. After attending classes in the Capitol Building, children practice safe bicycling, safe crosswalk usage and fire reportage. www.store.safetycenter.org

State Indian Museum

Located at Sutter's Fort (near 26th and K streets), 324-0971. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Museum exhibits include basketry, feather work, pottery and dance regalia. There are slide presentations and a hands-on area for children.

Waterworld USA

Located at Cal-Expo (1600 Exposition Blvd.), 924-0556. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. This fantastic aquatic park features a swimming pool, a wading pool, 10 waterslides, paddle boats and a huge wave pool that generates four-foot waves. Bring the whole family and have a picnic. www.sixflags.com/parks/waterworldsacramento/

Other Resources To Check Out:

☆ ***Sacramento Sierra Parent Magazine***
A free local family magazine that includes resources, articles and local events. Call 444-0110 or visit their website: www.ssparent.com

☆ ***Sacramento Bee***
The Sacramento Bee lists local events in their supplements. *Ticket* is published Friday and *Encore* is published Sunday. Call 321-1000 or visit their website at www.sacbee.com