



**HOMESCHOOL
FIELD TRIP
PRINTABLE PACK**



**THE HOMESCHOOL
COMPASS**

FIELD TRIP PLANNING TIPS

As you chase after wonder and delight this school year, keep these field trip tips in mind for a safe and enjoyable adventure!

TIP #1 CHOOSE A LOCATION THAT WILL FAN THE FLAMES OF LEARNING

Field trips are a great way to fuel a developing passion. Do you have an astronomy lover? Head to the planetarium. Is your child an animal lover? Plan an outing to the zoo or bird sanctuary. Field trips are perfect for interest-led learning.

TIP #2 PREP YOUR KIDS

Use library books, documentaries or family discussion times to give your children some context for the field trip experience. The more information they have going in, the better they'll be able to engage during the field trip.

TIP #3 KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS REALISTIC AND COMMUNICATE THEM CLEARLY

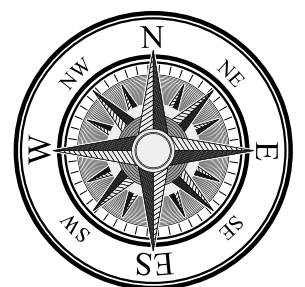
In an unfamiliar environment it's important that your kids know what you expect of them. Get clear on what behavior is appropriate (and realistic) for your setting, and make sure you've communicated what is expected to your kids.

TIP #4 PACK FOR SUCCESS

Make sure you have plenty of water, snacks, and appropriate clothing. It never hurts to throw a change of clothes and an extra towel in the car just in case. Have kids carry their own adventure packs if they're old enough.

TIP #5 LEAVE BEFORE YOU THINK IT'S TIME

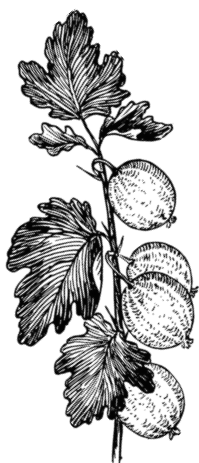
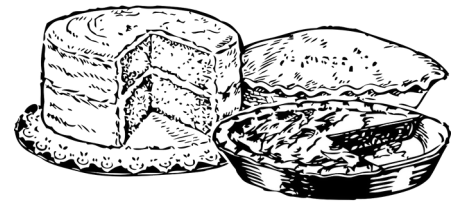
Many field trip woes arise when you try to stay longer than your children's energy or attention spans can tolerate. A short outing that ends with everyone wanting more is better than a trip that ends with crying and whining because everyone is overtaxed.



HAPPY ADVENTURING!

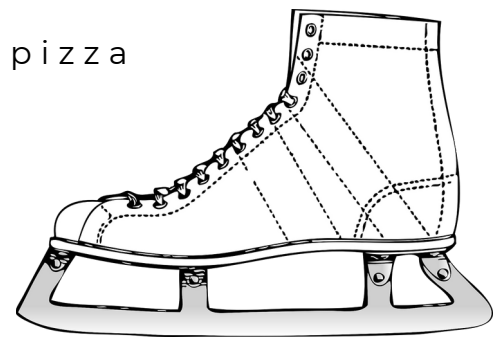
100+ FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Visit an Art Museum
- Attend a community orchestra performance
- Take a CPR or water safety class
- Volunteer at a local food pantry
- Learn about architecture by studying distinctive homes of your community
- Check out a community theater production
- Visit your local college or university for a music recital or art display
- Learn about trees at an arboretum
- Take a hot air balloon ride
- Hike a nearby nature trail
- Schedule a tour with your local firehouse to learn about fire safety
- Take a cake decorating class
- Explore a nearby national or state park
- See if your grocery store offers a supermarket tour to learn about nutrition and food management
- Spend the day at the zoo
- Visit your local senior center - pass out handmade cards or offer musical entertainment
- Pick your own berries at a local farm
- Visit a local observatory or planetarium
- Go horseback riding
- Tour an orchard to pick apples or see how cider is made
- Experience nature firsthand on a camping trip
- Visit a pottery studio to make your own ceramics
- Go letterboxing or geocaching in the woods
- Visit a beach or a lake
- Go to a fair - visit the animals, check out hands-on demonstrations, and try some new foods
- Check out an ethnic restaurant - try the cuisine of a country or culture you've been learning about
- Tour your state capitol
- Visit a nearby Audubon sanctuary and see how many different types of birds you can spot
- Go to a music store and try some unfamiliar instruments



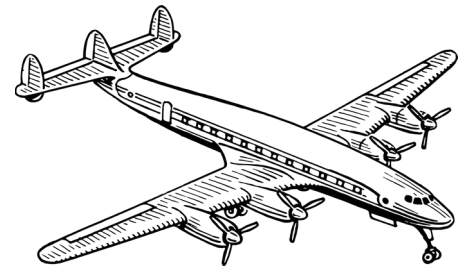
100+ FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Take in the nearest city from the top of a skyscraper
- Go on a train or a boat ride
- Visit a natural history museum
- Explore a local cemetery - see who can find the oldest tombstone
- Visit a botanical garden
- Schedule a visit at the bank - ask the banker about money management, learn about different types of accounts, set up a savings account for your child if you haven't already
- Take a cave tour
- Travel through time at a living history museum
- Visit a lighthouse
- Volunteer at your local humane society for the day
- Attend a historical reenactment
- Go ice skating or roller skating
- Arrange a tour at a local court house
- Visit a pizza place and make your own pizza
- Explore an air show or car show
- Get lost in a corn maze
- Visit an old one-room schoolhouse
- Spend the day at the pool
- Tour a historic battlefield location
- Try snow shoeing
- Attend a town hall meeting for a local political candidate or canvass for a political campaign
- Go to a sporting event for your local college, minor league or pro team
- Visit a renaissance fair
- Learn about your local animal habitats at an animal rescue center
- Tour a local news station or radio station
- Look for a free arts & crafts event at your local craft store
- Head to the theater for a documentary screening or an IMAX show
- Tour your local library
- Go to a rodeo



100+ FIELD TRIP IDEAS

- Go to a nearby festival to learn about the people and products that are culturally significant to your community
- Hire a local professional to teach you some period dances or try square dancing
- Visit a waterfall
- Try a ropes course adventure
- Tour a dairy farm and learn where our milk comes from
- Volunteer with a local conservation group to collect litter or plant trees
- Take a ski lesson
- Plan a fishing expedition
- Prepare handicrafts and sell them at a nearby craft fair
- Take a guided wildflower walk and learn to identify native flowers and plants
- Interview a veteran or someone from a previous generation
- Go to an outdoor theater performance
- Tour a battleship or submarine
- Take a cooking class
- Visit a small community airport
- Hunt for murals, sculptures or other outdoor art in a nearby city
- Canoe or kayak a local river - or if you're really adventurous try white water rafting
- Check out an author reading or event at your local independent bookstore
- Visit a Legoland discovery center
- Tour a bakery to see how breads & baked goods are made
- Try rock climbing or indoor bouldering
- Tour a recycling center or water treatment plant
- Visit the birthplace of a president or famous historical figure
- Attend a cultural fair
- Check out an archaeological site
- Go maple sugaring and learn how syrup is made
- Take a tour of a laboratory to see what scientists do



FIELD TRIP PLANNER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

FIELD TRIP LOG

DATE

LOCATION



FIELD TRIP REPORT

DATE: _____

LOCATION: _____

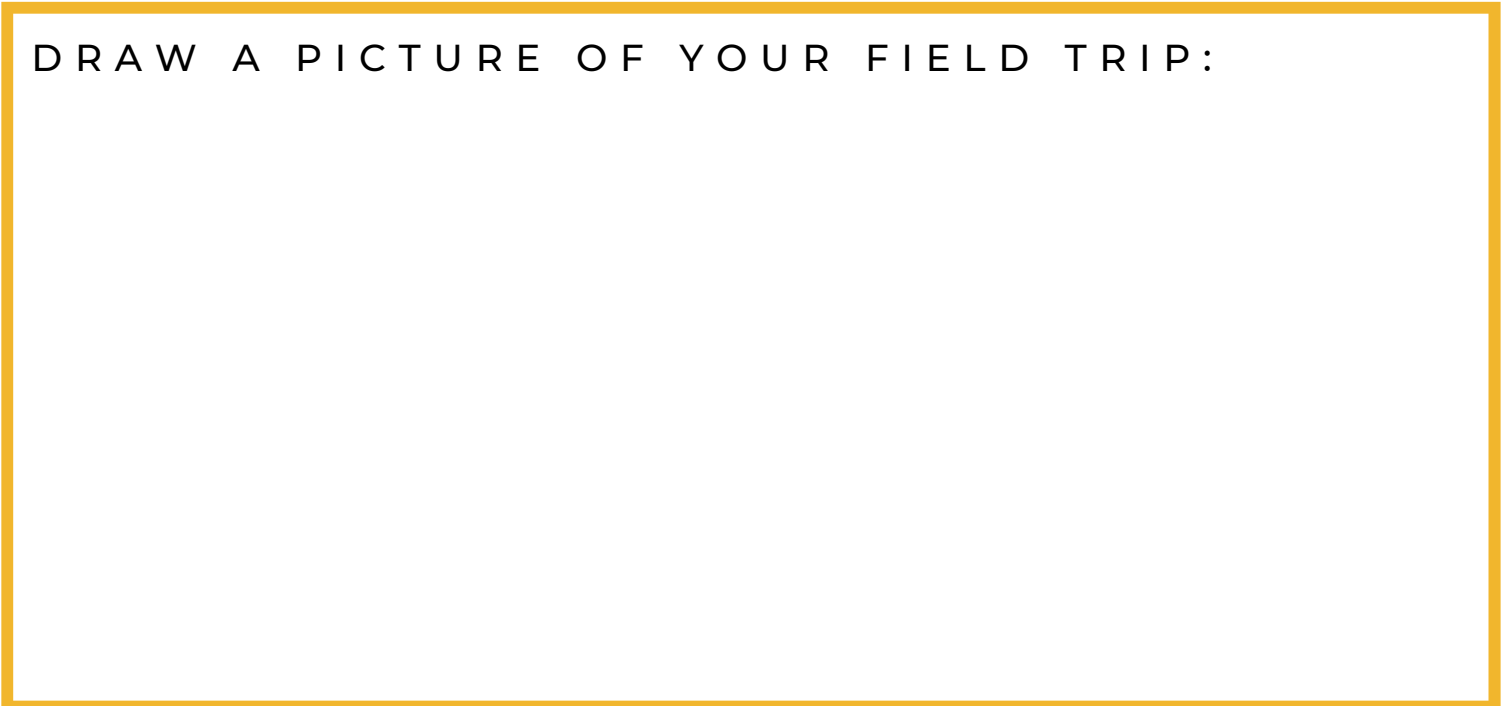
DESCRIBE THE TRIP:

MY FAVORITE PART WAS:

THINGS I LEARNED:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOUR FIELD TRIP:



AQUARIUM

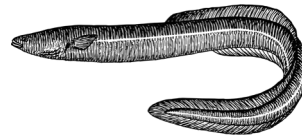
SCAVENGER HUNT

CORAL



STARFISH

EEL



TURTLE

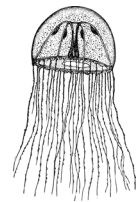
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SHARK

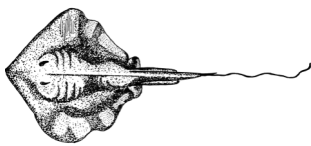


SQUID

JELLYFISH



STING RAY



CLAM

SEASHELL



MARINE
BIOLOGIST

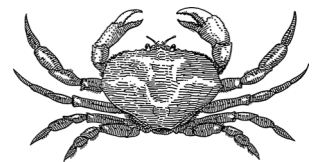
SEAL

OCTOPUS



WALRUS

CRAB



SEAHORSE



DOLPHIN

PENGUIN



WHALE



ART MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT

SCULPTURE



ART OVER
100 YEARS
OLD

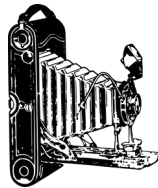
ART FROM
AFRICA



PORTRAIT
OF A
FAMILY

ART MADE
AFTER YOU
WERE BORN

PHOTO-
GRAPH



ART SMALL
ENOUGH TO
HOLD IN
YOUR HAND

ART WITH
AN ANIMAL



POTTERY



ART WITH
YOUR
FAVORITE
COLOR

LANDSCAPE
PAINTING



ART OVER
1000 YEARS
OLD

METAL-
WORK

ART MADE
ON AN
ISLAND



ART FROM
LATIN
AMERICA

ART WITH
FOOD



ART WITH
FLOWERS



ART WITH
CHILDREN

ART WITH A
CITY



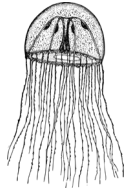
ART IN
BLACK AND
WHITE



BEACH SCAVENGER HUNT

BLANKET

JELLYFISH



COOLER

SEASHELL



SEAWEED



FISHING
POLE

UMBRELLA



LIFEGUARD

SNAIL

ICE CREAM

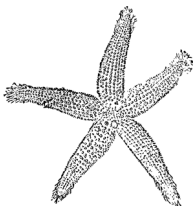


PADDLE
BOARD

VOLLEYBALL

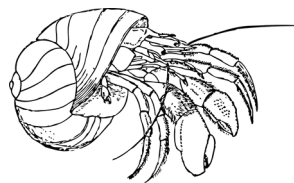


STARFISH



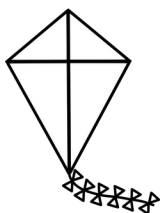
SAIL BOAT

CRAB



FRISBEE

KITE



SAND
CASTLE

SURF
BOARD



SAND
DOLLAR



THE HOMESCHOOL
COMPASS

CAMPING

SCAVENGER HUNT

CHIPMUNK



COOLER

LANTERN



RACCOON

AX

FIREWOOD



MARSH-
MALLOWS

FLOWERS



TENT



BIG DIPPER

PINECONE



BIRD OF
PREY

FLASH-
LIGHT

BUTTERFLY



SLEEPING
BAG

SQUIRREL

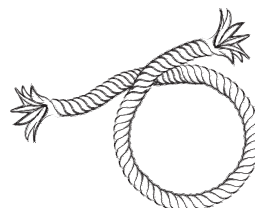


RANGER



GOLF CART

ROPE



POCKET
KNIFE



CITY SCAVENGER HUNT

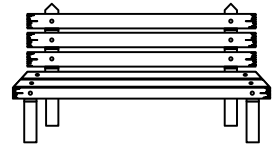
SKY
SCRAPER

BOAT

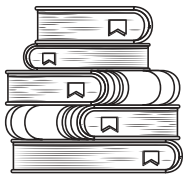


FOOD
TRUCK

BENCH

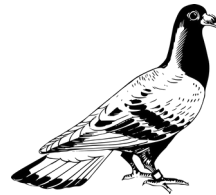


LIBRARY



BALLOON

PIGEON



STREET
VENDOR

TRAIN

MUSICIANS



SUBWAY

BICYCLE

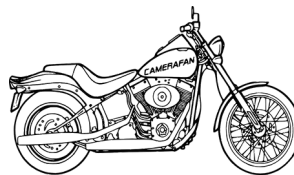


BUS



MURAL

MOTOR-
CYCLE



CITY HALL

TAXI

CHURCH



MAILBOX

CAFE



FARM

SCAVENGER HUNT

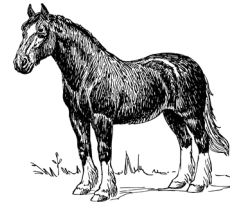
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ROOSTER

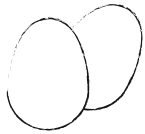


BARN

HORSE



EGG



SADDLE

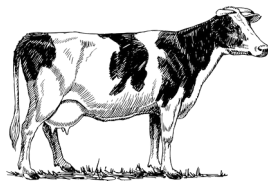
CAT



SCARECROW

FARMER

COW

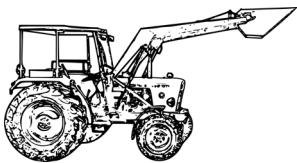


PICK-UP
TRUCK

RABBIT

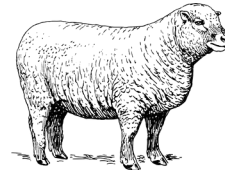


TRACTOR



GOAT

SHEEP



WEATHER-
VANE

SILO

PIG



HAY

DONKEY



FIREHOUSE

SCAVENGER HUNT

TRUCK



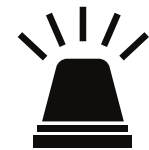
BADGE

DOG



POLE

FIRE-
FIGHTER

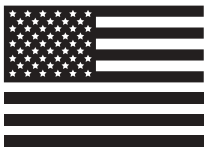


OXYGEN
TANK

HELMET



AMERICAN
FLAG



FIRE
EXTINGUISHER

LADDER



FIRST AID
KIT

GLOVES

BED



AX

HOSE



HAT



BOOTS

BUCKET



SMOKE
ALARM



HISTORY MUSEUM

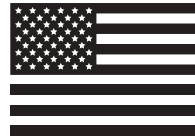
SCAVENGER HUNT

STATUE



TIMELINE

AMERICAN
FLAG



MAP

TOMBSTONE

FLOWERS

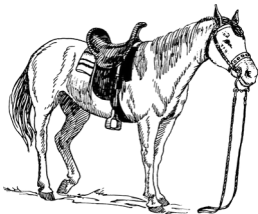


HISTORIC
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MEDAL

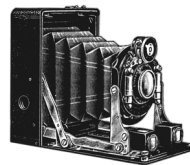


HORSE



FAMILY
PORTRAIT

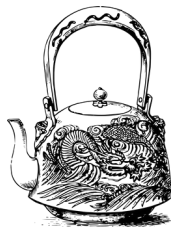
HISTORICAL
FILM



POSTCARD

BLACK &
WHITE
PHOTO

TEAPOT



FAMILY TREE

ANTIQUE
TOYS



MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT



EAGLE

ANTIQUE
CLOTHING



TOUR
GUIDE



THE HOMESCHOOL
COMPASS

NATURE

SCAVENGER HUNT

EVERGREEN
TREE

ACORN



ANIMAL
TRACKS

BERRIES



BUTTERFLY



FEATHER

COLORED
LEAF



RABBIT

SPIDER
WEB

YELLOW
FLOWER

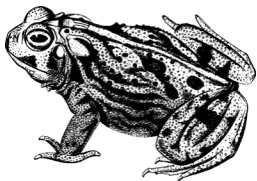


ANT

MUSHROOM



TOAD



SNAIL

CHIPMUNK



PINECONE

SEEDS

BEE



BIRD'S
NEST

SQUIRREL



PLANETARIUM

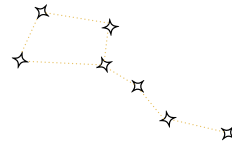
SCAVENGER HUNT

ASTRONAUT



JUPITER

LITTLE
DIPPER

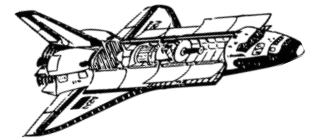


BLACK
HOLE

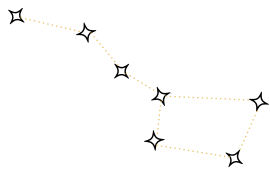
PLUTO



ASTEROID



BIG DIPPER



COMET

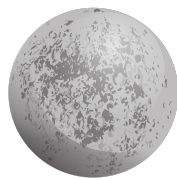
MOON ROCK



CRATER

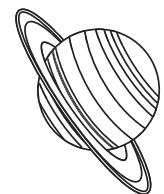
ROVER

MERCURY



NEPTUNE

SATURN

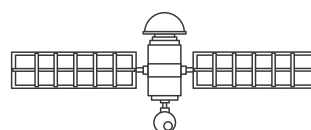


MOON



VENUS

SATELLITE



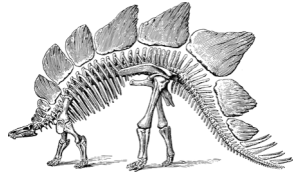
NASA



SCIENCE MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT

STATUE

DINOSAUR
SKELETON

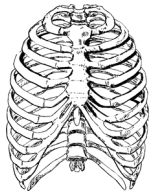


PLANETS

GLOBE



HUMAN
BODY



ROCK

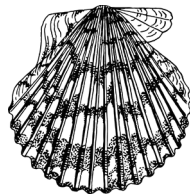
LIVE
ANIMAL



WIND
TURBINE

PRISM

SEASHELL



BUBBLES

LIVING
PLANT

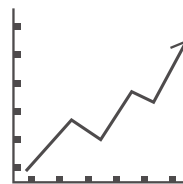


FOSSIL



MIRROR

GRAPH



PULLEY

TIMELINE

SCIENTIST



MAP

THERMO-
METER



ZOO

SCAVENGER HUNT

KANGAROO



GOAT

ZEBRA



LION

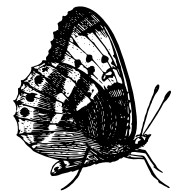
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BAT

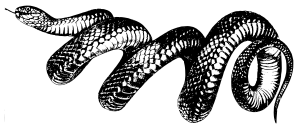


DEER

BUTTERFLY

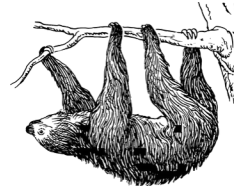


SNAKE



TIGER

SLOTH



HIPPO

GORILLA

BLACK
BEAR

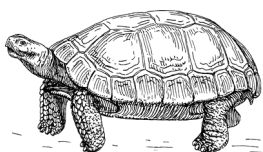


SPIDER

EAGLE

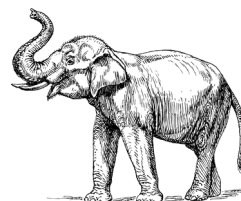


TURTLE



CAMEL

ELEPHANT



FLAMINGO

