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Experiential Trip Guide



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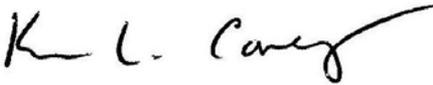
Welcome to our 4th Annual Experiential Trip Guide!

The Training Institute at the Jacksonville Children's Commission focuses on providing research-based, relevant courses to adults who work with children and youth in early learning centers, family child care homes, after-school programs and summer programs.

One issue that comes up with educators and others working with children and youth is ideas for experiential learning trips (also known as field trips). We hope this guide is helpful in the planning of experiential learning trips for groups of children in schools or related programs and families.

Knowing that children and youth learn through experience, we encourage you to participate in meaningful trips where they will learn and long remember.

Enjoy our guide,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keri L. Corey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Keri L. Corey, Director
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Special Note to Readers

This guide is a partial listing of locations catering to children and youth. Inclusion in this publication does not represent endorsement by the Jacksonville Children's Commission or the City of Jacksonville.

It is strongly recommended that experiential learning facilities and agencies are contacted and visited prior to taking groups of children/youth.

Attention

* Denotes field trips on or around water.

Adults should give careful consideration to safety issues when children and youth are near water and carefully plan for adequate supervision.

** Indicates an opportunity that comes to you.

This is an excellent way to incorporate experiential learning without transportation hassles!

Adventure Landing

4825 Blanding Boulevard

Jacksonville, FL 32210

(904) 771-2803

Website: www.adventurelanding.com

- Grades: Kindergarten – 12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10
- Pre-arranged group rates are available upon making reservations (72 hours in advance)
- Family entertainment center open year round. Entertainment includes go-carts, batting cage, laser tag, miniature golf and arcade games
- Food is available on premises

Adventure Landing Water Park*

1944 Beach Boulevard

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

(904) 246-4386

Website: www.adventurelanding.com

- Grades: Kindergarten – 12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:6 required in water park
Prearranged group rates upon making reservations (72 hours in advance)
- Family entertainment center open year round
- Water Park open from April to September
- Best months are April, September and October
- Call or check online for daily specials

Al Poindexter**

Folk Artist

(904) 610-4507 (cell)

Email: alpoin@bellsouth.net

Folk songs, traditional children's songs and original songs, interwoven with bits of folk lore and stories

- Folk Songs for children/folklore and story programs
- Ages: 4 - teens
- Children must be supervised by staff
- Programs last 30 – 45 minutes
- Call for reservations and pricing

Amelia River Cruises & Charters*

1 N. Front Street

Fernandina, FL 32034

(904) 261-9972

Website: www.ameliarivercruises.com

- Grades: Kindergarten – 12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10 required; group size limited to 49
- Refer to website for tour times and prices
- Call one week in advance for reservations

ArtLife World Studios**

(904) 247-8337

Website: www.artlifeworldstudios.com

- All ages welcome
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10
- Group size unlimited
- Cost: \$8/person for field trip to theater; \$250 minimum or multiple performances available for on-site visit to your location
- Hours: Monday – Saturday

ArtLife Presents Storytelling Around the World

Performance can be at your location or at ArtLife World Studios

Theatre location available for storytelling experiential trips

Indoor and outdoor space available for lunch

- Free parking for buses
- Choose from authentic Native American, African, Japanese and Latino cultures
- Traditional American Music program includes History of Florida, Jazz for Kids performances
- Displays of a variety of artifacts and musical instruments are available for viewing
- Artists in authentic attire tell stories or play music with lively dance, drumming, flutes and magic to highlight each themed visit
- Call for list of productions and pricing (other arts program are available, hands-on visual arts and musical enrichments, multicultural programs that meet the Sunshine State Standards)

Auntie Anne's Hand Rolled Soft Pretzels

St. Johns Town Center
10337 Midtown Parkway
Jacksonville, FL 32246
(904) 928-3300

Website: www.auntieannes.com

- Ages 6 and up
- Children get a demonstration on pretzel making and get to roll their own pretzels
- Youth take home an activity book
- \$4/person
- Demonstrations are held by appointment M – F
- Maximum: 15 children/youth
- Takes approximately 1 hours
- Each participant receives a pretzel and drink

Barry Hinnant - Children's Magical Entertainer**

Serving Jacksonville area
(904) 396-0909

Email: mrbarry@clearwire.net

Website: www.mrbarrysmagic.com

- Ages: 2 -12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10 required
- Cost varies according to group size and program
- Estimated time of program: 40 - 45 minutes
- Educational, interactive magic shows with specific themes. For children 8 and older, hands-on magic workshop that provides props for each child to keep and perform learned magic tricks
- Call in advance to schedule a show or workshop

Batt Family Fun Center

1838 Cassatt Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32210
(904) 389-2360

Website: www.battfamilyfuncenter.com

- Ages: 5 and older
- Adult/child ratio of 1:5 required; unlimited group size
- Best afternoons are Wednesday or Friday
- Best mornings are Monday – Friday
- Call for price information and reservations

Beach Bowl

818 Beach Blvd.

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

(904) 249-9849

Email: mbattman@aol.com

- Open daily at 11 a.m.
- Ages: 5 and older
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:5 required
- Group size, unlimited
- Best mornings are Monday – Friday
- Best afternoons are Wednesday or Friday
- Call for group pricing and reservations

Beaches Area Historical Society

381 Beach Blvd.

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

(904) 241-5657

Website: www.beachmuseum.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10 required; group size is limited to 65 children/youth
- Cost: \$3/person. For every 10 children an adult gets in free
- Estimated time of tour: 45 minutes to 1 hour
- Tour Old House Museum, train depot, locomotive and new permanent exhibit
- Closed Monday and Sunday
- Tours are Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Bowl America

10333 San Jose Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32257

(904) 268-1511

Website: www.bowl-america.com

- Open daily, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. to children's groups
- All ages welcome
- Call for reservations and current price

Catty Shack Ranch**

1860 Starratt Road

Jacksonville, FL 32226

(904) 757-3603

Website: www.cattys shack.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required; group size limited to 100
- Your site or theirs
- Cost varies according to program chosen
- \$5/child and \$10/adult
- Estimated time of tour 30 minutes to 1 hour
- Program offers educational experience with all types of exotic feline
- Educational tour (if onsite)
- Open 7 days/week
- Call 2 weeks in advance for reservations

Clean It Up! Green It Up!**

FREE!

(904) 630-3420

Email: ddurbec@coj.net

Website: www.coj.net (under site index, click on Green It Up!)

- Pre-K - up
- Learn about recycling, reduction of litter, keeping our community green
- Presentations are age/time appropriate for the audience
- Work pages are provided
- One week notice required for on-site presentation

Community Asthma Partnership

Free!

@ Wolfson's Children's Hospital**

820 Prudential Drive, Ste. 315

Jacksonville, FL 32207

(904) 202-5132

Provides a 2 hr summer camp class for staff, campers and parents afflicted by asthma in any way

- Grades: 1 – 12
- All instructors are Certified Asthma Educators
- Morning classes available
- Call to schedule a training

Creativity 2 Productivity**

“Poetry 4 Progress”

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Serving Jacksonville area

(904) 704-2866

Email: mimedia3@gmail.com

- Ages: 6 – 17 (in groups)
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:15 (workshops)
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:40+ (presentations)
- Estimated time of program: 40 – 60 minutes
- Cost varies according to group size and program
- Educational and interactive poetry presentations with specific (character/educational) themes. For children 6 and older, group poetry that provides interactive poetry workshops for children as a tool to teach character/educational lessons
- Call 1 week in advance to schedule a presentation/workshop and pricing

Critter Encounters**

Serving Jacksonville area

(904) 254-9245

Email: critterencounter@aol.com

Web site: www.critterencounters.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:15 required
- Presentation length approximately 60 – 90 minutes
- Educational, interactive presentation with various animals
- Emphasis is on local wild life
- Call in advance for reservations

Cummer Museum of Arts & Gardens, Art Connections

829 Riverside Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32204

(904) 355-0630/356-6857

Website: www.cummer.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
 - Groups of 80 may be scheduled, and then subdivided into groups of 15 – 20
 - Cost \$5 each; for every 10 children, adult enters free
 - Educational tours last approx. 90 minutes (9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.)
 - Programs designed for individual students by grade level
 - Formal gardens available for exploration
 - Call for reservations and information
 - Check website for available classes and programs offered
 - Hours:
 - Monday – Scheduled tours by appointment only
 - No charge Tuesday after 4 p.m.
 - Wednesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Sunday – noon – 5 p.m.
- Note:** School & summer hours differ

Diamond D Stables

5903-1 Solomon Road
Jacksonville, FL 32234
(904) 289-9331

Website: www.diamonddranchinc.com

- Adult chaperones are free!
- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required; group size limited to 300
- Cost: \$9/person, 30 children/youth; \$270 minimum
- Hours: Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Estimated time of tour is three hours
- Includes a nature walk, wagon ride, petting zoo, ranch tour, pony rides, bounce houses, animal orientation and Dixie cart wheel
- Bring a sack lunch and drink
- Call for reservations

Emergency Preparedness/Duval County**

Free!

Emergency Management
515 Julia Street, 4th floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-2472
(904) 630-0600 fax
Email: ehender@coj.net

The Emergency Preparedness Division is responsible for disaster preparedness in accordance with and in support of the national and state emergency plans and programs

- Grades: 1 – 12
- Available to come to your site
- Call or email for availability of tour/presentation

Everbank Field
Home of the Jacksonville Jaguars
One EverBank Field
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 633-5267
Email: thompsons@nfl.jaguars.com

Free!

- Grades: K – 12
- Maximum of 30 children/youth
- Visit the field where the Jaguars play
- Tour the press box, club level suites and locker rooms of the visiting teams
- Tour lasts approximately 45 – 60 minutes
- Email to schedule a tour

Farmer's Market
1810 West Beaver Street
Jacksonville, FL 32209
(904) 354-2821
Website: www.jaxfarmersmarket.com

Free!

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:6 required; group size limited to 45 children
- Open seven days a week, 7 a.m. – sun down
- May purchase fresh fruit and vegetables in season

Federal Reserve Bank
800 Water Street
Jacksonville, FL 32204
(904) 632-1025
Contact: Ms. Barb Klingler
Email: klingler@atl.frb.org
Website: www.federalreserveeducation.org

Free!

- Grades: 4 and up
- Monday – Thursday; 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Tour last approximately 90 minutes
- Group size: minimum of 10 for tour, maximum of 30 per visit
- Call to schedule a tour

Note: no guests in jeans or shorts allowed on tours

Field Trips of the Mind**

Chris Kastle

(773) 576-7245

Email: chriskastle@yahoo.com

Website: www.chriskastle.com

- Offering 6 different participatory “Field Trips of the Mind” through stories, songs, and images
- Program is brought to your location with all necessary equipment/supplies
- Adequate adult on-site supervision is required
- New topics being offered:
 - Adventures at Sea – sail aboard a tall ship today and yesterday
 - Shine Out Your Light – travel to the beautiful lighthouses around the state of Florida
 - Down Below the Waves – discover what it takes to be an underwater detective
 - Turtles and Gators and Spoonbills...Oh, My! - meet Florida marine creatures
 - Instruments from Around the World – see and play all of the instrument families
 - A Pirate’s Life – set sail aboard a tall ship for a pirate adventure across the seven seas

First Coast Outfitters*

(904) 502-7733

Email: joe@firstcoastoutfitters.com or

jocrespi@gmail.com

Website: www.firstcoastoutfitters.com

- Guided kayaking, biking, hiking, and stand up paddle boarding eco tours as well as eco expeditions around Florida, professional team building programs and American Canoe Association Kayak and Stand-up paddle boarding instruction
- During the summers and winters we offer Kids Eco Camp which is centered around learning about our local ecology, and using our kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, bikes, and hiking as the mode of transportation to get to these beautiful hidden areas
- Call for reservations and group pricing

Florida's Oldest House

14 St. Francis Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-2872

Website: www.staugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldhouse.html

- Children under 6 – free
- Groups consist of 10+
- National Historic Landmark, the Gonzalez-Alvarez House, the oldest surviving Spanish Colonial dwelling in Florida
- Call for group pricing and discount and hours

Florida State College Cosmetology/

Barbering/Criminal Justice/Dental Assisting/Culinary

Arts

Free!

4501 Capper Road
Jacksonville, FL 32208
(904) 766-6785

Website: www.fscj.edu

- Grades: 4 – 12
- Adult/youth ratio of 1:15 required; group size limited to 25 youth
- Estimated time of tour: 90 minutes – 2 hours
- Tours available for culinary arts, cosmetology, nursing, allied health programs, dental assisting and criminal justice
- Call to make reservations

Florida Theatre

Free!

128 East Forsyth Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 355-5661

Website: www.floridatheatre.com

- Grades: 1 – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:6; no maximum group size
- Estimated time of tour: 20-30 minutes
- Tour historic Florida Theatre, member of Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre continues to be the “cultural ear” of Jacksonville
- Tours cannot be given on days of performances
- Call to schedule a tour

Note: No elevator, but handicap accessible on first floor

Florida Times-Union
One Riverside Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 359-4208
Website: www.jacksonville.com

Free!

- Grades: 5 – 12
- Adult/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Estimated time of tour: 60 – 90 minutes
- Groups larger than 25 will be split into two groups or may be scheduled on two or more different days
- Prior to touring the Production areas, your tour will begin with a brief introduction in our auditorium followed by a video depicting the making of a daily newspaper
- Tour includes: Newsroom Galleria, newsroom, mini-museum, Editorial Library, Advertising, Composing and Plate Making, presses and Distribution
- Lunch available for \$5/person

Note: Walking up and down stairs is necessary; offensive, but non-toxic odors are present

Fort Caroline National Memorial
12713 Fort Caroline Road
Jacksonville, FL 32225
(904) 641-7155
Website: www.nps.gov/timu

Free!

- Grades: Pre-K – 5
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Group size limited to 60 children/youth
- Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily
- Passive recreation only – no ball playing, tag, etc.
- Ranger tours on Wednesday only – max of 60
- Non-ranger tours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – max 60
- Reservations required for groups

Fort Clinch State Park*

2601 Atlantic Avenue

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

(904) 277-7274

Website: www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- 5 and younger, Free!
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 is required
- Group size limited to 100 children/youth
- Bring letter stating the tour is for educational purpose and for youth who reside in Florida and the cost is \$1.86 (plus tax) per person; otherwise the cost is \$6/vehicle (limit 8/vehicle)
- Ranger gives educational one hour tour of Fort
- Park hours: 8 a.m. – sunset
- Fort hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Picnic area, nature walk and beach available
- Reservations required at least one month in advance

Fort Matanzas National Monument*

Free!

8635 A1A South

St. Augustine, FL 32080

(904) 471-0116

Website: www.nps.gov/foma

- Grades: K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Group size limited to 35, including adults
- Hours: 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily
- One-hour guided ranger tour includes a .6 mile (self-guided) walk and a ferry boat ride to the island
- One mile of ocean front beach area
- View an eight-minute video of the history of Ft. Matanzas
- Nature trail, picnic area and a small book store shop available
- Call for more information on programs and to make reservations

Hands on Children's Museum

8580 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32216
(904) 642-2688

Website: www.handsonchildrensmuseum.com

- Hands-on learning experience includes 15 exhibits: banks, post office, trains, dress up, grocery store, space station, etc.
- Ages: 1 – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday
- Group pricing is \$4.50/person; for every 10 children, one adult is admitted free
- Group size: minimum 10; maximum 60
- Group rate Monday – Friday; different prices from regular admission
- Groups are scheduled for two hours
- Lunch: can be included, call for pricing
- Reserve at least 2 weeks in advance

Home Depot Kid's Workshops

Free!

Website: www.homedepot.com

Free “how-to” clinics designed for children. Children accompanied by an adult construct projects from pre-fabricated kits. Kits are designed to be both educational and practical; teaches do-it-yourself skills and tool safety

- Ages: 5 – 12
- First Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. – noon
- Call your nearest Home Depot store to register

Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens

Free!

1445 Milcoe Road
Jacksonville, FL 32225
Email: info@jacksonvillearboretum.org
Website: www.Jacksonvillearboretum.org

Approximately 120 acres that encompass 13 distinct and different eco-systems

- Hosts a variety of activities and programs of interest to young and old
- Open to the public, 7 days per week, daylight hours

Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA)

Free!

Jacksonville International Airport

14201 Pecan Park Road

Jacksonville, FL 32218

(904) 741-2726

Email: djones@jaa.aero

Website: www.jaa.aero

Tour of the ticketing, baggage claim areas, courtyard areas; walk through security checkpoint and concourse areas

Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport tours (JAXEX)

855 St. John's Bluff N

Jacksonville, FL 32225

Contact Tiffany Gillem, JAXEX Airport Manager

Administrator, 741-5061 or tiffany.gillem@flyjaxex.com

- Grades: 3 – 12
- Group size: 15 - 35 including camp staff, chaperones, children and youth
- Tour times: twice monthly, M or F, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Herlong Recreational Airport tours

9300 Normandy Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32221

Contact Doug Faour, Airport Manager, 783-2805

Email: dougfaour@flyherlong.com

- Schedule one week in advance
- All tours subject to heightened security levels and operational activity
- Subject to heightened security levels

Cecil Airport tours

13365 Aeronautical Circle

Jacksonville, FL 32221

Rusty Chandler, Cecil Airport Manager

(904) 741-1613

Email: rusty.chandler@cecilairport.com

Airfield tour of various tenants including: Airport Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF), Flightstar Aircraft Services, Florida State College of Jacksonville, Navy Fleet Readiness Center Southeast, Coast Guard, and Army National Guard

- Minimum age: Middle/high school youth; maximum group size 40

Jacksonville Fire Museum

Free!

1406 Gator Bowl Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 630-0618

Email: taylorw@coj.net

Website: www.jacksonvillefiremuseum.com

- All ages welcome
- Open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Housed in a 1902 fire station
- 700 artifacts and steam engine used to fight the Great Jacksonville Fire of 1901
- Tour lasts 20 – 45 minutes
- Call to schedule a tour

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue**

Free!

515 N. Julia Street

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 630-0434

Email: jfrdstandby@coj.net

- All ages welcome
- Group size limited to 50 children/youth at the fire station
- Station tours last 30 – 60 minutes
- Fire Safety presentation: 30 – 45 minutes
- Fire Engine visits: 30 – 90 minutes
- Tours also available at the Fire/Rescue training area
- Schedule trip/visit, minimum two weeks in advance

Note: E-mail above address with the date, time, location site, contact person, # of children/youth to visit one of the sites or for a fire truck to visit your facility

Please note that emergency responses and scheduled training activities take precedence over visits and standby appearances

Jacksonville Historical Society

Free!

317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32206

(904) 665-0064

Email: emily@jaxhistory.com

Website: www.jaxhistory.com

- Grades: 3 – 12
- Hours are M – F, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Estimated time of tour: 60 minutes

City Hall Tour

- Tour of Council Chambers and Mayor's Office, if available
Learn about the early history of Jacksonville
- Learn about the function of current city government
- Call to schedule reservations in advance

Turn of the Century Tour/Merrill House Tour

- Take a walk through history
- Tour a Victorian home
- Learn how people lived in Jacksonville 100 years ago
- Call to schedule reservations in advance

Jacksonville Humane Society**

Free!

(904) 725-8766 x 205, Meghan

Email: education@jaxhumane.org

Website: www.jaxhumane.org

- All ages welcome
- Creates a culture of empathy, caring, respect and kindness by educating children about proper pet care and responsibilities
- Curriculum is based on age of children
- The official Education Ambassador “Noodles” attends all presentations
- Call to schedule an appointment – available only during the school year

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex

3605 Phillips Highway/Emerson

Jacksonville, FL 32207

(904) 399-3223

Website: www.jaxiceskating.com

- Ice skating and/or “turf” sports, basketball, volleyball or soccer
- Ages: 3 – adult
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Group size: 20+ for group rate
- Cost \$9/person/session if group is less than 20 people
- Skate rental: add an additional \$3/person
- Estimated time of session: two hours
- Call in advance for session times and reservations

Jacksonville Maritime Museum

Free!

2 Independent Drive

Jacksonville Landing, Suite 162

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 398-1101

Website: www.jacksonvillemaritimeheritagecenter.org

See a massive collection of books, historic documents, artifacts and interpretive displays from the time of the First Coast's 16th century French occupation to its present day as a military hub with two U.S. Navy bases.

- Open T – F, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday – Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Estimated time of tour: 15 minutes
- Children must be closely supervised
- Guide available to answer questions
- Reservations are requested for groups
- Admission by donation: \$5/adults; \$1/ages 7 – 14

Jacksonville Port Authority – Jax Port

Free!

2831 Talleyrand Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32206
(904) 357-3080
Email: info@jaxport.com
Website: www.jaxport.com

Upon entering the Port, the tour guide will board your bus and give a brief history of the Port and its value to Northeast Florida and other sea ports; tour will be conducted around Blount Island and the Marine Terminal to view the ships loading and unloading of cargo, the import of vehicles and the cruise terminal.

- Grades: 5 – 12
- Group size is unlimited
- Younger children may be allowed if topic is considered appropriate
- Adult/youth ratio of 1:10 is required
- Bus tours only
- Monday – Friday, 9 a.m., 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Estimated time: 60 minute guided bus tour around facility
- Call to schedule two weeks in advance

Note: all accompanying adults must have a valid ID submitted one week prior to tour

Jacksonville Public Library**

Free!

Main Library
303 N. Laura Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-2417
Website: www.jaxpubliclibrary.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 5
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10 required
- Group size: minimum 20/maximum 50
- Estimated time: 45 minutes
- No bookings on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays
- Tour of library facilities
- Story time readings are available
- Art Program: small groups of 20 or less may do art projects
- Check out books with a library card
- Contact neighborhood branch for activities

Note: Some exceptions for size and dates

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)**

Free!

Officer Friendly & Police Car

(904) 630-2160

Email: gary.dickinson@jaxsheriff.org

Officer will visit your center or site to provide safety presentations to your center/site. Subjects discussed during the visit can be scheduled upon the center/site's request.

- Pre-K - up

Jacksonville Suns

301 Randolph Boulevard

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 358-2846

Web site: www.jaxsuns.com

- All ages welcome
- Special events, celebrations, and game giveaways
- Call reservation office for pricing for field trips, special event days and times throughout the year

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

8605 Zoo Parkway

Jacksonville, FL 32218

(904) 757-4463 x122

Email: education@jacksonvillezoo.org

Website: www.jacksonvillezoo.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required; group size limited to 100/hour
- Program fees are determined by the size of group
- Program duration is 30 to 45 minutes
- Features 15 different programs that include hands-on animal encounters, bio-fact and vocabulary to assist educators in meeting their educational objectives
- Meets the Sunshine State Standards, NCEE New Standards and the Duval County Public School District Performance Standards
- Call four weeks in advance for reservations

JASMYN**

(904) 389-3857

Email: erokosch@jasmyn.org

Website: www.jasmyn.org

JASMYN supports and empowers lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth

- Ages – 13 and up
- Safe space
- Providing youth development services
- Bringing people and resources together
- Promotes diversity and human rights

Jax Parks*

Greenway and Trail

Website: www.coj.net

Preservation Project

Jax Parks

Greenway and Trail

Jacksonville's preservation parks offer a host of activities for both the wildlife novice and experienced naturalist

- Wildlife observation
 - Includes a wealth of diverse habitats that provide ample opportunities to view exceptional wildlife
- Nature trails
 - Paved and unpaved trails
- Picnic areas
 - Check availability of areas for each park
- View www.coj.net website for a list of all available parks and amenities
- Explore, Experience, Preserve

Junior Achievement**

Free!

4049 Woodcock Drive
Suite 200
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 398-9944
Email: tia@jajax.com
Website: www.jajax.com

This program is to educate young people on financial literacy, career exploration/work readiness and entrepreneurship

- Grades: K – 12
- Staff training is available on-site
- Sessions are 1 hr long for students/campers with 5 – 8 activities for each program session

Juvenile Justice Diversion Program**

Free!

Office of Juvenile Justice
220 E. Bay Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Email: alouder@coj.net
(904) 630-1212 x5585

- Ages: 12 – 17
- Younger youth will be accepted after approval from diversion program
- Tour will include the pre-trial detention center
- Presentation will be provided by a juvenile inmate, certified as an adult inmate
- Question and answer session is included
- Estimated time: 60 – 90 minutes
- Presentation can be conducted at your site in lieu of a tour
- Call two weeks in advance to schedule a tour

Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum

Free!

101 W. First Street

Jacksonville, FL 32206

(904) 356-2992

Website: www.karpeles.com

The Jacksonville Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum's primary mission is the preservation and educational presentation of the writings of great authors, scientists, composers, philosophers, statesmen, sovereigns, and leaders, from all periods in world history. The Museum strives to promote education and literacy within Jacksonville, with an emphasis on the under-served neighborhoods and constituents.

- Grades: 2 – up
- Adult/child/youth ratio: 1:10 recommended
- Special programs available by request for children
- Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Closed holidays
- Estimated time: 60 – 90 minutes
- Houses historical documents
- Exhibits change quarterly
- Showcases artwork of local artists
- Group reservations required two weeks in advance

Kaye Byrnes Storytelling**

(904) 315-2079

Email: kaye@kayebyrnes.com

Website: www.kayebyrnes.com

For over 12 years Ms. Byrnes has shared stories with children Pre-K through middle school. Her repertoire is deep and wide, with tales carefully selected for a wide-range of audiences. See web site for program information.

- Grades: Pre-K – 5
- Provided at your site
- Fees are based on number and length of sessions
- Discounts given for multiple bookings
- Call as soon as possible for summer scheduling

Kingsley Plantation Historical Site

Free!

11676 Palmetto Avenue

Ft. George, FL 32226

(904) 251-3537

Website: www.exploresouthernhistory.com/kingsley.html

- Ages: 3 – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required; group size limited to 35 children/youth
- Hours: Daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Estimated time of tour: 45 minutes
- Guided tour through Plantation buildings and grounds with information given on history of plantation and plantation life
- Call for reservations, 3 weeks in advance

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Free!

12973 Atlantic Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32225

(904) 220-4806

Website: www.krispykreme.com

- Grades: 1 – 6
- Adult/child ratio of 1:6 required; group size limited to 15 per group
- Estimated time of tour: 45 minutes
- Tour of shop shows how doughnuts are made, processed and packaged; after tour, snack of doughnut provided
- Hours: Monday – Thursday only 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Call for reservations

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

Free!

11117 San Jose Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32233

(904) 262-4922

Website: www.krispykreme.com

- Grades: 1 – 6
- Adult/child ratio of 1:6 required; group size limited to 15 per group
- Estimated time of tour: 45 minutes
- Tour of shop shows how doughnuts are made, processed and packaged: after tour, snack of doughnut provided
- Hours: Tuesday – Wednesday only, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Call for reservations

Kuhn Flowers

Free!

3802 Beach Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 398-8601
Website: www.kuhnflowers.com

- Ages: 3 – 18
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:5 required; group size limited to 15
- Tour lasts 15 – 20 minutes
- Tour begins at window scene and shows products (floral arrangements) for sale
- Option to purchase arrangements or individual flowers available
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Call in advance for appointment

Life Guard Station*

Free!

2 North Ocean Front
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
(904) 249-9141
Websites: www.redcrosslifeguard.org
www.lifeguardswithoutboarders.org

- Grades: K – 12
- Adult/child ratio of 1:6 required; group size is limited to 25 children
- March through September; tour the station to learn lifeguard's history, water safety tips and how to become a lifeguard yourself
- Must make reservations two weeks in advance

Lightner Museum

75 King Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 824-2874
Website: www.lightnermuseum.org

- Ages: 4 - up
- Group size: limited to 50
- For each group of 10 children, 1 adult admitted free
- Open daily, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tour takes approximately one hour
- View 19th century relics of America's Gilded Age
- Costumes, furnishings, mechanical musical instruments, etc.
- Call for reservations and group rates

Lowe's

Free!

Lowe's Build and Grow Clinics

Website: www.lowes.com

- Free "how to" clinic geared for ages 6 – 11
- Offered on the 2nd Saturday of each month
- First time visitors get a free apron and patch for their apron
- Free patch on every visit thereafter
- Children/youth get to take home their project
- Pre-registration required and is available online or by calling the store location near you

Mad Science of Jacksonville**

(904) 288-0105

Email: ali.nelson@madsciencejax.com

Website: www.madscience.org/jax

- Grades: Pre-K – 6
- In-class field trip experience
- Inquiry-based workshops include professional lesson plans, unique equipment and animated instructors
- Meets the Sunshine State Standards for curriculum requirements
- One hour presentation includes materials
- Call for scheduling, two – three weeks in advance and to check on various presentations

Mandarin Mill Family Golf Center & Batting Cage

10910 San Jose Boulevard

Jacksonville, FL 32223

(904) 262-7888

Website: www.mandarinmill.com

- Grades: K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:6 required
- Group size: no maximum
- Miniature golf, batting cages, slow pitch softball, baseball cages, birthday parties
- Call at least one week in advance for reservations and group pricing

Marineland Dolphin Adventure*

9600 Ocean Shore Boulevard

St. Augustine, FL 32080

(904) 471-1111 x116

Email: mhorn@georgiaaquarium.org

Website: www.marineland.net

Marineland Dolphin Adventure is happy to provide you with self-guided curriculum for use when visiting the facility. Educational signage is posted around the dolphin habitat and provides numerous interesting facts for students to read and learn from while being delighted by these amazing creatures.

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio depends on the ages of the group
- Call for ratio information; no maximum
- For group rates, you must have at least 10
- Open every day year round, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Other programs available for an additional cost
- Interactive activities available
- Self-guided curriculum available online
- Call in advance for reservations and group rates
- During the busy summer months, guided field trips or formal classroom presentations will not be offered

Note: Self-guided field trips can take place year round

Mental Health America**

(904) 738-8420

Website: www.mhajax.org

Provides leadership and raises awareness of mental health needs in NE Florida

- Training programs, includes, but not limited to
 - Bully Prevention
 - Make Time to Listen, Take Time to Talk
 - Suicide Prevention
- Support Groups and Programs
 - Peer Support Groups

Michael's Arts & Crafts

Website: www.michaels.com

- A fun activity each Saturday for ages 5 – 12
- Begins at 10 a.m.
- Contact your local Michael's for the weekly activity

Monique Burr Foundation**

Free!

Lynn Layton, Executive Director

7807 Baymeadows Road E

Jacksonville, FL 32256

(904) 642-0210

Email: llayton@moniqueburrfoundation.org

Website: www.moniqueburrfoundation.org

Presents the comprehensive, research-based culturally and developmentally appropriate school-based bullying and child abuse prevention education, Speak Up Be Safe.

- Age appropriate for Grades 1 – 5
- Informs students of key issues facing them today including child abuse prevention, internet safety and bullying.
- Teaches children how to help adults keep them safe, respond to threats and avoid unsafe situations

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)

333 N. Laura Street

Jacksonville, FL

(904) 366-6911

Website: www.mocajacksonville.org

- All ages welcome
- Offers a wide range of events and educational programs
- Closed Mondays
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Sunday, noon – 4 p.m.
- Families with youth under 18 free on Sunday
- See website for further details

Museum of Science and History (MOSH)

1025 Gulf Life Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 396-7062 x226
Email: reservations@themosh.org
Website: www.themosh.org

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required; minimum of 10 per group
- Hours: Monday – Sunday, except holidays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Exhibits provide opportunities for hands-on learning in the areas of natural science, physical science and planetarium
- Call to make reservations at least 2 – 4 weeks in advance
- Group rates available upon request

Museum of Southern History

4304 Hershel Street
Jacksonville, FL 32210
(904) 388-3574
Email: curator@museumsouthernhistory.com
Website: www.museumsouthernhistory.com

- Grades: 5 – 11
- Adult/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Groups limited to 30 students
- Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Civil War relics; Native American artifacts
- Living history for school groups

Ollie Koala's Backyard

11700 San Jose Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32223
(904) 288-7230
Website: www.olliekoalas.com

- Ages: 2 – 12
- Family entertainment center
- Hours vary for "in-school" and "out-of-school" sessions
- Call for current group pricing and hours
- Refreshments available

People of Color Scientists and Inventors Museum

Free!

Ernestine Johnson, Curator
5156-1 Norwood Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32208
(904) 551-5961
Email: pocsi3@comcast.net

- View the collection of photos, posters and memorabilia about black history
- Open 10 – 6 daily
- Donations welcome

Peterbrooke Chocolatier

14709 San Marco Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32217
(904) 398-2489
Website: www.peterbrooke.com

- Ages: 4 – up
- Tours available Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. sharp
- Observe the process of chocolate making and manufacturing
- Estimated time: 10 – 15 minutes
- Tours are offered March – August
- Cost: \$1/person
- Samples will be provided
- Call to schedule tour

Pink Flamingo Arts**

(904) 710-1420
Dawn Hudson
Email: info@pinkflamingoarts.com
Website: www.pinkflamingoarts.com

- All ages welcome
- Mobile paint shop pottery, field trip source
- Projects can be themed to your event
- Start to finish projects
- Call for pricing and scheduling

Poe Faces**

Allen ("Cheff") James
(904) 910-8505
Email: cheffdizz@gmail.com
Website: www.poefaces.org

Representing empowerment through poetry and music

- Ages: 6 – 18
- Workshops include Poetry Writing, Creative Writing and Drumming Circle (exotic instruments)
- Call for pricing and to schedule a workshop

Poison Center Awareness**

Free!

Education Department
1-800-222-1222
Website: www.fpicjax.org

- Grades: Pre-K – Adult
- Presentation will be age-appropriate
- Poison prevention
- "Outdoor Hazard" presentation available on poisonous snakes, spiders and plants
- What to do in a poison emergency
- Will come to your location
- Call to schedule

Project SOS**

Free!

(904) 296-9950
Andrew Cardy
Youth Services Specialist
Email: Andrew@projectsos.com
Website: www.projectsos.com

Committed to strengthening families by empowering parents and educating youth to make healthy life choices

- Classes for youth include, but not limited to
 - Setting boundaries
 - Productive communication
 - Bullying
 - Creating goals
- Classes for staff members and parents too!

Ritz Theatre & Museum

829 N. Davis Street

Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 632-5555

Email: atoler@coj.net (museum tours)

Website: www.ritzjacksonville.com

- Grades: Pre-K – up
- Group size: limited to 60
- Closed Monday
- Tuesday – Friday 10 am. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Cost: subject to program
- Program gives tour of the museum
- Various theatre plays and productions are available during the year
- Group rates are available
- Call 4 – 6 weeks in advance to schedule tours and theatre events

Spacewalk of Jacksonville**

(904) 646-JUMP (5867)

Email: spacewalkjax@herecomesfun.com

Website: www.spacewalkofjacksonville.com

Serving all of Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach, Ponte Vedra, Nocatee, Northern St. Johns, Yulee and Callahan

- Inflatables (etc.) appropriate for toddlers and up (check website)
 - Spacewalks
 - Water items
 - Concession sales, service and rentals
- See website for visual of all items available for rental

St. Augustine Alligator Farm

999 Anastasia Blvd

St. Augustine, FL 32080

(904) 824-3337 x10

Website: www.alligatorfarm.com

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:10 required
- Open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- View 23 species of crocodilians, rare white alligators, exotic birds, monkeys and reptiles
- Programs provide a hands-on learning experience
- Shows every hour
- Picnic areas
- Covered theatre
- Snack bars
- Call in advance for group prices and reservations

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum

81 Lighthouse Avenue

St. Augustine, FL 32080

(904) 829-0745 x208

Website: www.staugustinelighthouse.org

Hands-on, experiential learning is the hallmark of museum education. Here it quite simply is our method. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education, known to many by its acronym STEM, are important in our “classroom” and sunshine state standards are never ignored.

- Grades: Pre-K – 12
- For each adult per six children/youth, the adult is admitted free
- Minimum: 20
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:6 required
- Group size limited to 60
- Hours: Monday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Outreach programs also available
- Interactive activities available in place of tower climb
- Every program based on Sunshine State Standards for education
- Make reservations at least 2 weeks in advance

Note: Children must be 44” tall to climb tower

St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum

12 S. Castillo Drive

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Kevin Rose, Group Director

1-877-467-5863

Email: kevin@thepiratemuseum.com

Website: www.piratesoul.com

Offers an educational, exciting and timber-shivering museum experience that transports you back in time over 300 years into the Golden Age of Piracy.

- All ages welcome!
- Educational program lasts just under one (1) hour
- Fully-narrated adventure through the Golden Age of Piracy
- World's largest collection of pirate artifacts
- Hands-on interactive activities
- Open Daily from 9am to 8pm
- Call to schedule a group tour (group rates available)

Sally Corporation

745 West Forsyth Street

Jacksonville, FL 32204

(904) 355-7100

Website: www.sallycorp.com

Free!

Tour demonstrates the construction of a robot from start to finish. Special animatronic show at the beginning and end.

- Ages: 7 and up
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10 required
- Group size limited to 30
- Tuesday & Thursday, tours begin at 9, 10, 11 a.m., noon & 1 p.m.
- Estimated time of tour: 55 minutes
- Question and Answer time provided
- Reservations are required

Note: No tours in July or August

Seamark Ranch Summer Fun on the Farm*

3631 Seamark Ranch Road
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
(904) 288-8885
Email: mail@seamarkranch.com
Website: www.seamarkranch.com

Trips may include a hayride tour of the farm, along with a combination of age-appropriate outdoor educational stations. The stations include:

Farm animals	Chicken encounter
Hydroponic gardening	Gardening to go
Trail blazers hike	Clay hill adventure
Beef-o-bingo	Story time in the hay loft
Composting	Cane pole fishing, etc.

- All ages welcome!
- Adult/child ratio of 1:10 required
- Wed – Fri June 20 – July 27 by reservation
- After-school field trips by special arrangement
- Trips last approximately 4 hours. (Please allow a minimum of 1 hour for travel)
- Cost is \$3/student (min 10)
- Adults and bus drivers are FREE
- Special rates available for groups of 10+
- Closed toed shoes and socks required
- Bring a sack lunch and a drink
- Call two – three weeks prior for availability and reservations

Swimming Safari Swim School*

(904) 260-1836
Email: swim@swimmingsafari.com
Website: www.swimmingsafari.com

*Locations all over Jacksonville (Northside, Arlington, Southside, Mandarin [out-door heated], Orange Park [indoor – year-round availability], Westside, San Marco and Beaches. (*Locations subject to change)

- Professional swim lessons, infants to adults

Traveling Pottery**

Serving all of Duval, Clay and St. Johns Counties

(904) 616-6104

Email: traveling.pottery@comcast.net

Website: www.travelingpottery.com

Ceramic instructors provide all materials and instruction needed to complete a creative ceramic project at your location. Creations are glazed and fired at our studio and returned, individually wrapped and ready to distribute.

- Ages: 3 and up
- Unlimited group size
- Cost is \$6 - \$15/child (varies by item and group size)
- Large selection of theme and seasonal items
- Estimated time to complete a project, 1.5 – 3 hours
- Finished product is 100% food, microwave and dishwasher safe
- Allow 1 week for delivery

Tree Hill Nature Center* **

7152 Lone Star Road

Jacksonville, FL 32211

(904) 724-4646

Email: info@treehill.org

Website: www.treehill.org

Explore 50 acres and three (3) eco-systems

- All ages welcome
- Nature walks
- Natural History Museum
- Live animal displays
- Butterfly house
- Fun learning experience
- Open to the public
- Open Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Closed Sundays and holidays
- Programs can be at your site or theirs
- Call for pricing and scheduling

Yes You Canvas!

6012 San Jose Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32217

(904) 993-9047

Website: www.yesyoucanvas.com

- Ages: 5 – up
- Paint with instruction. An art studio where you can paint your own masterpiece
- Fun for kids and adults
- \$20/child/11x14 canvas; 1 hour
- Adult/child/youth ratio of 1:7 required

Zumba Fitness**

Alexandra Estevez

(904) 994-7241

Email: aestevez75@hotmail.com

Certified instructors bringing to you a variety of fun and fitness

- Ages: 5 – 12
- Chorography specialized for particular skill level
 - Includes: Latin music, International, Fun with Fitness
- Call for pricing and scheduling



Jacksonville
Children's
Commission

Helping Jacksonville Grow Great Kids

1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32206
904-630-7265