

ST. LOUIS AREA CAMP FIELD TRIPS

A guide for camp providers planning enrichment outings!

BENEFITS OF FIELD TRIPS

- ☐ Increases students' curiosity and desire for learning
- ☐ Better standardized test scores in math and science
- ☐ Broadens horizons and changes view of the world
- ☐ Exposure to career opportunities
- ☐ Decreased stress and anxiety

FIELD TRIP RESOURCES FOR CAMPS

- ☐ [The Journey Fund - Gateway Arch](#)
- ☐ [St. Louis Aquarium Foundation - H2O Friends](#)
- ☐ [Big Yellow School Bus Grant - MO Arts Council](#)
- ☐ [MO State Parks Bus Grant](#)
- ☐ [Explorable Places Website](#)
- ☐ [Blueprint4 Field Trip Map](#)
 - View our custom google map of youth field trips in the St. Louis metro and filter them by price, topic, and more!

HOW TO PLAN A HIGH QUALITY FIELD TRIP

- ☐ Outline the purpose of the field trip to students and staff:
 - Provide firsthand experience
 - Stimulate interest in science
 - Add relevance to learning
 - Strengthen observation skills
 - Promote social development
- ☐ Visit the field trip site ahead of time
- ☐ Design a trip with fluid structure:
 - Structured but not overbearing
 - Allow choices throughout
- ☐ Conduct a pre-trip lesson about content of the field trip
- ☐ Logistical preparation of trip dynamic to reduce anxiety and distractions:
 - Explain environment
 - Explain timeline
- ☐ Provide group discussion activities during the trip to keep students engaged
- ☐ Post-trip follow up lesson and discussion to sustain connections to learning

