



You can see or download GSRBC's Trip & Tours Book at:

<http://www.riverbluffs.org/Adult%20Info/TripsandToursBooklet111604.htm>

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**From Laura Million:**

Royal Ranch – Horse Fan and Horse Rider badge for Juniors and Horse Sense IP for Cadettes. We took our troop to Royale Ranch near O’Fallon IL to earn their Horse Fan Badge as Juniors. The girls had a great time. The woman from the ranch took them through all the parts of the badge that they needed to complete. The girls watched as riders preformed various types of maneuvers on the horses. Then with the help of the riders, each girl got to get on a horse and was lead around the paddock. This was not part of the Horse Fan Badge, but the owner understands it’s hard for girls to watch the horses, but not ride them, so she gave them some saddle time. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Good for Juniors and Cadettes.

Webpage: <http://www.royaleranch.com/>  
Phone: 618-972-5042  
Address: 1801 Lemen Dr. O’Fallon, IL 62269

Contact the owner to confirm what they still offer for the badges

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From Kristen Guehlstorf:

We have taken our troop to several places that they really enjoyed:

- ♥ Pet hospital ♥ Arts of Fire ♥ Panterra's Pizza ♥ Cold Stone Creamery

I think seeing how a newspaper is made was pretty interesting as is the Post Office. We've not done either at this point, but I've done them in other contexts.

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**From Amy Fillback**

A place that I would recommend other troops checking out is Mealmakers (off of Rte 157). Their cooking classes are generally aimed at an adult audience, but I spoke with the manager about doing something with our girl scout troop. He was very anxious to create something for the girls that was age appropriate and enjoyable. In the spring we attended a cookie making session. It was a very hands on activity! I had 15 girls attend and each one had their own kitchen work station with supplies. The woman who ran our session walked the girls through each step and they each mixed their own batch of cookies. They provided a drink and snack at the end for the girls too. When the session was over each girl had 2 dozen cookies (some of the girls mixtures produced more!!) ready to take home and bake. It was really reasonable and a lot of fun for everyone!

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From Sue Zimitsch:

We did the overnight at the Magic House and loved it! It was very well organized, they had a lot of staff on hand to watch that kids didn’t leave their assigned areas and moved on to their next scheduled area when it was time. When it was lights out time, it was quiet and we actually slept. The only drawback was waiting for the bathroom.

We also did the overnight at the Science Center which, I thought, wasn’t as well organized. Some people didn’t move on to their next assigned area because they were having fun where they were, so some areas were very crowded. Then the staff started to clean up after lights out, and began setting up for breakfast about 1 ½ hours before scheduled wake up time. So we didn’t get much sleep.

Although I haven’t taken my troop, Chocolates ‘n’ Amour near RP Lumber in Edw, does tours of their candymaking shop and the girls get to dip something in chocolate.

- Gateway Grizzlies
 - Scout nights
 - Check website
- Savvis Center – Check w/ Randy for group sales. You can reserve a block of seats ahead of time, estimate slightly high, then you pay w/ exact counts 2 weeks prior to the event.
http://www.scottradecenter.net/content/group_events.html
- Enchanted Rose Tea Room, Lebanon IL 618-537-4151
 - Will do Manners Try-It
 - About \$5 per girl
 - Girls dress up in period costumes and have a tea party
- Llama Farm in Fairview
- Madison County Sheriff's Department – Canine Unit
- Magic House – February is scout month
- Treehouse –does assemblies with animals
- World Ways Museum www.worldways.com
 - Clayton and 141
 - Offers various hands-on activities
 - Has overnighter for Thinking Day
- City Museum
 - St. Louis
 - They – have evening hours now
 - ½ price, on Friday nights
 - With the family attractions card Wednesdays and Thursdays in the summer are ½ off.
 - For \$15 per girl they will do a presentation for troop
- Discovery Garden
- Arch – has a badge to earn
- Sewing Camps at Abbey Sew & Vac
 - Quilted Garden (requires girls to be 8)
- Bilbrey Farms – No longer open to public

Another place I love to take the kids locally is the theater at SIUE. Here is the 2007 – 2008 schedule / Link. Price is I think \$5 per person. <http://www.siue.edu/~gconroy/FOTAD/index.html>

2007-08 events

A Season for the Child*

The Wisdom of Fools.....Oct. 20, 2007

No description available at this time. More to come later.

The Ant and the Grasshopper.....Dec. 1, 2007

At 2 AND 7 p.m.

The popular fairytale about the industrious ants and the lazy grasshopper who didn't plan ahead for winter.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears.....Jan. 26, 2008

And, THIS bed was JUST Right!

A Midsummer Night's Dream.....March 29, 2008

Shakespeare's delightful comedy about love and fairy magic as told for children by the folks from St. Louis Shakespeare.

*Curtain at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

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Next Month's Topic – Useful Websites

Send short descriptions of websites you have found helpful along with the website addresses.

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