

FairKids Discovery Club Field Trips

A Program of the Fairplex Education Foundation



California's Heritage Square Neighborhood

Learn about the history of California

Most appropriate for grade levels 2 - 8

- **Heritage Farm House**- This Farm house from 1922 is filled with antique furniture and costumed historians. Don't miss the Old Fashioned Kitchen Gadget Show and Exhibit on the porch of the farm house. Learn what all those fun gadgets did and how you can use them to grind corn, peel apples, and make juice. You can even wash clothes with our vintage wash boards and tubs.
Kitchen Gadget Show: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Grind your own Corn: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Unearth the lifestyle of the Gold Rush when you pan for gold at our **Gold Rush Exhibit**. For a nominal fee, visitors can cut the geodes and discover the raw materials inside.
Times: All day
- Enrich your studies in the classroom with a visit to our **California Mission Exhibit**. While discovering more about the missions, visitors can also participate in hands-on rug & doll making and learn how to make brooms and soap.
Times: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- **The Little Red School House**- Come visit the newly remodeled Little Red School House, nestled beneath the trees. Imagine what it would have been like to be a student in the 1920's in California. Come in, take a seat, rest a spell, meet our new school teacher, and experience what learning was like in a one room school house.
Times: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Debra's Mercantile**- The Mercantile is the place to learn how to quilt the old fashioned way. Children and adults alike can come by and try their hand at one of the oldest forms of art - quilting! Don't miss the displays of vintage fabrics, quilts, and buttons. Come be a part of this vintage fun.
Times: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **The Village Blacksmith Show**- In California's Heritage Square, the Blacksmith has moved out of the barn. Just follow the sound of the ringing of the anvil to watch, visit, and learn about this unique art form and how blacksmiths forged the tools of their trade in the 1800's. Listen to Christy Horne as she tells stories about the life of a blacksmith.
Show Times: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- **The Vintage Craft Barn**- In our vintage barn from the 1900's, you will be able to watch as spinners turn wool into sweaters right before your eyes. Come and meet Amy, Isabel, and Sammy, our Angora goats that will be roaming around in the barn. This year in the Craft Barn you can learn to weave and work with looms to make potholders. Come by and see the spinners spin their wool into beautiful handcrafted clothing and learn about all the different kinds of wool that is used to make our clothes.
Show Times & Hands-on Fun: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Pre and Post-Field Trip Activities

California's Heritage Square

California History

Educational Activities:

Preschool

TeachingHeart.net – Fire Safety Theme Ideas

<http://www.teachingheart.net/firesafety.html>

K - 2nd grade

California Department of Education – History Social Science Lesson

http://www.history.ctaponline.org/center/hsscm/index.cfm?Page_Key=1386

Sustainable Forestry – “Uses of a Tree” Lesson Plan

<http://sftrc.cas.psu.edu/LessonPlans/Forestry/UsesTree.html>

Debbie's Unit Factory – Online Gold Rush Quiz

<http://www.themeunits.com/Gol2Quiz.html>

3rd - 5th grade

Oakland Museum of California

<http://www.museumca.org/goldrush/curriculum/gamsaan/index.html>

Learning project - Your Mission: The Last Mission

http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/activity/the_last_mission/

6th - 8th grade

Organization for Community Networks – Westward Expansion Cooperative Project

<http://ofcn.org/cyber.serv/academy/ace/soc/cecsst/cecsst183.html>

DiscoveryEducation.com – Forest Food Webs

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/lessonplans/programs/forests/>



Helpful Links:

PBSkids.org

<http://pbskids.org/wayback/goldrush/features.html>

Oakland Museum of California – Gold Rush Fever

<http://www.museumca.org/goldrush/fever.html>

GoldRush.com

<http://www.calgoldrush.com/>

California Historical Society

<http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/timeline/chapter6/index.html>

CaliforniaMissions.com

<http://www.californiamissions.com/cahistory/index.html>

California Department of Forestry

<http://www.fire.ca.gov>



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Educational Activities in The Town Square:	Educational Objectives - Early Childhood:	Educational Objectives - Elementary:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to quilt at Debra's Mercantile Stop by the Gold Rush Exhibit Explore our California Mission Exhibit Visit the Vintage Craft Barn 	<p>Creative/Social/Language/Physical Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language and vocabulary development Interactive, hands-on learning Social skills Creative experience 	<p>Social Sciences/History/Visual Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover the cultural, economic, and social life and relations among different groups in California history Interpret and identify the multiple causes and effects of historical events Examine the effects of the Gold Rush on settlements and daily life Compare and contrast everyday life in different places Identify similarities and differences between past and present Creative production in the Visual Arts process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch The Village Blacksmith Show Experience Town Square Check out our Heritage Farmhouse Stop by the Little Red School House 	<p>Cognitive/Language/Creative Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster an interest in California's past Improve vocabulary Social interactions Examine artifacts 	<p>Social Sciences/History/Visual Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare and contrast everyday life in different times and places (farming, education, crafts) Historical account of California's past Creation of artwork
<p>Visit our Vintage Gardens</p>	<p>Cognitive/Language Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase vocabulary Exploration of the natural world Familiarity with physical environment through senses: touch, sight, and smell 	<p>Life Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe a diversity of organisms Witness the basic needs and properties of plant life