Field Trip Ideas

Submitted by GT educators across the great state of Oklahoma in the fall of 2011!

Advance Foods
What was said about it?
Tours and Samples

Agriculture Tour
What was said about it?
Dairy, crops, swine or beef.....

Alabaster Caverns, Freedom, OK
What was said about it?
Our yearly GT field trip is to the Alabaster Caverns at Freedom, OK. We tour the Caverns and eat a sack lunch in the park.

Altus Air Force Base, Altus, OK

Amtrak
What was said about it?
Last year, we took the Amtrak train one way to Purcell; the bus met us there and brought us back; we toured the Bedre chocolate factory and had lunch on the way home. I found supplemental lessons and extension activities online that complimented the train ride and chocolate factory.
What was said about it?
Took the train to Ft. Worth

Arbuckle Mountains
What was said about it?
Great place for fossil hunting!

Arts Reach Program, Oklahoma City
What was said about it?
Free ballet offered each Fall for students

Ballet Oklahoma's Arts Reach Program
What was said about it?
Each fall offers to students a free hour performance (usually one act) of their production. This year it is Coppelia.

Banks
What was said about it?
Local banks give financial seminars

Bass Pro Shop, Oklahoma City
What was said about it?
It is open to students browsing for science related activities. We've done scavenger hunts.
USS Batfish Submarine, Muskogee - http://ussbatfish.com/

Bedre Chocolate Factory, Pauls Valley - http://www.bedrechocolates.com/jsp/company.jsp
What was said about it?
   We took our 1-6 GT kids to the Bedre Chocolate Factory in Pauls Valley, OK.
What was said about it?
   There’s a great video on their website!

BizTown in Tulsa
What was said about it?
   Really great for anyone doing a business unit. Sponsored by Junior Achievement.

Black Kettle Museum, Cheyenne, OK

Braums, Tuttle
What was said about it?
   They give a tour of their operations and it is all FREE!!

Bricktown Canal, OKC
What was said about it?
   South end for outdoor science activities

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Fort Worth, TX
What was said about it?
   I had read that another school in our county had driven to Fort Worth to visit the Bureau of
   Engraving and Printing. My son and I took a trip there this summer and it was very interesting.
   It would be good for junior high and up, not younger.

CSI investigations and science to solve crime
What was said about it?
   Very popular

Cameron University, Lawton, Ok

Camp Bandage, Grove, Oklahoma

Cargill Salt Plant, between Buffalo and Freedom

Cavanal Hill, near Poteau
What was said about it?
   This is the world's highest hill Poteau.

CHARACTER and Ambition Speakers

Cherokee Heritage Center, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
What was said about it?
   New Moon Festival, Indian Territory Days
Chickasaw Capitol/Council House, Tishomingo

Chickasaw National Cultural Center and Recreation Area, Sulphur
What was said about it?
   It was very nice and the 5th-12 grade group we took enjoyed it. I think a small group of younger might even get something out of it with a little more "help". The cost included a sack lunch for each child.

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Duncan - www.OnTheChisholmTrail.com, 580-252-6692

Cinemark Imax Theatre - Dallas, Texas

Civil War Re-Enactment, Vinita, Oklahoma

College visitations and tours

Comanche Nation Museum, Lawton

Confederate Memorial Museum & Cemetery, Atoka

Corn Maze

Cosmosphere, Hutchinson, Kansas - http://www.cosmo.org/index.cfm
What was said about it?
   We took grade school and high school GT students to Hutchinson KS to the Cosmosphere and Underground Salt Mines. It was a super trip. The kids thought maybe one of the best they had taken. There is a small Amish village nearby that has things on weekend too.
What was said about it?
   The Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Ctr. in Hutchinson, KS just NW of Wichita is as good of a space center as anything NASA has: EXCELLENT: they offer classes for students along with many fun interactive labs and experiences.

County Courthouse
What was said about it?
   One year we toured the county courthouse. One of the judges and two of the lawyers came in to speak to us and then we were the participants in a mock trial.

Criminal attorneys
What was said about it?
   Visit to court house observations

The Crucible & Gallery, Norman

Crystal Bridges, NW Arkansas - www.crystalbridges.org

Daily Oklahoman Newspaper, Gaylord Publishing Company, OKC

The Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas, Texas
DISNEY Y.E.S (Youth Education Series Program)
What was said about it?
   Every 3rd or 4th year we go to Orlando, Florida to the DISNEY YES (Youth Education Series Program). Excellent for G/T! No one can outdo what Disney provides, does take a lot of fundraising though. Many program behind the scenes in areas of Science, Math, Social Studies and Technology. Unbeatable!!
   http://www.disneyyouth.com/youth-education-series/

Doctors of medicine or Physicians Assistants
What was said about it?
   Making the (selective) rounds at a hospital

Downtown Tulsa (Art Deco)

Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton - http://www.eosc.edu/
What was said about it?
   Tour and watched a play

Elsing Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Enid Symphony Hall

FBI, DEA or OSBI visits or tours

Federal Courthouse, OKC
What was said about it?
   Watch a sentencing and hear speech from judge and US Marshall

Financial Education

Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Muskogee

Fort Sill Army Base, Lawton
What was said about it?
   Last year, we visited Ft. Sill Army base in Lawton, OK. We brought sack lunches and had lunch on the ground under the trees. After lunch, we were given a guided tour of the base. Our guide was very nice and knowledgeable and was dressed in historical clothing. We were then on our own to visit the jail where Geronimo was held. After that, we went over to the museum and artillery walk. I had enough chaperones to take half the kids into the museum while the other half did the artillery walk. Then we switched. It was a very fun and educational trip. The kids loved it!
What was said about it?
   Has a conservatory to view the stars at different eras: Christmas had the star of Bethlehem; they said they! they do Christopher Columbus.

Fort Smith National Cemetery

Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, Norman, www.ou.edu/fijma; 405-325-3272
The Frisco Deport Museum, Hugo

General Tommy Franks Museum, Hobart, OK

Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa
What was said about it?
This is my first year teaching the G/T program in Sand Springs. I have yet to take a field trip with my kiddos. However, I will probably have one to Gilcrease Museum this year.

What was said about it?
This has been the most fabulous trip of all...kids love it! They give you a tour (just one area, not overwhelming) and then work with the students in the Discovery Lab...That is such a wow factor for them! The transportation is reimbursable if you follow certain guidelines. Admission is free.

What was said about it?
The Gilcrease Museum has a computer lab in the basement perfect for research and a lesson on how to find the artifacts located in the museum.

Government
What was said about it?
Tour a legislative body in action.

Governor's Mansion, OKC

GRDA Educational Center, Langley, OK
What was said about it?
I took my GT students to the GRDA Educational Center in Langley. It was free and the tour lasted about an hour and a half. Very interesting!

Great Salt Plains, near Jet, Oklahoma
What was said about it?
Dig for Selenite Crystals near Jet OK

The Greater Southwest Historical Museum, Ardmore

Hackberry Flat Wildlife habitat Frederick, OK
What was said about it?
Guided tours with OK Dept. of Wildlife

Harbor Village, Grove

Harn Homestead, Oklahoma City


Heavener Runestone, Heavener

Historic Ft. Sill, Ft. Sill, Lawton, OK
IMAX, Branson
What was said about it?
   Whale presentation, Tropical Rain Forest presentations

Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center, Fort Smith, Arkansas

J.M. Davis Arms & Historical Museum, Claremore
What was said about it?
   Students love looking at all the items, not just guns but lots of different collections


The Jones Center - www.thejonescenter.org/

Leonardo’s
What was said about it?
   One of the best field trips that we took with the second graders was to Leonardo's in Enid. It is a fun, hands-on museum.

What was said about it?
   It is a good one and the kids get to make some type of craft too. Donna Merkt is the contact for that and you can see the applications for scholarship on the website. I think it is mgmoa.com or org. The Cowboy Hall of Fame provides grants for trip and so does the Oklahoma History Center or Heritage Center. The Space Museum in Weatherford has grants, but it would take too long for us to get there and back within the time frame for the buses. I've only been there for workshops.

Martin Park Nature Center, Oklahoma City- http://www.okc.gov/parks/martin_park/index.html

Medieval Faire in Norman
What was said about it?
   I took our HS GT students to the Medieval Faire in Norman, which is held every year at Reeves Park, near the campus of OU. It is FREE. They have a school day on Friday, and it gives the students a chance to not only see the University, but I am considering scheduling a tour on that day while we already happen to be there.

Minor League Baseball Game
What was said about it?
   Another fun idea we did several years ago was a trip to a minor league baseball game, the Frisco Roughriders. Believe it or not you can do a whole unit on baseball...history, math, science, literature. It was a fun unit and the kids loved the field trip. Ticket and kid's meal were included in the price per student.

Mounds Observatory, owned by the Tulsa Astronomy Club

Murrell Home, Tahlequah

Museum of Osteology, Oklahoma City
Museum of Natural History, Norman

Museum of World Treasurers in Wichita, KS

Myriad Botanical Gardens - www.MyriadGardens.com

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City

National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office, Norman

Oklahoma Aquarium, Jenks - www.okaquarium.org/odwc.php
What was said about it?
   Fishing clinics

Oklahoma Blood Institute

Oklahoma City National Memorial (Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building)
What was said about it?
   Last year we took our 7-12 GT kids to the Oklahoma City National Memorial.
What was said about it?
   I would definitely recommend for more mature groups, but even our junior high G/T kids were extremely awed by this experience.

Oklahoma City Zoo
What was said about it?
   Hands-On Workshops

Oklahoma Civic Center, Oklahoma City, OK

Oklahoma Food Bank
What was said about it?
   One year we volunteered at the Oklahoma Food Bank. The kids and I really enjoyed that and plan to go back there this year. I really would like to do more service-learning field trips so the Food Bank was great for that.

Oklahoma Heritage Museum/One Room School House

Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

Oklahoma River
What was said about it?
   One field trip that I have repeated is the trip down the Oklahoma River. The boats take the kids through the lock system.

Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM), Oklahoma City
What was said about it?
   Big hit with 6th grade
Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee Pryor Campus
What was said about it?
   Introduction to LEGO Robotics: LEGO 101 OSU, Okmulgee and Pryor Campuses

Oklahoma Writing Project’s “The Amazing Writing Race”
What was said about it?
   I'm taking my 1st and 2nd grade GT students to the OWP's "The Amazing Writing Race" at the Oklahoma City Zoo later this month.

Old Town Farm and Ranch Museum, Elk City, OK

OSU Vet. Open House

Omni IMAX Dome Theater, Ft. Worth, Texas

Ozark Medieval Fortress near Harrison, AR:
What was said about it?
   http://ozarkmedievalfortress.com/en-us/contact/map-directions
   A great place: People from France are actually building a castle using the same tools. Math and science used over 500 years ago. ALL Tools are tools from the period including lifting the stones into place. This is a 30 year project but is an excellent trip for G/T students. We also have been to many of the caves in the area:

Pawnee Bill's Ranch and Museum
What was said about it?
   I've chartered a bus using funds from our activity account to take the students to Pawnee Bill's Ranch and Museum. Call in advance and the ranch hands will set up different activities like bullwhip popping, pioneer tales at the cabin, the blacksmith shop, a tractor-pulled trailer ride through the bison loop, a visit to the museum, and a guided tour of the home on Blue Hawk Peak.

Pea Ridge Battlefield, Arkansas

Pensacola Dam, Langley

Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa
What was said about it?
   We are studying Egypt this year, so we are taking the students to Philbrook in Tulsa, which has many Egyptian artifacts, including a sarcophagus. We also studied da Vinci last year and the Renaissance, so the house itself and the Neoclassical addition will reinforce that.

Planetarium, Ft. Worth, TX

Pops, Arcadia

Price Tower, Bartlesville

Pumpkin Patch
Quartz Mountain State Park - Lone Wolf, OK

Renaissance Festival, Muskogee, Oklahoma


Rock Shop, Comanche
What was said about it?
   An older gentleman has a Rock Shop just south of town, yet he has fossils galore, is truly a professor, and demonstrates under a black lite to show certain minerals.

Round Barn, Arcadia

Route 66 Museum, Elk City, OK

Sam Noble Museum of Natural History, Norman

School of Architecture, OU

Science Museum Oklahoma, OKC - http://www.sciencemuseumok.org/
What was said about it?
   Super place for classes in many areas of science, lots of things for kids to do!!!!
What was said about it?
   Chemistry Day at Science Museum Oklahoma

Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in Tulsa
What was said about it?
   The Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in Tulsa was interesting and the students got to hear from an actual survivor of the holocaust.

Sixth Floor Museum, Dallas

Sooner Flight Academy, University of Oklahoma ADDED 03/20/2012
What was said about it?
   They came to my school and worked with my gifted 8th graders. They have 1,000 (well, close...) ideas, but did a GPS scavenger hunt with them and the kids really enjoyed it. They work well with kids, come prepared, and have lots to do so the hour is filled (not waste of time). I highly recommend them!

Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Durant
What was said about it?
   We have gone to a play at SWOSU.

Spiro Mounds - www.okhistory.org/outreach/museums/spiromounds.html

Sports Broadcasting

Stafford Space Museum, Weatherford

State Capitol, OKC
What was said about it?

This year we are taking our Elem and MS students to the State Capitol where our Representative will talk to the students about how state government works and then we are taking a tour of the artwork. The OK Arts Council provided us a DVD and curriculum materials on the artwork to be completed before we go to make the experience more enriching.

**T-Shirt Screen Printing Shop**

What was said about it?

Hands-On

**Talking Rocks Cavern near Branson -** http://www.talkingrockscavern.com/

What was said about it?

Great!

**Tall Grass Prairie & Constantine Theater, Pawhuska**

**Technology Fairs**

**Television Stations**

**Theater Productions**

What was said about it?

Colleges and high schools have matinee showings

**Tiger Safari, Tuttle, OK**

**Tom Stafford Museum, Weatherford, OK**

**Tucker Tower, Ardmore, Lake Murray**

**Tulsa Air and Space Museum**

What was said about it?

This is very nice and the kids loved it.

**Tulsa Global Alliance's Kid Feast, Tulsa**

**Tulsa International Airport**

What was said about it?

There's also a tour of Tulsa International Airport available beginning in January, which may include a trip to the firehouse, the interactive classroom, and/or the fuselage for a "trip" on a plane with children being assigned jobs from ticket taker to pilot.

**Tulsa Opera**

What was said about it?

I took my students to see Tulsa Opera's "Journey Through Dance", a one-hour presentation that traces the evolution of dance. We also attended Tulsa Opera's student matinees, last year seeing "Don Giovanni", and this year "The Barber of Seville". I attend Tulsa Opera's class
"Opera 101" each year in September where I pick up teaching materials and a preview music CD. Great stuff!

**Tulsa Performing Arts Center**
What was said about it?
Our 6th grade students recently went to an opera at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center. It was a matinee during the school day. They often have performances just for school groups.

**Tulsa Zoo**

**University of Arkansas in Fayetteville**
What was said about it?
Talked with recruitment office, took a tour of the school, at in the Student Union, toured the Sorority and Fraternity Houses.

**Walking Tour**
What was said about it?
We are a very small community and one of the retired teachers mentioned to me that she used to do a walking tour of the community and do community history with a group each spring. We are planning on doing that this year with our elementary.

**Washita Battlefield, Cheyenne, OK**

**Western Oklahoma State College - Altus, OK**

**Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge, Medicine Park**
What was said?
Went on a hiking trip to study geology
What was said about it?
Free: Anything with the Wichita Wildlife Refuge: call the educational facility in the Visitors Center...they will host archery lessons to big groups, take short hikes according to the season showing leaf changes, flowers, etc. They have an education building with examples of stuffed critters and confiscated contraband from the border: crocodile, cobra, elephant, etc.
What was said about it?
Hunting for mica and fossils
What was said about it?
I did a Day in the Park, categorized kids into instrumental music, poets, writers, artists, photographers. Used the Lake Latonka and Medicine Park for inspiration, joined into small groups to express and share the created art, then before leaving, did a large group to share the best with all....Old Plantation Restaurant let us use their porch. (Of course, we ate there at lunch too).

**Wild Wilderness Drive Through Safari - www.wildwildnessdrivethroughsafari.com/**

**Will Rogers Memorial, Claremore (or his family home near Oologah)**

**Willard Stone Museum in Locust Grove**
What was said about it?
We visited the Willard Stone Museum in Locust Grove, where the students saw world-class art being produced and displayed in very humble surroundings. I made a preview trip there and met Jason Stone, the deceased Willard's son, and a first-rate wood carver in his own rite. He took the kids into his workshop and showed them first-hand how he creates. We used the Willard Stone Museum website and viewed their works on the SmartBoard as part of our preparation. I also brought various wood samples I'd procured from Jason on my initial visit for the students to examine and evaluate. Wow!

"Winter Drama Festival"
What was said about it?
This is put on by University Gifted School on the T.U. campus in Tulsa.

Woolaroc, Bartlesville
Please note: The Oklahoma State Department of Education does not recommend or advocate the attendance to any of the listed locations nor does it speak to the credibility. All were submitted by Oklahoma educators through the Gifted & Talented statewide listserv.