

### **Alive Magazine**

Get an inside look at the makings of a magazine! *Alive Magazine*, an innovative online women's magazine, invites you to their facility located in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District. Meet the team of talented young women who manage the marketing, editing, and graphic design for a publication that offers real girls and women a voice in the media. Visit our website to find out more:

[www.alivemagazine.org](http://www.alivemagazine.org)

Date/time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Contact: Cheyenne Kirkpatrick at 612.284.4080 or cheyenne [@alivemagazine.org](mailto:cheyenne@alivemagazine.org)

### **American Swedish Institute**

The American Swedish Institute invites your troop to visit the 100 year old Turnblad Mansion and journey into both Minnesota's past and Swedish culture. An education and cultural center, as well as a museum, ASI offers Girl Scouts opportunities to work towards different badges and try-its.

Date: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis, MN

Contact: Ingrid Nyholm-Lange at 612-870-3374

### **American Wings Air Museum**

Enjoy a guided tour of the museum, aviation-related booklets, and a presentation tailored to your age group.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Blaine

Contact: 763-786-4146, lburgers@pro-ns.net, [www.americanwings.org](http://www.americanwings.org)

### **Animal Care at the Humane Societies**

Animal Care at the Animal Humane Society

Girls will learn about basic pet care needs and responsibilities from professional Humane Society staff. Visit includes a tour of the facility. In addition, Pet Badge programs are currently being offered for Girl Scout Juniors. Please call for more information and appointments.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Multiple (Buffalo, Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, St. Paul, Woodbury)

Contact: 763-489-2220 or [education@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:education@animalhumanesociety.org)

### **Bell Museum of Natural History**

Earn a badge with your troop while coming for a few hours during the day or staying overnight at the Bell Museum! Programs are lead by Bell Museum Interpretive Staff and built around fun and engaging activities designed to fulfill all the requirements for the badge you choose to pursue.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-624-9050, [www.bellmuseum.org](http://www.bellmuseum.org)

### **Bloomington Art Center**

View the galleries, take in a theater show, or attend art classes.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Bloomington

Contact: 952-563-8587, [www.bloomingtonartcenter.com](http://www.bloomingtonartcenter.com)

### **Carleton College**

Head to Carleton for a walk through the Arboretum, a quiet stroll through the Japanese garden, or a visit to the Goodsell Observatory to see the stars.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Northfield

Contact: 507-222-4000, <http://apps.carleton.edu/community/resources/>

**CLIMB Theater**

Interactive. Imaginative. Inspiring. CLIMB Theatre is a children's education touring theatre that presents plays for all ages to help "propel young people toward actions that benefit themselves, each other, and the community. Topics include bullying, harassment, community action, body image, friendship, respect, and appreciating differences.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will Travel

Contact: 651-453-9275, [mail@climb.org](mailto:mail@climb.org)

**Climbing Wall- Mankato Community Education**

Come and try the indoor rock-climbing in a positive all-girl environment. You'll receive an introduction to the equipment, techniques, commands, and safety instruction used by climbers; then you will try your new skills on the climbing wall.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Mankato

Contact: 507-387-5501

**Cosmetology Training Center**

Come and meet the staff at the Cosmetology Training Center where you can learn about their careers and take a tour. Then stay for some personal pampering as you have your hair done in an updo, your nails polished, and even a little makeup.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Mankato

Contact: 507-345-4033, [www.cosmetologytrainingcenter.com](http://www.cosmetologytrainingcenter.com)

**Crossings Art Center**

If you've never been to Crossings at Carnegie, you are in for a wonderful time. Nestled in the 100 year-old former Zumbrota Library you will find a warm, friendly atmosphere. The art center offers many unique youth and adult art classes, such as pottery and painting.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Zumbrota

Contact: 507-732-7616, [www.crossingsatcarnegie.com](http://www.crossingsatcarnegie.com)

**Dakota Electric Farmington**

Meet a power line specialist and learn all about safety around power lines. Tour the Farmington facility or have the specialist come to your meeting site.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Farmington

Contact: 651-463-6212, [www.dakotaelectric.com](http://www.dakotaelectric.com)

**East Metro Music Academy**

EMMA is a non-profit community music school currently serving more than 325 students of all ages from the Greater Saint Paul area. Options include individual lessons at EMMA studios, and group classes at eight neighborhood locations. EMMA teaches a range of musical styles including classical, pop, jazz, rock, and folk.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-292-3392, [www.emmamusic.org](http://www.emmamusic.org)

**Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden**

Visit the nation's oldest public wildflower garden and stroll through wetland, woodland, and prairie habitats. Explore all that the Garden has to offer with an experienced naturalist while you work towards one of several Girl Scout awards. Hour-long programs tailored for specific Brownie or Junior Girl Scout awards, as well as half-day workshops are available.

Date/Time: By Appointment. Garden is open April 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, scheduling takes place year round. Please schedule out at least 3 weeks.

Location: Theodore Wirth Park, Minneapolis

Contact: 612-363-4722

Earth Connections Workshop-Learn how plants, animals, and people interact in their environments. Explore the Quaking Bog and learn why wetlands are important ecosystems. Learn how to identify native Minnesota trees within the Garden. Show off your creative side by creating your own unique creature!

Wildlife Workshop-Come to the Garden for a half day to do a little bird watching! Learn how to use binoculars and a few tricks to quickly identify local Minnesota birds. Figure out what kitchen tools and bird beaks have in common. Stroll through the Garden and learn a few of our native wildflowers, along with a few "touch-me-nots" growing in the Garden!

### **End-O-Line Railroad Park & Museum**

Started by a 4H club in 1972, the Railroad park and museum take you back in time to steam engine days. Tour buildings and try your hand at being a conductor.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Currie

Contact: 507-763-3708, [www.endoline.com](http://www.endoline.com)

### **Farmamerica**

Whether churning butter, planting a garden or working behind oxen, girls gain a heightened awareness and appreciation for agriculture, Minnesota's richest and most valuable resource.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Waseca

Contact: 507-835-2052, [www.farmamerica.org](http://www.farmamerica.org)

### **Feed My Starving Children**

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a non-profit, non-denominational organization whose purpose is to end world hunger. Girls will have the opportunity to help reduce the number of starving children around the world by assembling meal packages at one of their packing facilities.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Multiple

Contact: [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)

### **Fencing 101**

En Garde! Interested in learning how to fence? This program is designed for girls in fourth grade or higher.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: Gerald Benford, MN Sword Play, 952-435-6740, [gbenford@prodigy.net](mailto:gbenford@prodigy.net);  
[www.angelfire.com/sports/swdply/](http://www.angelfire.com/sports/swdply/)

### **Field Trip Factory**

Field Trip Factory is your resource for fun community-based field trips. The field trips foster hands-on learning and may help to fulfill badge requirements. Field trip topics include: environment, character development, nutrition, animal welfare, auto safety and healthy lifestyle.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Multiple

Contact: 800-987-6409, [www.fieldtripfactory.com](http://www.fieldtripfactory.com)

### **Get Green at the Putting Green**

Come out and try a round of fun and educational mini-golf, walk along the Mississippi River Trail, and have a glass of eco-friendly 'Putt-Putt Soda.'

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: New Ulm

Contact: Putting Green Environmental Adventure Park, 507-354-7888  
[puttinggreen@newulmtel.net](mailto:puttinggreen@newulmtel.net), [www.puttinggreen.org](http://www.puttinggreen.org)

**Golf Zone**

GolfZone is a year-round golf facility featuring Minnesota's only full-length, all-season driving range, as well as the River Links 3-hole Par-3 Golf Course, Big Bear 18-hole indoor air conditioned mini putt, party room, indoor & outdoor patio & bar, indoor putting green and the outdoor Boulder Creek 18-Hole, natural-grass putting course.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Chaska

Contact: 952-445-1500, [www.yourgolfzone.com](http://www.yourgolfzone.com)

**Goodhue County Historical Center**

On a one-hour tour, visitors will see highlights from the collection related to subjects such as geology, natural history, archaeology, Native American history, the military, immigration, business and industry, sports and leisure, clothing, rural schools, and agriculture. The Historical Center also has "History Trunks" available to check-out for your troop meetings.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Red Wing

Contact: 651-388-6024, [www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us](http://www.goodhuehistory.mus.mn.us)

**Great Plains Zoo & Delbridge Museum of Natural History**

The programs and exhibits are designed to help students of all ages and abilities learn through experience, involvement, and discovery. They focus on endangered species and conservation.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Sioux Falls, SD

Contact: 605-367-7003, [www.gpzoo.org](http://www.gpzoo.org)

**Guided Tour at The Bakken**

For the price of regular admission, hear the stories behind their unique exhibits and have a hair-raising experience with a knowledgeable, entertaining tour guide.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-926-3878 ext. 219, [www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org)

**Guthrie Theater**

Take a class, see a show, and take a tour. Options abound for your group at the Guthrie.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-377-2224, [www.guthrietheater.org](http://www.guthrietheater.org)

**Historic Fort Snelling**

Costumed guides bring history to life as students explore the fort buildings and discuss life in 1827 at this frontier outpost. Programs offered in the spring and summer views the fort and its mission from multiple perspectives. Fall tours can be tailored to group needs and cover a variety of themes.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 612-726-1171

**History Theatre**

History Theatre seeks to inspire, entertain and provoke audiences through the creation of new plays that explore Minnesota's past and the diverse American experience. Discussion guides are available for downloading to enhance your group's experience.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-292-4323, [www.historytheatre.com](http://www.historytheatre.com)

### **Hostelling International**

Girl Scouts of the United States and Hostelling International USA have teamed up to offer Girl Scouts discounts on memberships, a patch program, and experiences that can help girls earn Girl Scout age-level awards while discovering the world. Girls can stay at hostel locations throughout the United States.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Multiple

Contact: [groups@hiusa.org](mailto:groups@hiusa.org), [www.hiusa.org](http://www.hiusa.org)

### **GREAT CLIPS® IMAX® THEATRE at the Minnesota Zoo**

Experience it in IMAX! Bring your group to the theatre for a movie, afterwards see how it works on your tour of the booth! Visit [www.imax.com/minnesota](http://www.imax.com/minnesota) for film information.

Date/Time: Reservations are required

Location: Apple Valley, MN

Contact: Group Sales at 952-997-9714 or [cpurfeerst@imax.com](mailto:cpurfeerst@imax.com)

### **James J. Hill House**

Summit Avenue was at the center of activity in St. Paul when the Hill House was completed in 1891. Students will learn about servant and family life and how Hill's railroad empire transformed the landscape of the Northwest. Tours of the house, activity workshops and walking tours of Summit Avenue are offered.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-297-2555

### **Jeffers Petroglyphs**

The prairie and the cultural and geologic records at the petroglyphs provide subject matter for cross-curricular programs in history, geology, biology and anthropology. At the rock outcrop, students search for carvings of buffalo, turtles, thunderbirds and human figures that illustrate the sophisticated cultures that inhabited this area and whose descendants still live today.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: near Windom

Contact: 507-628-5591

### **JoAnn Etc.**

Take part in these successful, fun projects that educate girls for the future. Workshop topics include sewing, jewelry, prints and graphics, floral arrangement, drawing, and painting.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Apple Valley

Contact: 952-953-3800, ext 8

### **Kidcreate Studio**

Inspire the artists in your troop at a Kidcreate Studio art class. Our classes combine fun art projects with lots of giggles and grins. Kidcreate's enthusiastic teachers help each child create a take-home art project. You can choose one of our recommended themes or let us customize a project based on a badge the girls want to earn. Our fun, bright facility is the perfect backdrop for a creative learning experience. Come to the studio for your art class or we can send one of our teachers to you – our classes are completely portable. When you schedule a Kidcreate art class, you know the girls will be inspired, creative and educated. At Kidcreate making a mess is the best!

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Kidcreate Studio in Eden Prairie

Contact: call 952-974-3438 or email Lara at [lara@kidcreatestudio.com](mailto:lara@kidcreatestudio.com)

### **KidzArt**

Learn to draw the easy KidzArt way while using Prismacolor markers, chalk, watercolor, and more artist-grade materials. KidzArt takes art classes to a new level through engaging the imagination and

creating a safe environment to take risks. We specialize in classes, camps, and special events for kids of all ages!

Date/Time: By appointment

Location: Northwest Twin Cities

Contact: 763-494-6957, [info@kidzartmn.com](mailto:info@kidzartmn.com), [www.kidzartmn.com](http://www.kidzartmn.com)

### **KSTP TV**

Tour a behind-the-scenes look at the 5 EYEWITNESS NEWS control rooms and newsroom, a live viewing of a newscast, plus a question-and-answer session with the news anchors and meteorologist (pending breaking news).

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: <http://kstp.com/article/24/> (tour request form)

### **Lakeville Area Arts Center**

The center promotes cultural enrichment and artistic experiences for the entire community by offering many unique youth and adult art classes, such as pottery and painting, as well as a variety of theatrical productions.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Lakeville

Contact: 952-985-4640

### **Laura the Potter**

Come join Laura the Potter in her private art studio as you create with clay. Learn different techniques as you participate in 2-4 clay projects of your choice, which can include hand-built earthenware, a pot on the potter's wheel, wind chimes, ceramic tile and much more! Workshops can be designed to meet the requirements of several different try-its or badges.

Date: By Appointment

Location: Buffalo, MN

Contact: Laura Lounsbury at 763-682-1180 or at [laurathepotter@bwig.net](mailto:laurathepotter@bwig.net)

### **Little Gym of Woodbury**

Our professionally developed, non-competitive curriculum has been designed to build motor skills while having fun and fostering emotional, intellectual and social skills. Our programs include movement, music, gymnastics, sports, exercise, games, listening and cooperation. Trained instructors create an atmosphere where positive experiences are the norm and feedback is given to every child and parent. Girl Scouts can work towards earned awards as they participate in 3 different class options: Gymnastics, dance or sports skills. Evening and weekend options are available, depending on type of class and grade-level. Please visit our website for the complete schedule: [www.thelittlegym.com](http://www.thelittlegym.com)

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Woodbury

Contact: Slater Crosby at 651-501-5822 or [scrosby@thelittlegym.com](mailto:scrosby@thelittlegym.com)

### **Lower Sioux Agency**

At the Lower Sioux Agency students discover how and why the U. S. government planned to remake traditional Dakota life in the 1850s. Hands-on activities, staff-guided programs, walking trails, the restored 1861 warehouse and new exhibits engage students in the study of traditional Dakota life and the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: near Morton

Contact: 507-628-5591

### **Magic of Dollmaking**

Work with St. Paul Artist Sandra Self to create beautiful, magical, handmade dolls. Activities can be scheduled for all age groups.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 651-227-8804

### **Maltby Nature Preserve and Science Center**

The Nature Preserve is a 90-acre wildlife sanctuary comprised of native prairie, woodlands, ponds, streams and one mile of Cannon River frontage. In this unique natural setting, The Science Center provides innovative, P-12 inquiry based science programs through project based field investigations, professional development and real time team teaching.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Randolph

Contact: 507-664-0770, [www.thesciencecentermnp.org](http://www.thesciencecentermnp.org)

### **Maplewood Nature Center**

Call Maplewood Nature Center to schedule a nature program for your group! These naturalist led activities last about 1-1/2 hours and include an outdoor hike. Programs include Wildlife Search, Night Owl Prowl, Tree programs, and more!

Date/Time: Days available for youth groups are Tuesdays-Saturday, 8:30-5:00 pm.

Evening: Scheduled occasionally according to naturalist availability.

Location: Maplewood, MN

Contact: Go to [www.ci.maplewood.mn.us](http://www.ci.maplewood.mn.us). On the left hand column click on Nature Center then Organized Groups then Scouts/Youth & Other. This will bring you to a 2008 Fall Flyer for details on programs offered by Maplewood Nature Center.

### **Mill City Museum**

Mill City Museum offers educational programs for young people from kindergarten through high school. Choose from three field trip themes: People, Power or Flour. Youth discover the unique spaces within Mill City Museum while exploring water as power, the cultural significance of flour, or interacting with real and imagined characters from our past. Cook from scratch in our Baking Lab, build a Mill City in the Water Lab, ride the world's only Flour Tower, or visit the observation deck for a birds-eye view of the Mississippi River.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-341-7556.

### **Minneapolis Institute of Arts**

Minneapolis Institute of Arts is dedicated to national leadership in bringing art and people together to discover, enjoy, and understand the world's diverse artistic heritage. Visit the museum and explore with your troop, embark on a public tour of the museum's collections, or register for an interactive custom tour, with topics such as Women in Art, Architecture, Landscapes, and Senses. Tours may also complement Children's Theater Company productions.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612 870-3140

### **Minnesota Air National Guard Museum**

The Museum has a representative collection of American military aircraft from various periods: fighters, trainers, cargo and liaison aircraft. The Airpark currently displays about 20 different aircraft within easy walking distance.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 612-713-2523, [www.mnangmuseum.org](http://www.mnangmuseum.org)

### **Minnesota Center for Book Arts**

As the largest and most comprehensive center of its kind in the nation, Minnesota Center for Book Arts celebrates the book as a vibrant contemporary art form that takes many shapes. From the traditional

crafts of papermaking, letterpress printing and bookbinding to experimental artmaking and self-publishing techniques, MCBA supports the limitless creative evolution of book arts.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-215-2520, [www.mnbookarts.org](http://www.mnbookarts.org)

### **Minnesota Harvest**

Minnesota Harvest is one of America's premiere apple orchards featuring: pre-picked apples, u-pick apples, a full kitchen, bakery, wagon rides, hiking trails, petting farm, pony rides, live music, and horse trail rides.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Jordan

Contact: 952-492-7753, [www.minnesotaharvest.net](http://www.minnesotaharvest.net)

### **Minnesota History Center**

There's always something new at the History Center. Year after year, our youth field trips provide engaging lessons and museum exhibit experiences. The History Center offers a variety of field trip options to fit every age.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-259-3400

### **Minnesota Orchestra**

Minnesota Orchestra Young People's Concerts are a wonderful way to introduce young people of all ages to symphonic music. Each concert may focus on a specific musical element, composer, time period or theme. Experience any of the spectacular concerts offered.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-371-5656, [www.minnesotaorchestra.org](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org)

### **Minnesota State Capitol**

Observe legislative committees in action, defend positions on real legislative issues, explore our Capitol's architecture and experience other hands-on activities.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-296-2881

### **Mississippi River**

Combine service and nature discovery in a program customized for your troop. Participate in habitat restoration projects, try an ecology game, or hear about the history of the river, with other youth groups or on your own.

Date/Time: By appointment

Location: Multiple

Contact: Ranger Tom Ibsen, 651-290-3030 ext. 233, [Thomas\\_ibsen@nps.gov](mailto:Thomas_ibsen@nps.gov), [www.nps.gov/miss](http://www.nps.gov/miss)

### **Niagara Cave**

One of the most fascinating and unique geological attractions in the Midwest; visitors will witness a waterfall, nearly 60 feet high, stalactites both delicate and massive, calcite flowstone, and fossils that have been dated to over 400 million years old.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Harmony

Contact: 800-837-6606, [www.niagaracave.com](http://www.niagaracave.com)

### **North Star Museum of Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting**

The North Star Museum offers guided tours of exhibits, programs, and special events. They also provide service opportunities to both troops and individual girls.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 651-748-2880, [www.nssm.org](http://www.nssm.org)

### **Okaman Elk Farm and Petting Zoo**

The mid-1800's historic farm was once the site of a sorghum mill attracting people from the area to buy the sweet dark syrup. Okaman is more than elk. Over 1,000 visitors each year enjoy the free petting zoo featuring miniature donkeys, pygmy goats, alpacas, kittens and more.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Elysian  
Contact: 507-267-4054, [www.okamanonline.com](http://www.okamanonline.com)

### **Old Gem Theater**

Enjoy youth and professional stage performances in the historic Old Gem Theater in New Richmond, WI. Theater classes are also available.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Richmond, WI  
Contact: Kathy Welch, 715-246-3285, [www.oldgemtheater.com](http://www.oldgemtheater.com)

### **Oliver H. Kelley Farm**

The Oliver H. Kelley Farm offers four two-hour living history programs for different age groups. Young people help with chores and tasks on this working 1860s farm and come to understand how farming changed in the 19th-century. Farm activities vary based on the seasons.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Elk River  
Contact: 763-441-6896

### **Ordway Center for the Performing Arts**

Ordway Center is going to take you on a world-wide journey of places, people, and creative expressions in performances where girls can safely recognize a part of themselves and be challenged with new ideas, thoughts, and customs.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 651-282-3000, [www.ordway.org](http://www.ordway.org)

### **PACER Center**

PACER Center assists parents and youth-serving professionals and volunteers with access to resources and technology for children with disabilities or special health needs. Most programs and workshops are free to Minnesota families.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 952-838-9000, [www.pacer.org](http://www.pacer.org)

### **Padelford Riverboat Company**

Spot bald eagles, herons, egrets and falcons as you travel back in time from St. Paul's bustling downtown harbor through the Mississippi National Great River Park.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 651-227-1100, [www.riverrides.com](http://www.riverrides.com)

### **Paradise Center for the Arts**

Come see the beautifully restored and renovated first floor lobby, classroom space and retail gallery. Learn more about the restoration of the historic auditorium and second floor. Paradise offers classes in pottery, textiles, painting, drawing and other art forms as well as many performances and special events.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Faribault  
Contact: 507-332-7372, [www.paradisecenterforthearts.org](http://www.paradisecenterforthearts.org)

### **Phipps Center for the Arts**

The Phipps Center for the Arts has celebrated the creative spirit for over 20 years by offering exciting performances, outstanding exhibitions, and inspiring instruction for everyone. The Phipps offers year-round opportunities for children and young people with classes in performance and visual arts.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Hudson, WI  
Contact: 715-386-2305, [www.thehipps.org](http://www.thehipps.org)

### **Prairie Ecology Bus Center**

Discover our natural wonders through a variety of programs and activities all throughout the year. You can explore topics such as orienteering, animal skulls, pond dipping, crystal rock gardens, animal tracks and so much more.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Lakefield  
Contact: 507-662-5064, [www.ecologybus.org](http://www.ecologybus.org)

### **Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center**

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center is committed to providing outstanding environmental education and outdoor experiences to people of all ages. You can experience a variety of environmental education programs, living history, or time travel, as well as try their challenge course activities.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Spicer  
Contact: 320-354-5894, [www.prairiewoodselc.org](http://www.prairiewoodselc.org)

### **Pump It Up!**

Pump It Up has indoor play arenas filled with colossal, colorful inflated play structures such as skyscraping slides, obstacle courses, inflated basketball court, bounce houses, and coliseums for boxing or jousting.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Multiple  
Contact: 1-866-977-JUMP, [www.pumpitupparty.com](http://www.pumpitupparty.com)

### **Raptor Center**

Learn about the positive and negative impacts humans have on our environment and be inspired by some of our greatest environmental success stories, such as those of the peregrine falcon and the bald eagle. Leave feeling inspired and empowered, having learned specific actions you can take to protect raptors and the environment.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 612-624-2756, [www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu/raptor/home](http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu/raptor/home)

### **Renegade Board Shop**

Check out our indoor facility that is 10,000 square feet of ramps, rails and fun! We allow skateboards, bikes and inline skates everywhere in the park.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Faribault  
Contact: 507-332-9844, [www.renegadeboardshop.com](http://www.renegadeboardshop.com)

### **Reptile, Amphibian, Discovery Zoo**

These highly informative, engaging, and interactive presentations provide an extremely enjoyable experience for Girl Scouts, while instilling a greater understanding of these unique animals and the incredible lives they live.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Will travel  
Contact: 1-888-4RADZOO, [www.theradzoo.com](http://www.theradzoo.com)

### **Science at The Works**

Take a tour of the “hands-on, minds-on” exhibits of The Works Museum at the Edina Community Center and add a fun science workshop for your group. Many topics, including some tailored to Try-Its and Girl Scout Junior badges.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Edina  
Contact: 952-848-4848, [info@theworks.org](mailto:info@theworks.org), [www.theworks.org](http://www.theworks.org)

### **Sewing Angels**

Sewing Angels is a volunteer organization that distributes handmade quilts and blankets to seriously ill or traumatized children. You can take part in this very important community service project while learning valuable basic sewing skills and how to work as a team.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Bloomington or St. Paul  
Contact: Mary or Martha Godby, 651-644-3834; Carmen, Associated Sewing, 651-645-9449

### **Sheldon Theatre**

Theater, music, dance and film by local, regional, national and international artists is what you'll find at Red Wing's turn-of-century theatre.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Red Wing  
Contact: 651-388-8700, [www.sheldontheatre.org](http://www.sheldontheatre.org)

### **Sibley House Historic Site**

The fully furnished limestone homes of Gov. Henry Sibley and fur trader Jean-Baptiste Faribault were at the center of regional changes in the 1840s and '50s. Covering topics from the Dakota fur trade to politics, the tour programs are ideal for ages 9 and up.

Date/ Time: By Appointment  
Location: St. Paul  
Contact: 651-452-1596

### **Sleepy Eye Stained Glass**

Classes are offered in a variety of areas including stained glass, mosaic stepping stones, fusing, bead making, etching, and many more. No experience necessary to attend the classes; come and learn the basics.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Sleepy Eye  
Contact: 507-794-6449, [seglass@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:seglass@sleepyeyetel.net) , [www.sestainedglass.com](http://www.sestainedglass.com)

### **SPAM™ Museum**

Every SPAM™ Fan needs to make a pilgrimage to the SPAM® Museum. It is the very center of the SPAM™ universe. It is a necessary journey for anyone who loves canned meat.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Austin  
Contact: 800-588-7726, [www.spam.com/museum](http://www.spam.com/museum)

### **St. Olaf College**

Take a stroll through our beautiful campus on Manitou Hill and enjoy the many works of art. Attend an athletic contest, music concert or theater performance. Consider a run or hike through our natural lands where you can enjoy prairies, wetlands and a mature forest.

Date/Time: By Appointment  
Location: Northfield

Contact: 507-786-2222, [www.stolaf.edu/visiting/](http://www.stolaf.edu/visiting/)

### **Stages Theatre Company**

Your troop can experience (2) one-hour workshops and have the opportunity to attend a Stages Theatre Company performance! Each hands-on workshop is designed to get you excited about the world of theatre through energizing games and activities. Pre-show and post-show workshops are led by professional teaching artists and include topics like "Actors at Play" and "Makeup Makeover." Looking for some different topics or can't make it to a show? We can come to you with Create Your Own Workshops.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Hopkins

Contact: Cassandra Proball, 952-979-1138, [cproball@stagestheatre.org](mailto:cproball@stagestheatre.org)

### **SteppingStone Theatre for Youth Development**

The mission of SteppingStone Theatre is to develop the whole child by using educational theatre programs and fully-staged productions to build self-esteem, confidence, and a sense of community, while supporting diversity in a supportive, non-competitive atmosphere.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: Emily, 651-225-9265, [www.steppingstonetheatre.org](http://www.steppingstonetheatre.org)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Lair Skateboarding**

Explore the sport of skateboarding this year! 3<sup>rd</sup> Lair indoor skate-park is located in Golden Valley and features pipes, banks, and rails for all levels. Let trained instructors introduce you to this popular sport!

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Golden Valley

Contact: 763-797-7401

### **Twin Cities Public Television (TPT)**

Tours of the station are available the first Saturday of the months November through April from 10 am to noon.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-229-1330, [www.tpt.org](http://www.tpt.org)

### **Underwater Adventures**

Visit Underwater Adventures Aquarium at Mall of America and add a personal tour, classroom session, behind the scenes tour, or job shadow program. You can even stay overnight for a Sleeping with the Sharks program.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Bloomington

Contact: 952-853-0612, [education@minnesotaaquarium.com](mailto:education@minnesotaaquarium.com), [www.underwaterworld.com](http://www.underwaterworld.com)

### **University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum**

The Arboretum features more than 1,000 acres of magnificent gardens, model landscapes, and natural areas-from woodlands and wetlands to prairie-with extensive collections of northern-hardy plants. Tour the Arboretum on 12.5 miles of garden paths and hiking trails. Walk the close gardens and bike, walk or drive Three-Mile Drive to see more gardens and collections.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Chaska

Contact: 952-443-1400, [www.arboretum.umn.edu](http://www.arboretum.umn.edu)

### **USA Karate**

Find your inner strength at USA Karate through martial arts and self defense. USA Karate offers free one hour martial arts workshops for all Girl Scout grade levels.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Multiple

Contact: Lisa, 651-998-0960, [usakaratewoodbury@yahoo.com](mailto:usakaratewoodbury@yahoo.com); [www.usa-karate.net](http://www.usa-karate.net)

### **Walker Art Center**

Visit the newly installed and expanded galleries, participate in a hands-on Art Lab experience, explore the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, or view a film from the Walker's extensive Edmond R. Ruben Collection. The expanded facility offers beautiful terraces and lounges for group discussions, including new spaces featuring digital access to the Walker's collections.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-375-7600

### **Waseca Art Center**

Outstanding art exhibits by the very best regional artists rotate in the gallery at the Waseca Art Center and one of the most unique area gift shops is located in the mid section of the Center.

Date/Time: Multiple

Location: Waseca

Contact: 507-835-1701, [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org)

### **Washington Pavilion**

The Washington Pavilion features the Visual Arts Center, Kirby Science Discovery Center, CineDome Theater, and Husby Performing Arts Center. You can explore hands-on science exhibits, watch movies on giant screens, see a world class performance at the theater, discover more about art in the six different galleries, or even camp-in at the Kirby Science Discovery Center.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Sioux Falls, SD

Contact: 877-WashPav, 605-367-6000, [www.washingtonpavilion.org](http://www.washingtonpavilion.org)

### **WCCO Television Studios**

Station tours include the station air control area, the tape room, the newsroom, news control, the news studio and the weather center.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: 612-330-2576, <http://wcco.com>

### **Welch Village Ski and Snowboard Area**

Reserve a Saturday night for your troop to hit the slopes or come out to Welch on "Scout Day".

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Welch

Contact: 651-222-7079, [www.welchvillage.com](http://www.welchvillage.com)

### **Women's Drum Center**

Deepen group connections through the power of drumming! Learn to play hand drums and other percussion instruments. Play Caribbean, South American, and African rhythms together. Ongoing workshops are also offered for girls aged 8-13.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: St. Paul

Contact: 651-695-1941, [www.womensdrumcenter.org](http://www.womensdrumcenter.org)

### **Young Chef's Academy**

Young Chefs Academy is a unique culinary experience which offers cooking classes to children in a safe environment that encourages discovery and creativity. YCA offers Girl Scout-specific classes as a unique way for Girl Scout Juniors and Brownies to earn their choice of 5 different badges or try-its.

Date: By appointment

Location: Edina, MN

Contact: Patty Larson at 952-224-9160 or visit [www.ycaedina.com](http://www.ycaedina.com)