

A list of community resources has been compiled by program staff throughout our jurisdiction. This is intended to assist girls and leaders when planning activities. However, River Valleys is not responsible for these events or for information about them that is subject to change. If you know of another great resource we should add, email us at [girlscoutsv@girlscoutsv.org](mailto:girlscoutsv@girlscoutsv.org).

### **"Skate-o-ween"**

The Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis (at Augsburg College) is hosting a "Skate-o-ween" on Friday night, October 30, 2009. Check out our website for more details on this free event: [www.fscmpls.org](http://www.fscmpls.org). We are also able to offer "troop lessons" free of charge. Please contact Trina at [earth2trina@comcast.net](mailto:earth2trina@comcast.net) if you are interested in a group lesson or event.

### **Barbi Lee Dance: Children's Nutcracker**

Enjoy a one-hour presentation in music and dance of the beloved E.A.T Hoffman story, danced by the students of Barbi Lee Dance and guest artists. Work towards your Dancercise Try-It or Dance Badge by going backstage after the show for a tour, and talking with the director. Girl Scout groups of 10 or more will receive a discounted ticket price of \$6.00.

Date/Time: Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. or Sunday, December 6 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Location: Barbi Lee Dance, Edina, MN

Contact: (952) 942-0020

### **Bring the Works to You**

Have an Explainer from The Works Museum bring one of their science and engineering workshops to your event or meeting place. Topics in electricity, construction, and various sciences are available.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: The Works at 952-848-4848, [info@theworks.org](mailto:info@theworks.org), or visit [www.theworks.org](http://www.theworks.org) for more information

### **Children's Theatre Company**

Children's Theatre Company has created Scout Days at CTC as a way for your troop to see a live performance at a discount and work toward your theatre or drama badge. With enough lead time, we can offer back stage tours and "Talk Backs" with company actors and staff. CTC was the first theatre for young audiences in the U.S. to win the coveted Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

Date/Time: By appointment

Location: Minneapolis

Contact: Jeanette Wiedemeier Bower, Public Group Manager, 612-872-5319, or [publicgroupsales@childrenstheatre.org](mailto:publicgroupsales@childrenstheatre.org) / [www.childrenstheatre.org](http://www.childrenstheatre.org)

### **Continental Ballet Company: The Nutcracker, special matinee performance for Girl Scouts**

Continental Ballet Company, a professional ballet company, will present the holiday classic Nutcracker Ballet at the Bloomington Center for the Arts on Saturday, December 5th. Tickets are only \$8.00. In order for us to offer this exclusively to Girl Scouts, a minimum of 200 participants is required. Please register your troop by October 15th to make this a Girl Scout Nutcracker. Participants can be Girl Scouts, their troop leaders and adult chaperones.

Date/time: Saturday, December 5, 2009; 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bloomington Center for the Arts

Contact: Continental Ballet Company at 952-563-8562 or email [cbcinfo@continentalballet.com](mailto:cbcinfo@continentalballet.com)

### **Mad Science**

Spark imaginative learning with hands-on science workshops and fun auditorium shows. Many topics, including some tailored to Try-Its and Girl Scout Junior badges.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: Mad Science at 651-793-5721, [mail@madsciencemn.org](mailto:mail@madsciencemn.org), visit [www.madscience.org](http://www.madscience.org) for more information

### **Mighty Mississippi Discovery Backpacks**

Discovery Backpacks include supplies to explore the park and the Mississippi River including activity cards, binoculars, magnifiers, bird calls, nature guides, and more. Available in individual and group sizes, and can be checked out from Fort Snelling State Park, North Mississippi Regional Park, or Mississippi River Visitor Center.

Date/time: By Appointment

Location: Multiple

Contact: Mississippi River Visitor Center, 651-293-0200, visit [www.nps.gov/miss/discpack.htm](http://www.nps.gov/miss/discpack.htm) for more information

### **Ms. Hilda's Manners**

Calling all Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies!!! Where are your manners? Come explore the world of etiquette with the out-of-this world Ms. Hilda. She has lots of different hats that she pulls from a bright "Mundito," world bag to show that all kids, everywhere, must mind their manners or miss out on positive things. With her interactive approach, Ms. Hilda, an author of two manner's books, will demonstrate the importance of good manners while participants are able to work towards Daisy petals or the Brownie Manners Try-It. Manner topics may include: respect for others, meeting people, table manners, eating customs, phone fun, hosting a party, honesty, friendliness, and considerate, caring, and good behavior. This program will be tailored for individual troops and lead by Ms. Hilda in an entertaining and charming way. Program duration and cost per girl is dependent on troop needs and activities, as arranged by troop leader and Ms. Hilda. Certificates, bookmarks, and awards will be earned.

Date/Time: By appointment

Location: To be arranged by troop leader and Ms. Hilda

Contact: Ms. Hilda at 952-303-3810, [mshilda@mshilda.com](mailto:mshilda@mshilda.com)

[View Ms. Hilda's Manners flier here](#)

### **Paper Crafts with Julia**

Participate in a paper crafts workshop which focuses on a lesson of your choice: friendship, cooperation, respect etc. All supplies provided.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will Travel

Contact: Julia Prosser, 651-367-4463, [julia.prosser@yahoo.com](mailto:julia.prosser@yahoo.com); visit [www.juliaprosser.com](http://www.juliaprosser.com) for more information

### **Science Explorers**

Explore science and art for twice the fun. Special rates are available for Girl Scouts. Topics include chemistry, nature, archeology, literature, and more.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: Science Explorers at 763-544-5441, [info@science-explorers.net](mailto:info@science-explorers.net) or visit <http://science-explorers.net> for more information

### **Science Outside the Box**

Explore chemistry, physics, and other fun science topics. Professor Sepoc will design a special program just for your meeting or event.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: Jane Snell Copes, 651-451-3720, [profsepoc@scienceoutsidethebox.com](mailto:profsepoc@scienceoutsidethebox.com) or visit [www.scienceoutsidethebox.com](http://www.scienceoutsidethebox.com) for more information

### **Scrabble**

Girl Scouts of the USA and the National Scrabble Association have teamed up to offer a new Scrabble Patch. The Mankato Scrabble Association has offered to assist troops in earning this patch. This patch is open to girls of all ages. To view the patch requirements go to: <http://school.scrabble-assoc.com/main.asp?id=52> or to view the patch go to:

<http://school.scrabble-assoc.com/Images/Images/scrpitscrabbleversion.pdf> . You could either meet with the club on a Sunday night from 6-10 pm at the Coffee Haag in Mankato when they have their weekly meetings or you can set up a time for someone from the club to meet with your troop. Participation could lead to a scrabble tournament!

Date/Time: By Appt.

Location: Mankato, MN

Contact: If your troop would like to earn this patch, contact Andrew Westberg, Mankato Club Director, at 507-344-0643.

### **Stuff-n-Snuggle.**

Get together for a Stuff-n-Snuggle Workshop. Stuff your own animal or bear and make a new friend; pretty outfits and fun accessories are available too!

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will Travel

Contact: Julia Prosser, 651-367-4463, [julia.prosser@yahoo.com](mailto:julia.prosser@yahoo.com); visit [www.juliaprosser.com](http://www.juliaprosser.com) for more information

### **The Bakken Outreach**

Bring educators from The Bakken Museum of Electricity in Life to your encampment or event for experiments in electricity, biology, and other topics.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: Danni, 612-926-3878 ext. 238 or visit [www.thebakken.org](http://www.thebakken.org) for more information

### **Underwater Adventures Outreach**

Bring the staff of Underwater Adventures Aquarium to your event along with artifacts to see and touch and live animals. Auditorium, mini-assembly, and classroom size programs available.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will travel

Contact: Underwater Adventures at 952-853-0612, [education@minnesotaaquarium.com](mailto:education@minnesotaaquarium.com), or visit [www.underwaterworld.com](http://www.underwaterworld.com) for more information

### **Yoga 101**

Discover new ways to stretch, breathe, relax and have fun! Girls will learn traditional yoga poses such as lion, tree, and warrior to develop strength, flexibility, coordination and balance.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Minnetonka or will travel in west metro suburbs

Contact: Shari, 612-360-8314, [sharidanielson@mac.com](mailto:sharidanielson@mac.com)

### **ZooMobile**

Get a close-up, hands-on opportunity to go nose-to-nose with a variety of creatures as you explore the wonders of the Animal Kingdom. A Great Plains Zoo education staff member will travel to your location to present a program on the topic of your choice.

Date/Time: By Appointment

Location: Will Travel

Contact: Great Plains Zoo Education Department, 605-367-7003, visit [www.gpzoo.org](http://www.gpzoo.org) for more information