

After School Resources - Free & Inexpensive Outings

This guide is a suggestion only, designed to help after school programs locate free & low cost quality resources. For changes contact The Children's Initiative at 858-581-5893.

Astronomy Association, S.D.	619-670-7622	Free	Earl Towson	etowson@tmisnet.com	One hour slide show on space and planets
Astronomy Association S.D. Educational Outreach	619-645-8940	Free		sdaa.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=outreach.info	Once a month, there is an educational lecture program held at the Visitors Center at Mission Trails Regional Park during which guest speakers share their wisdom and experience. SDAA is especially proud of their "School Star Parties" held not only for schools, but also for other youth groups across the county. SDAA conducts astronomy seminars for educators, mirror and telescope making classes, and classes in observing and astrophotography. Printed educational resources, teaching aids, and lending telescopes are available for use by any school or group requesting them.
Balboa Park Museums (listed below)		Free 1st-4th Tuesdays Museums rotate, entries change monthly	Check websites for current free days of month	www.balboapark.org/visitors.html#freetuesday	Likely free 1st Tue each month: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Model Railroad Museum, Natural History Museum. Likely free 2nd Tue each month: Museum of Photographic Arts, Historical Society Museum, Veterans Museum & Memorial Center. Likely free 3rd Tue each month: Japanese Friendship Garden, Mingei International Museum, San Diego Art Institute, Museum of Man, Museum of Art - Permanent collection only. Likely free 4th Tue each month: Aerospace Museum, International Cottage, Hall of Champions, Breitbard Hall of Fame.
Balboa Park Botanical Building	619-239-0512	Free of charge			Open Friday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wood lathe structure with 2,100 tropical plants and changing seasonal flowers, a carnivorous plant bog and a touch-and-smell garden.

Balboa Park Centro Cultural De La Raza 204 Park Blvd San Diego, CA 92101	619-235-6135	View website for current costs if any.	Viviana Enrique	www.centroraza.org	Located at 2125 Park Blvd. this location offers music, art, education, etc. at a variety of costs with many events free. The second Sunday of each month, through June, is a free 2 p.m. performance by Ballet Folklorico. Please check the website for monthly updates of their schedule. The Centro Cultural de la Raza has a mission of creating, promoting, preserving, and educating about Mexicano/a, Chicano/a, Latino/a and Indigenous art and culture in the San Diego/Tijuana Border Region. The Centro's programs include a multi-disciplinary educational component, performing and literary arts presentations, visual arts exhibits and film/video screenings.
Balboa Park House of Pacific Relations International Cottages	619-234-0739	Free	Website or phone	www.sdhpr.org	Free art & culture of 28 ethnic groups are shown every Sunday noon-4 p.m. with select cottages open the fourth Tuesday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Summer food, dance & music is celebrated at 2 p.m. Sundays through end August. See website for more information.
Balboa Park Hall of Champions Sports Museum	619-232-2544	\$3/person	Website or phone	www.sdhoc.com	The nation's largest multi-sport museum. Open daily 10-4:30 p.m.
Balboa Park Historical Society Museum	619-232-6203	\$4 youth \$5 adults	Website or phone	www.sandiegohistory.org	An educational and cultural institution dedicated to preserving and sharing growing historical collections and extensive archives with the community. Connections of the past to the future are made so that all generations will understand and appreciate the richness of San Diego's regional history. Museum and Research Archives can be found in the Casa de Balboa building in Balboa Park.

Balboa Park Japanese Friendship Garden	619-232-2721	\$20 for 30 max. docent-led 45 min. tour if you call two weeks in advance	Miho Ishida	www.niwa.org	The Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego can be found next to (north of) the organ pavilion in Balboa Park. This site has roots in the 1915 World Exposition with strong community interest keeping the Tea Pavilion open and further built with the development of San Diego's Sister City Yokohama. Call with two weeks advance notice to secure a docent at the rate of \$20 for 30 youth. Open until 4 p.m. fall and winter; open until 5 p.m. Labor Day in May through the first week in Sept.
Balboa Park Natural History Museum	619-232-3821 619-255-0203 Education Dept	Free every 1st Tuesday of the month (see site)	Located across from Rueben H. Fleet Science Center	www.sdnhm.org	Call for durrent exhibits and classes.
Balboa Park Museum of Photographic Arts 1649 El Prado San Diego, CA 92101	619-238-7559	Free docent tours for students; Free every 2nd Tuesday of Month	For arrangements , contact Shantelle Le Grow, Education Program Manager at Ext.235, two weeks prior to outing.	www.mopa.org	They have a museum of photography as well as a film program for students to view and study films.
Balboa Park Model Railroad Museum 1649 El Prado	619-696-0199	Free with advance call		www.sdmodelrailroadm.com	Children under age 15 can be admitted free if visit is pre-arranged
Balboa Park Old Globe Theatre	619-231-1941 #2142	Free to after school programs via The Children's Initiative	Holly Ward, Coordinator of Tours; Request Pat for lead of your guided tours	www.oldglobe.org	Free 1-½ hour tours of the Old Globe Theatre (specify shorter session if preferred). Schedule visit for Mon-Fri during after school hours. Periods of availability are designated according to performance schedule. Inquire from Holly Ward at least two weeks prior to desired date for openings. They will accept 15 to 60 youth, 3 rd grade through middle school ages.

Balboa Park Railroad Museum Also see other locations listed: National City Santa Fe Depot Museum, Historic Rail Car Plaza, Escondido Train Station, Trains at Andersen's Nursery	General info: 619-696-0199 Youth club: 619-840-7635 or e-mail sdmrcyouthprog@aol.com	Free to 15 yrs and under; \$5 adults (although ask in advance for free entry for your group)	Phone or web, Education Department	www.sdmodelrailroadm.com	Call to inquire about special entry times for your after school youth as the site can choose to open later for your group; ask to speak with the Education Department. Otherwise, regular open times are Tue.-Fri. 11-4; Sat.-Sun. 11-5. There is also a small theater/classroom location in Pacific Beach but you must call first to schedule time to view or to use the space: 619-696-0199. This museum also displays every year at the two week city fair in Del Mar end of June. You may also contact the 7635 phone # or e-mail to inquire about their youth program for ages 11-17 that meets at the Balboa Park location to study engineering (introduction, layout construction, track planning, DCC & NMRA, electric wiring, etc.)
Balboa Park Rangers	619-235-1121 or 619-239-0512	Free of charge			Meet rangers in front of the Visitors Center in Plaza de Panama for an architectural and horticultural walk along the Prado; Tuesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m.
Balboa Park Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado San Diego, CA 92101	619-238-1233 X 853	Free every 1st Tuesday of the month, 3:00-5:00 p.m.	Call client services for current exhibits and reduced field trip rates at 619-238-1233, X 806	www.rhfleet.org	Science center
Balboa Park San Diego Museum of Art	619-231-1996 619-232-7931	Free	Karen Hamburg - General Help Line	www.sdmart.org	With 3 weeks advance notice, Karen will arrange for a free docent lead tour at 1 or 2 PM for as many as 30 after-school youth on a Tue., Wed., Thurs., or Fri.
Balboa Park San Diego Natural History Museum	Education Dept. - 619-255-0203 General telephone 619-232-3821	Free every 1st Tuesday of the month (see site)		www.sdnhm.org	Regular cost is \$5-\$9 each. Museum is open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Located directly across from the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Call for current exhibits and classes.

Balboa Park Spanish Village Art Center Village Place, San Diego CA 92101	1771 619-233-9050 619-557-0517	Free of charge to visit site although training classes will charge a cost.	Lucy Wang (St.4) Elizabeth Woolrych (St. 6) Charlotte Ibach (St.10) Ellie Hitchcock (St. 30)	www.lucywang.com	Painters, sculptors, glass blowers and jewelry designers display their art. Most are working studios, so you can watch the artists work. Art work is for sale and a tour of the SD Mineral and Gem Society (including fossils) museum is available from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Chinese Brush Painting is at Studio 4 at 619-557-0517; Children's Clay is at Studio 6 at 619-236-8997; painting, drawing, masks is at Studio 10 at 619-818-9307; Polymer Clay Studio is at Studio 30 at 619-236-1182.
Balboa Park Spreckles Organ Pavillion		Free	Website	Sosorgan.com	See website (or the attached Year-Around Venues list) for latest show dates and times.
Balboa Park Timken Museum of Art	619-239-5548	Free of charge			Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. It offers a permanent display of European old master paintings, American paintings and Russian icons.
Balboa Park World Beat Culture Center 2100 Park Blvd. San Diego CA 92103	619-230-1190	Free on Sunday only	Jesse Graham	www.worldbeatcenter.org	Located in Balboa Park at 2100 Park Blvd. this location offers free youth drumming lessons Sunday at noon. Many other lessons are also offered at \$5 per student. A youth garden is out of doors at the entry way.
Bancroft Ranch House Museum Spring Valley	619-469-1480	Free of charge	Call to schedule at least two weeks in advance for outing during the week that accommodates after school programs.		The house, displaying indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, was built in 1863 on 9050 Memory Lane. It is maintained by the Spring Valley Historical Society and is registered as a national historic landmark. Located on a spot beside a spring where Kumeyaay Indians camped 1000+ years ago, to commemorate this, the area was later given the name of Spring Valley. The house includes a garden and picnic area. Regular days and hours are Fri, Sat, Sun 1-4 p.m.
Bates Nut Farm 15954 Valley Center Road, Valley Center, CA 92082	760-749-3333 1-800-642-0348	Hay ride - \$4 per person with group of 15 or more		www.batesnutfarm.biz	One-hour tour includes a farm history lesson; learn about a variety of nuts and enjoy a hayride. Bring a picnic lunch and pet animals (sheep, goats, geese, llamas, chickens, emu - free of charge
Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center 7380 Gabbiano Lane, Carlsbad 92009	760-931-0800	Free of charge	Website	www.batiquitosfoundation.org	Tours are available anytime. Wintering birds can be spotted during docent-led nature walks on Saturdays
Biology - Pacific Southwest La Jolla	619-477-5333		Mitch Beauchamp	mitch@psbs.com	Will talk about bats, watershed, how individual actions can affect others relating to land development.

Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institute of Oceanography 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla CA 92037	858-534-8665 or 858-534-8665 - Education Department	Group price - \$4.50 per person	Ricky	www.aquarium.ucsd.edu	Title I schools may receive partial scholarships. This site offers a unique approach to K-12 education as reflected in the array of topics that are offered covering Life and Physical Sciences. Aquarium programs emphasize investigation and experimentation through student-centered learning activities. Hands-on inquiry and experimental approach is designed to teach grade-appropriate ocean Earth Science concepts in an atmosphere of creative exploration. Each program promotes interaction between students, teachers and parent chaperones. Closes at 4 p.m., a good half-day trip. Topic highlights are: Inter-Tidal Ecology, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, Oceanography, Oceans and Global Climate Change, Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, Ocean Technology, Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicines.
Blue Sky Ecological Reserve Poway	858-668-4781- 858-679-5469	Reserv. Office	Annie Ransom, Ranger	www.blueskyreserve.com	Although they normally operate only on weekends, week-day after school ecology hikes can be offered with two weeks notice via phone for K-8th grades. The hours are 3:00-5:00 p.m. The maximum hike size is 30 people, 15 are preferred. Take I-5 to Rancho Bernardo exit & head east 3 miles. The road turns into Espola where you will find Blue Sky on the left side 1/4 mile past Old Coach Road.
Boomers! 6999 Clairmont Mesa Blvd., San Diego CA 92111	858-560-4212	Reduced group prices	Mike King or Lisa Madrano	www.boomersparks.com/parks/sandiego	"10 Buck" Tuesdays and Thursdays, Unlimited Video Games, Miniature Golf, Bumper Boats and Kids County Fair. \$5 extra for unlimited go-karts and laser runner
Bose Corporation	619-840-4013	Free of charge	Nancy Anderson	Nancy_Anderson@bose.com	Program Manager of Harmony With Education will provide several hours of training to groups of persons who will teach youth about music. Handmade musical instruments for lectures will also be provided if planned in advance.
Cabrillo National Monument Point Loma	619-557-5450	Free is 15 years or younger via van/bus		http://www.nps.gov/cabr/	Open 9 AM-5:15 PM 365 days per year. Phone them first. Scenic national monument honoring explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, Old Point Lighthouse, watch Gray whales during their annual winter migration (Jan.-March), hiking Bayside trail, visitor complex & bookstore, ranger talks, coastal chaparral zone with plants & animals native to San Diego

California Center for the Arts Escondido	760-839-4140, 4253	Free & at a cost	Phone & website	www.artcenter.org/education .htm	California Center for the Arts is at 340 North Escondido Blvd. Please check their website for free events. For 2006 free is: March 1 Celtic Connection for Music Born in America Celtic & American folk; April 5 Freeway Philharmonic music influences found in Peter and the Wolf; May 3 Latin Jazz Cruzado jazz with traditional Latin, Afro-Cuban & Brazilian rhythms; June 7 Bruce Dorcy classic pianist performing Mozart to Beethoven. Watch site for more free performances.
California Surf Museum 223 North Coast Highway, Oceanside CA	760-721-6876	Free of charge		www.surfmuseum.org	See displays of surfing equipment, photographs, surfing legends and more. Open daily 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Call before visiting.
Campo Train Ride & Museum (Also see La Mesa Pacific SW Train Depot)	619-417-7059 or 619-465- PSRM	\$4 per youth	Jim Lundquist	www.psrn.org	\$4 each per youth for a scheduled hour and a half train ride from Campo. For after school youth, they will plan ahead for a 2:00-3:00 ride, Mon-Fri and a tour of their museum with over 80 railroad cars and locomotives (normally open only on weekends. Need at least 50 attendees, so plan in advance with Jim.
Center for the Arts Escondido	1-800-988- 4253	Free	See website	www.artcenter.org/firstwed.h tm	There is a free Wednesday series at 4:00 p.m., sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank. The calendar of events include: 2/1/06 - Campanile (percussion); 3/1/06 - Celtic Connection; 4/5/06 - Freeway Philharmonic; 5/3/06 - Latin Jazz Cruzado; 6/7/06 - Classical Pianist Dorcy
Chemicals in Science Carlsbad	760-931-2073, 760-603-2225		Contact Carolyn Neilson Brooks	www.airproducts.com www.schumacher.com	Tour of Carlsbad site: Building of semiconductor wafers used in many ways...not just in computers. Tours to include science, liquid nitrogen and specialized chemicals, wafer manufacturing demos and clean-room facilities. Good for career planning.
Children's Discovery Museum North San Diego County	760-720-0737	Check website for cost		www.museumforchildren.org	The museum features hands-on exhibits for children ages 2-12, including fishing boat, crafts, computer areas and a solar-powered toy train.

Chinese Historical Museum 3rd Avenue Downtown San Diego	404	619-338-9888	Free	Phone	www.sdchm.org	In downtown San Diego's Chinatown at 404 Third Avenue 92101 (at Third and J St.). Note that there are two parts to this museum on opposite street corners so please attend both the old building and the new museum. Typically open Tue-Sat until 4 pm but will remain open later if you call in advance to schedule for your after school group. An exquisite Asian garden can be toured too. Displays of local and international artists change regularly so call in advance to see what is currently on special tour. The museum focuses on education and preservation.
Chollas Lake & Gloria's Mesa & North Community Park Rolando/Kensington Neighborhood College Grove Drive 92115	6350	619-527-7683	Free to youth up to age 15	Phone or web	www.sandiego.gov	Open until 30 minutes before sunset. A very large park and reservoir with fishing for youth, squirrels, coyotes, osprey, coots and many others. There are walk paths, nature, playgrounds, an athletic field (use Gloria's Mesa entrance), amphitheater, exercise stations, etc. Customized park rangers are available for youth if you call the phone number in advance. First global naval radio performed at this site in 1917. See the attached Venue list for a weekend listing of events including the STAR/PAL Fishing Derby in Feb.
Chula Vista Nature Center and Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge		619-409-5903	Free of charge	Phone Barbara Moore or website	www.chulavistanaturecenter.org	Call to pre-schedule your after-school group for a free visit 3-5 PM weekdays. Confirm free entry via Barbara Moore. This center uses a hands-on approach to teach people about salt-march habitats and marine life.
Cobb Reserve Clairemont		858-581-9952	Free of charge	www.sandiego.gov	Phone	Enter in Clairemont at the neighborhood intersection of Cobb Place and Cobb Drive. Stairs lead deep into the "finger" canyon where the water starts to flow at the base. Eventually, this trail meets with the Marian Bear Memorial Park.
Cowles Mountain Mission Gorge / Santee		None		www.historyandculture.com/writings/cowles.html		Cowles Mountain (pronounced "kohls") got its name from George A. Cowles, one of San Diego's early prominent ranching pioneers who settled here in 1877. Cowles town officially became Santee in 1893 named for his wife's second husband, following his death, Milton Santee, who was a real estate developer. See the site to get more interesting information about Cowles and El Cajon and Santee.

Crestridge Ecological Reserve (east of El Cajon)	Crest	858-467-4201	Free	Phone		A natural reserve by CA Dept. of Fish & Game with replacement gardens for fire damage by youth and others. An in process site with a house made of straw, habitat restoration, stream, old building remains, stage with straw seats, walking trails, etc.
Daley Ranch Escondido		760-839-6266	Free	Phone or website	www.ci.escondido.ca.us/glance/uniquely/daley/	Located directly next to Lake Dixon at 3024 La Honda Rd. (take El Norte Parkway east, north on La Honda), you will find the Daley Ranch with nature habitats and wildlife open daily until dusk with 3,058 acres of native ecosystems. On Sundays a shuttle is available every 15 minutes to carry hikers to the log cabin ranch house about a third of the way into the property. Horseback and bicycle riders are permitted on all trails too.
Dixon Lake Escondido		760-839-4345 or 4680	Free	Ranger Tony or Dan	www.lakedixon.com	Lake Dixon is a 15 minute drive from downtown Escondido. From El Norte Pkwy east, north on La Honda Drive to 1700 North La Honda Dr. Park is open year round with closing at dusk and night fishing available during summer months. If you call with two weeks advance notice, the rangers will offer to speak with after school youth regarding fishing, environment, animals, etc. Let them know that you are calling based upon our a recommendation from The Children's Initiative to ensure no cost. You may also choose to rent a boat or pedal boat at a cost that is half price after 5 p.m. Lots of hiking trails, squirrels, wildlife, manzanita, lilac, chamise, etc.
El Cajon Aerospace Museum Field	Gillespie	For your visit to the El Cajon location, contact Balboa Park site to pre-schedule your after school visit outside their regular hours M,W,F until 3 PM. Call 619-234-8291 and ask for Education.	Free	Education Dept.	www.aerospacemuseum.org	This site is located in El Cajon at Gillespie Field at 335 Kenney Street 92020 where the space missile stands. Call first (to the Balboa site) to pre-schedule your after school visit at a time later than their regular working hours. There is much to see at this site so please stop by!

El Capitan Water Department Lakes Recreation Program Lakeside		Free			Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday sunrise to sunset. No swimming. Boating/fishing/hiking permitted. Call in advance to schedule free fishing lessons for after school youth.
El Granito Roland Ranch	619-579-3069, 733-3069 cell	Free	Lorelle Roland	Phone/e-mail	Located at 1300 Lorna Avenue in El Cajon, this is the ranch site full of animals (and antiques) to show to youth: horses, camel, lamb, pig, etc. Call in advance to schedule a date a after-school time with Lorelle Roland who has volunteered to walk youth about her ranch.
El Monte County Park & El Capitan Reservoir Lakeside	619-443-1474, (619) 498-2237	\$2/vehicle if a van; buses involve additional cost	George Morris II, Park Ranger	www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/picnic/elmonte.html	Located at 15805 El Monte Road in Lakeside, 98 acres include: picnics, sports fields, hikes, nature, stream, etc. Drive a few miles further to the end of El Monte Road to reach the exciting foot of El Capitan mountain (actual name is El Cajon Mountain) and to see the valley cows, horses, orange trees, swamp with fishing available Friday-Sunday at a cost. A beautiful, infrequently traveled road.
Escondido Children's Museum 380 N. Escondido Blvd.	760-233-7755	Free admission on the 3rd Thursday of each month	Katie Ragazzi, Executive Director	www.kragazzi@escondidochildrensmuseum.org	Open 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Offers a gathering place for children, families and schools where they feel inspired to learn new things, perhaps the most important "life skills" there is. Hands-on, multi-sensory exhibits and programs create a unique setting that is wholesome, fun and accessible
Escondido Historical Museum	760-743-8207	Check website for cost	Phone & website	www.escondidohistoricalsociety.org	This museum explores Escondido history through photographs, artifacts and archives.
Escondido Historical Walking Tours Escondido	760-743-8207 or 8072	Free	Escondido tours	Contact Wendy or Carol for tour	Call in advance to schedule a special time Mon-Fri, during after school hours for your group. Tours are a great way to get exercise and to learn more about Escondido's history is to walk. If you choose not to schedule a special after school time, your youth can still walk with regular tours on a Saturday at 11 a.m. each month for Old Escondido East, Downtown, Rediscovering Escondido or Old Escondido West. Call to schedule your own time or determine which walk you'd like to attend starting at the southeast corner of Broadway and Grand streets in Escondido.

Escondido History Center Day Park	Grape	760-743-8207	Free	Phone & website	www.escondidohistory.org	Located in Grape Day park at 321 N Broadway, Escondido. Museum tours Tue-Sat 1 pm - 4 pm. Buildings from Escondido's early development were moved to Grape Day Park. Heritage Walk Museum includes the city's first library, a turn-of-the-century Victorian home, barn, 2 windmills, working blacksmith shop, city's Santa Fe railroad depot, a railroad car, a ten-ton Native American metate (grinding rock), tankhouse, herb garden, and outhouse
Evoke Dance Studios 7th Ave., San Diego CA 92101 G and Market Streets	644 Between	619-238-1153 X4	Sliding scale fee	Erica Mallone, Outreach Director	www.evoke.org	Provides dance classes for youth at the studio or on site. Many free performances, such as the Annual August Celebrate Dance Festival.
Famosa Slough Beach	Ocean	619-224-4591		James Peugh, Chairman	www.famosaslough.org	The Famosa Slough is a 37-acre wetland between Ocean Beach and the San Diego Sports Arena area. It is bisected by West Point Loma Boulevard and bordered by Famosa Boulevard on the west. The channel portion of the slough extends from West Point Loma Boulevard, northward, to the San Diego River Channel. The slough is flushed with salt water from the river channel, and also collects rainwater from the surrounding neighborhood. It's a functioning wetland with migratory birds added to it's broad list October-March. Tour on your own or arrange for an expert to tour with you.
Firehouse Museum Downtown San Diego		peugh@cox.net	Discounted rates	Chevelle Tidwell	atctidwell@hornblower.com	Departs daily at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. from San Diego's bay off Harbor Drive; Seasonal Mid- December through March. When calling contact to check availability and book event, mention reference Bonnie Kaplan of The Children's Initiative.
Flinn Springs County Park East of El Cajon		877-565-3600	\$2/vehicle	Ranger	www.co.san-diego.ca.us/parks	Located at 14787 Old Highway 80 in Crest for \$2 per vehicle, open until dusk, this site offers picnic, bathrooms, activity centers, a stream, hiking through nature.
Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation Downtown San Diego		619-233-4692	\$5 each youth in a group of 15; includes an ice-cream	Phone contact	www.gaslamp.org	The Gaslamp Quarter, listed on the Register of Historical Places, is recognized as the historic heart of San Diego. The Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation offers two-hour guided tours of the area starting at the William Heath Davis House Museum. Specify that you would like to schedule a 4 PM, Mon-Fri, "Children's Group Tour" to receive the \$5 rate. Otherwise, tours are

General Atomics Sorrento Valley education - General Atomics Court Diego, CA 92121	Fusion 3550 San	858-455-3331	Free	Rick Lee	http://fusioned.gat.com/ & leer@fusion.gat.com	Assists educators in the teaching of gaseous plasma science and fusion science in their classrooms. Helps students learn about plasma and its applications with a focus on fusion processes and how these age-old natural processes are being used today and where they might lead us in the future. There is interaction among scientists, engineers, teachers, and students as well as plenty of hands-on activities to foster a deepened level of understanding. Two-hour tours available at Sorrento Valley. Note: Speak with the contact regarding transportation and a possible \$250 bus company reimbursement. Ask them in advance and give thanks. You may select the company or try Laidlaw Transportation.
Helix Water District Helix area	Mt	619-667-6270 or website	Free of charge	Katherine Auld Breece	www.hwd.com www.hwd.com/kids.index.htm	Contact Katharine for their many free youth programs at elementary and middle school sites in El Cajon, La Mesa, Spring Valley, Lakeside, Santee. Must be scheduled 8 AM – 5 PM.
Heritage of the Americas Museum Cuyamaca College	Cuyamaca	619-670-5194 or hofam@sbcglobal.net	Free for youth; \$2 for adults	Kathleen Oatsvall	Phone/e-mail	Located at 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West (from Jamacha Rd.), El Cajon 92019, this site is available Tuesday through Friday and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm with docents free for youth if you call to arrange in advance. This is a cultural and educational center featuring prehistoric and historic art, culture and natural history of the Americas. Move from Natural History to the Archaeology then to the Anthropology departments where you will be afforded a look at the life of Native American cultures.

<p>Horton Grand & 18 downtown Gaslamp San Diego historic sites (includes Asian Pacific Historic Collaborative, Japanese Community, Filipino Americans, Chinatown, etc.)</p>	<p>619-544-1886 800-542-1886</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Phone</p>	<p>No website</p>	<p>View the Horton Grand Hotel Historical Properties southeast wall at the entry to Ida Bailey's Palace Bar at 311 Island Ave 92101 to see pictures and descriptions of all the old historic buildings on nearby blocks, including the Chinatown listed separately on this list. This will provide a guide to walking through the nearby areas. Horton Grand is a restoration of two hotels built in late 1800s, The Grand Horton Hotel and the Brooklyn-Kahle Saddlery Hotel. Both were moved brick by brick to their new location where you stand today completed in 1986. Grand Horton was an elegant Victorian structure built by a German immigrant as a replica of the famous Innsbruck Hotel in Vienna, Austria and built shortly after arrival of San Diego's first trans-continental train in 1885. Wyatt Earp lived in The Brooklyn Hotel, a working-class hotel, most of the seven years he resided here. It was later called the Kahle Saddlery after the ground floor hand-crafted saddle and leather location for people such as Tom Mix and Roy Rogers. Other hotel stays included President Benjamin Harrison,</p>
<p>Junipero Serra Museum Presidio Park 2727 Presidio Drive, Presidio Park Old Town</p>	<p>619-297-3258</p>	<p>\$2 general admission for students, 3 chaperones free, extra adults \$5 each</p>	<p>Contact Rebecca Lawrence for reduced group price at 619-232-6203 X 149 and for more information on workshops.</p>	<p>www.sandiegohistory.org/mainpages/locate4.htm</p>	<p>Pro-rated cost, up to \$10 per student, for hands-on workshop; The museum showcases artifacts such as house wares, period clothing, furniture, tools and a cannon and Mexican periods through 1848. The museum is open daily and closes at 4:30, seven days a week. Extended hours for museum and gift shop can be arranged. Every 2nd Sunday of the month, park rangers provide hour long historical tours free; meet outside entrance at 1 pm and call to reconfirm at 619-235-5935.</p>
<p>Kate O. Sessions Memorial Park Pacific Beach</p>		<p>Free of charge</p>	<p>None</p>		<p>Kate O. Sessions is one of San Diego's famous natural gardeners who planted much of Balboa Park and many other areas. At this park enjoy one of the most beautiful spots in town overlooking Mission Bay and Pacific Beach. Parts of the trail are steep. A playground is also available and kite flying is terrific! From Garnet Ave. turn north onto Lamont St. then right on Park Drive.</p>
<p>Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve Pacific Beach See also Robin Stribley and Northern Preserve</p>					<p>Bird and plant reserve to view at corner of Crown Point and Pacific Beach Road at the bay in Pacific Beach; office at 2055 Pacific Beach Drive.</p>

<p>Lake Jennings Lakeside</p>	<p>(619) 390-1300</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Ranger Hugh Marx</p>	<p>www.lakejennings.org/programs/index.htm</p>	<p>At 10108 Bass Road in Lakeside. Lake was formed by the dam across the mouth of Quail Canyon. Many animals and birds reside or pass through this area. Swimming is not permitted although there is plenty of hiking and fishing for youth Friday-Sunday if you call in advance to pre-arrange. Already scheduled is a free fishing class as part of Jennings Fishing University most Sundays at 1:00 p.m. The classes concentrate on what is working best including trout, bass and catfish. Instruction also covers the use of mini-jigs and spoons. Ranger Hugh Marx will be the professor. Check in at the Lake Jennings Bait & Tackle Shop. Other than the class, all organized youth groups with prior reservations can fish for free. Each youth must wear a name tag with their name and the organization printed on the tag. Members of the group 16 years of age and older must possess a valid state fishing license. Adults must purchase a day use permit for \$5.00 if they choose to fish. However, we recommend the adults devote their attention to the youth in order to give them the best possible experience. We ask that groups send us a letter telling us how ma</p>
<p>Lake Poway 14644 Lake Poway Road Poway CA 92064</p>	<p>Information: 858-668-4770 Lake Concession: 858-486-1234</p>	<p>Free of charge</p>		<p>Check in advance by phone for many free special youth events</p>	<p>Picnic, fishing, hikes for youth. Take I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Rd. travel east 4 miles then left on Lake Poway Rd and follow to entrance.</p>
<p>Lake Wohlford Escondido</p>	<p>760-839-4346, jcowan@ci.escondido.ca.us</p>	<p>Free</p>	<p>Lakes/Ranger Jay Cowan, Public Works Dept.</p>	<p>www.wohlfordlake.com</p>	<p>Located approximately 20 minutes from downtown Escondido at 25453 Lake Wohlford Road. From El Norte you'll eventually be on Citrus Rd, left at Bear Valley Parkway, right at first stop sign. Open seven days a week until 5 pm from mid-December through the weekend after Labor Day in September. Lake Wohlford is open Saturdays and Sundays only from the weekend after Labor Day until mid-December. Fishing hours are 6:00 a.m. to dusk. Contact Park Ranger for further information.</p>

Legoland Carlsbad	760-918-5300 – General Information; 760-918-5346 – Reservations)	\$5 each, reduced from \$37.50, for Title I after school site, if pre-arranged on specified weekday for that month.	Phone contact person handling Title 1 after school youth	www.legoland.com	LEGOLAND features 50 “kid-powered” rides and attractions where children ages 2-12 can play, explore and create
Los Peñasquitos Marsh Torrey Pines State Reserve) (close to		Free of charge	Website	www.seatoseatrail.org	A lagoon full of life with trails to nearby ocean. Note the protected birds and plants, most plentiful Oct-Mar. See the 1925 train. Open daily till sunset. The sand dune environment found here was once plentiful along southern coastal California. Los Peñasquitos Canyon starts where Torrey Pines meets the ocean and continues to inland El Cajon, San Vicente Reservoir. It then runs past Lake Cuyamaca, El Capitan Reservoir, through Borrego Springs to Salton Sea, 145 miles. 90% of San Diego salt marshes have been filled for development; see the areas that are saved. To find Los Peñasquitos Marsh form Old Highway 1, turn east on Carmel Valley Road, south on McConigle into parking lot.
Marian Bear Memorial Park Clairemont	858-581-9952	Free of charge	Phone	www.sandiego.gov/ park- and- recreation/parks/marbear2.s html	On Highway 52 between Interstate 5 and I-805 with chaparral oaks and sycamores in San Clemente Canyon. Exit off Genesee Avenue or Regents Rd. to enter. Picnic tables and restrooms and three miles of flat trails amid the canopy of trees that line a shallow stream. In spring, there will be plenty of water. Several canyons trail to the top of Clairemont Mesa. Be cautious of poison oak.
Marina Point and Native Plant Area Mission Beach					Drive to end of Quivera Way past Marina Village in Mission Beach where you will find a native plant area (next to HQ Lifeguard Building). Also, walk to end of the inlet as many birds (October-March) and plants can be viewed where the ocean washes in and our river washed out.
Marine Corp Command Museum	619-524-6719		Contact Marine Corps Recruit Depot		The museum, the largest of its kind in the western United States, portrays the history and traditions of the Marine Corp in Southern California.

Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum Downtown San Diego Bay	858-581-5883 858-581-5886	Free via CI	Josh Potts Sarah Mostofi	Must contact Josh or Sarah to arrange free tour.	Free tours via The Children's Initiative: Summer visits can be arranged with CI for 9:00 or 10:00 a.m.; Fall visits are scheduled 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for free 4th - 8th grade tours. October and November - 40 maximum.
Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá Mission Gorge	Info: 619-281-8449 or Docent: 858-565-9077			www.missionsandiego.com/	Located at 10818 San Diego Mission Rd, Mission Gorge 92108-2498. California's first of a chain of 21 missions, and a National Historic Landmark, was founded in 1769. Contact the docent two weeks prior to arrange for a free tour for your youth group M-F during after-school hours to see the first rectory of California, church, gardens, ruins of past monastery, etc.
Mission Bay Park Playground	619-221-8900		Phone		Located at 2688 Mission Bay
Mission Trails Regional Park One Mission Junipero Serra Trail Gorge	Ranger: 619-668-3275	Free or cost	Call or check website	www.mtrp.org/schooltrips.asp	5,800 acres of natural and developed recreational land. Rugged hills, valleys and open terrain prior to the landing of Cabrillo in 1542. Provides a way to explore the cultural, historical and recreational aspects of San Diego. Originally used by the Kumeyaay, the park site of Old Mission Dam, was built to store water for the Mission San Diego Alcalá. Over 40 miles of trails, boating on Lake Murray, camping at Kumeyaay Lake, numerous informative hikes and a state-of-the-art Visitor & Interpretive Center.
Mission Valley Preserve San Diego River Preserve Fdtn - SDRPF Mission Valley	619-297-7380		Phone	www.sandiegoriver.org	This preserve has recently opened and enhances the biodiversity of our most important river valley. It begins at the border of Sefton Park and the YMCA on their opposite sides of the river and it stretches to I-5 where it abuts an existing City Wildlife saltwater marsh refuge. I-8 borders it on the south and Friars Rd. on the north. Start at the information kiosk on the west side of the YMCA parking lot where Friars Rd. and Napa St. intersect. Eventually this trail will connect downstream to Mission Bay Regional Park and upstream to the walkways of the First San Diego River Improvement Project (FSDRIP). This was an important center of activity for the Kuymeyaay Indians. Look for coast live oaks, medicinal plants such as Yerba Santa and Willow, basketry such as the still-to-be-seen juncos grass, and much more. "This area was once a dense forest of Sycamore, Willow, and Cottonwood, with an undergrowth of various kinds of shrubbery, among which the wild grape was the most abundant and emptied into the False Bay" (now known as Mission Bay).

Museum of Music Making 5790 Armada Drive, Carlsbad CA 92008	760-438-5996	Reduced prices if arranged that you are working with The Children's Initiative	Crystal Covert	www.museumofmakingmusic.org	Call Crystal with advanced notice to establish rate per student and arrange for the Music Ventures Program about music. This museum presents a study of popular music, dating from 1890 to the present, including over 500 vintage instruments on display, hundreds of audio and video examples and an interactive area where visitors can play on a variety of hands-on instruments.
National City near one another: National City Santa Fe Depot Museum, Historic Rail Car Plaza of Bay Marina Drive and Marina Way two blocks west of freeway 5 SD Electric Railway Assn (See San Diego Bay Channel and Sweetwater Bikeway Route - at end of Marina Way)	619-474-4400 619-787-4148 cell for Jim	Free of charge; set up tour two weeks in advance for Mon-Fri after school-hour tour	Jim Price, President of Depot Museum	www.sdera.org	First number to call to set-up a tour at Santa Fe Depot Museum during after school hours is 619-787-4148 (Jim's cell); call two weeks prior.
National Wildlife Refuge Complex Rancho San Diego	None	Free	None	www.fws.gov/sandiegorefuges/	Take 94 east and follow 94 on its right turn as you enter Rancho San Diego in east county, right on Millar Ranch Road, park to the right near the gate with the Refuge "Blue Goose" sign, bench and awning. This is a landscape-wide conservation effort to preserve the rich biological diversity and quality of life for which the region is famous. Goals are: to preserve and recover endangered species; protect migratory bird habitat; preserve the region's unique biological diversity; and provide visitors with high quality opportunities for wildlife-dependent activities. All of the refuges in the San Diego Refuge Complex have been designated "Globally Important Bird Areas" by the American Bird Conservancy.
Nature Festivals of San Diego County San Diego River Channel	Website	Free of charge	Website	http://sandiegonaturefestival.org/birdfest/free.htm	Sunset Walk - Date and Time: Friday and Saturday, 4 pm to 5:15 pm Cost: FREE Enjoy a sunset bird-walk along the nearby San Diego River Channel. Join leaders Judy McIntosh and Jeanne Raimond at 4:00 p.m. for a walk from Festival headquarters to the channel. We will return at 5:15 p.m. We will see along the channel, depending on the tide, ducks, grebes, gulls, herons, egrets and more; and possibly a beautiful sunset.

Northern Wildlife Preserve Pacific Beach See also Kendall-Frost and Robin Stribley Reserve		Free of charge	Write letter		Travel south from Robin Stribley Marsh Reserve and head into the parking lot turning left onto the dirt lot. This preserve is dedicated to preservation of salt marsh, mudflat and salt habitats as well as to plants and animals that depend on each.
Oakoasis County Park Lakeside	(619) 561-0580.	Free; check to see if open	Ranger present	http://www.sandiegoriver.org/FireEffects/Oakoasis.html	Located in Lakeside, the total preserve was destroyed by fire in 2003 including the house built by scouts and a local business. Burned trees are being trimmed and the trails remarked.
Olaf Wieghorst Museum Rea Avenue El Cajon	131 619-590-3431	Free of charge	Website or phone	www.weighordstmuseum.org	Although current hours are 10-3pm, Tue-Fri, representative will be there at later hours for prearranged after school visits, so please call first. Located at 131 Rea Avenue in El Cajon is the museum of El Cajon's famous western artist. His original home here has been moved directly next door to the museum where it is being prepared to show. Classes can be given at this site or youth can visit to look at Olaf's art. He moved here in 1945, sold his work for one million dollars each, and is collected by Gene Autry, John Wayne, Clint Eastwood and Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Reagan and Ford. As of 1/06, an artist will begin wall art on a large building directly next door to the house.
Old Poway 14134 Midland Road Poway, CA 92064	858-668-4576 Sean: 858-679-4313 or 4342	\$2/person with group of 20 or more; one adult free/10 youth	Contact Sean Thomas at least 2 weeks in advance for after school hours.		Schedule age-group appropriate tours that incorporate local history and railroad. Set in a 5-acre park, youth will see trains, old buildings, barns and heritage museum.
Old Town San Diego Historic Park	State 619-220-5422	Free	Phone or web	www.cal-parks.ca.gov	Free, seven days a week, one hour tour at 11 a.m and at 2 p.m. if you meet at the west end of The Plaza at the Robinson-Rose House Visitor Center at 4002 Wallace St. The Historic Park includes 23 sites at the south end of Old Town, all free and open until 5, 6 or 7 p.m. Call in advance to determine which sites will be available the day you plan to go. This site is at the main trolley stop at Taylor Street and Pacific Highway. The original Mason Street school house is part of the tour.

Outdoor Outreach 2415 E. Street, San Diego, CA 92102	619-238-5790	Cost, but well worth it; Call for information	Chris Rutgers	www.chris@outdooroutreach.org	Go on nature adventures climbing mountains, snorkeling and hiking
Pacific Southwest Railway Museum National City	619-465-7776			www.psrn.org	Dedicated to preserving the history of the railroad in the American Southwest, this museum features an extensive collection of old locomotives, freight and passenger cars. (619-465-7776)
Paradise Creek Educational Park National City				www.paradisecreek.org/creekdays.html	Creek Days - Last Saturday each month, students and community members join for a day of planting and caring for the native plants, weeding the area around the creek and picking up trash. Kids & Kayaks - Earn Kayak Credits for volunteering time at Paradise Creek on Creek Days. Redeem the Kayak Credit for a free kayak trip on the first Saturday of every other month. This incentive program will assure that Paradise Creek remains a clean and healthy salt marsh habitat and the Kids of National City can experience the South San Diego Bay as they have never experienced it before. Kids and Kayaks has been sponsored by The Port of San Diego and the National School District and is outfitted by Ocean Kayak.
Pro Kid's Academy and Learning Center 4085 52nd Street, San Diego CA 92105	619-582--7884	Free of charge	Call Rick Johnson for more information at 619-583-6106	www.prokidsgolf.com	Provides instruction, course access, equipment and mentoring. Will help kids to identify areas to assist in their development, both personally and academically. Resources and opportunities will be provided to meet this goal both on and off the course.
Public Works Department Utilities Division in Escondido	760-839-5460, rwalker@ci.escondido.ca.us	Free	Richard B. Walker	Phone/e-mail	Call two weeks prior to schedule a date and time, on a Tue or Thurs, to tour the facility that prepares water for Escondido and Vista, at 3 or 4 p.m start time. Location is at 3440 E. Valley Pkwy, Escondido. Enjoy a 1 1/2 hour of a very interesting site at the foot of a dam! Discuss how to find and enter the gate to the facility when you schedule.
Quail Botanical Gardens Encinitas	760-436-3036	Free admission on the 1st Tuesday of each month to 5 p.m.	Mary Lou Kelly	www.qbgardens.org	Mission: To educate the public about the plants and their importance in the natural environment by providing tours, nature walks, lectures, instructional programs and publications. Garden information and landscape advice will be available to the public at all levels of interest.

Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center University Ave in San Diego		619-269-1540 619-269-1543	Free programs, the last Monday of the month	Leslie Bowlinger	www.kroccenter.org/calendarevents.html	Free Family Literacy evening, partnered with the Natural History Museum, 6:30-8:00 p.m. with live animals, etc. Commencing in September, there are additional free programs such as family arts (Thurs eves), mimes circus arts, free symphony, actors and arts & Crafts, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Recycling Presentation for Youth County Office of Education	SD	858-292-3689	Free of charge	Valerie Thompson	vdt@fan.rr.com	One hour conversation regarding recycling for elementary or middle schools.
Rice Canyon Preserve Chula Vista		None		None	www.chulavistanaturecenter.org	An easy walk through a canyon that offers native chaparral. Take 805 south to H St., east on East H St., left at Paseo Rancho, right on Rancho Del Rey Pkwy. The preserve is to your left.
Robin Stribley Marsh Reserve Pacific Beach See also Kendall-Frost & Northern Wildlife Preserve				Write to UCSD Natural Reserve System in La Jolla 92093-0116		Located at Crown Point & Lamont streets at the bay in Pacific Beach (extension of the above reservation).
Pacific Southwest Railway Museum National City		619-645-8940	Free of charge	Contact website	sdaa@sdaa.org sdaa.org/index.cfm?fusion=outreach.info	Monthly educational lectures in the park; Printed resources and lending telescopes available.
San Diego Bay Channel of San Diego	Port		Free of charge	Website	www.efgh.com/bike/rsdbay.htm	A quality marina, located at Marina Way in National City, that offers youth physical equipment in environmental surroundings with picnic areas.
San Diego Biological Study Area Imperial Beach			Free of charge	Website	http://www.walkandrun.com/silverstrandstatebeach.html	Park on the east side of Silver Strand Blvd near Imperial Beach, at a lot for viewers of wildlife and plants. Birds are most prevalent Oct - Mar.
San Diego Children's Museum/Museo de los Ninos District downtown San Diego	Marina	619-233-8792			www.sdchildrensmuseum.org	This imaginative children's museum is closed to the public while a new, state-of-the-art facility is being built on its current site.
San Diego County Sheriff's Museum Old Town San Diego		619-260-1850			www.sheriffmuseum.org	For more than 150 years, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department has been keeping the peace. The museum honors the rich traditions and history of the men and women who have served with pride.
San Diego Ice Arena Mira Mesa Ice Skate Place, San Diego CA 92126	11048	858-530-1825	\$6 per skater		www.sdice.com	Fee includes skates for groups of 10 or more, with special rates and lessons available depending upon situation, dates and number of participants.

San Diego Maritime Museum Downtown San Diego Bay	619-234-9153			www.sdmaritime.org	Historic ships are the main attraction at this museum. The 1863 Star of India, the oldest active ship in the world that transported emigrants from London to New Zealand; the Medea, an elegant 1904 steam yacht; the Berkeley, a ferry built in 1898 and the H.M.S. Surprise from the film Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World.
San Diego Oceans Foundation Pacific Beach	619-523-1903	Volunteer opportunities for youth; limited free visiting lectures	Noelle Barger	noelle@sdoceans.org	Promotes ocean stewardship by leading community supported-projects that enhance ocean habitat and encourage sustainable use of ocean resources. Some volunteer lecture visits are performed free for youth so be sure to inquire.
San Diego Public Libraries Library	Central 619-236-5800 619-236-5838 - Central Library Children's Room	Free of charge	Call local library for programs		Contact Children's Room for information on kinds of reading programs, story times, homework assistance and other special services offered. Every library has a large collection of picture books, readers, fiction and non-fiction, video-cassettes, magazines and CD_ROMs for children and young adults.
San Diego River Federal S.D. River Preserve - FSDRIP Mission Valley	619-297-7380		None	www.sandiegoriver.org	From 163 freeway, take Friars Rd. east, turn right on Mission Center Rd., go south two blocks to Hazard Center Drive and turn left into a parking lot just north of the San Diego River. At the east end of this lot you'll find a poster board about the site. This trail has recently been extended east to the stadium and west to 163. Eventually, it is hoped that it can be connected with the Mission Valley Preserve to the west.
San Diego River Flood Control Channel Mission Valley	None	Free	None	None	From I-5 take Sea World Drive west, drive past Friars Rd. and turn left at the light at South Shores Dr/Mission Bay Parkway, head west and park along side Frontage Rd. Signs are present describing wildlife preservation and vegetation. There are 100+ bird types October-March. The Osprey is present in abundance mid Sept-Nov.
San Diego Supercomputer Center UCSD, La Jolla, CA	858-534-5000	Free tours for after school youth	Ms. Surrey	lsurrey@sdsc.edu	Free quarterly tours for youth. A trainer will come to an after school site to teach, if available at time of request.

San Diego Wild Animal Park Escondido	760-747-8702	Inquire about youth after school entry cost	Phone to group discount representative	www.sandiegozoo.org/wap	The park is home to 3,500 animals and 2 million plants. Among the many highlights is an exhibit featuring the California condor and other endangered species.
Schmacher Air Products 1969 Palomar Oaks Way, Carlsbad, CA 92009	760-603-2225 or 760-603-2073		Carolyn Neilson Brooks	www.schmacher.com www.airproducts.com	This company doesn't make computers; they make computers work. The guided tour of the site includes liquid nitrogen, manufacturing demos and clean room facilities. Find out what a "bunny suit" is all about. They have a part of everything chemical, from automobiles to ice cram to zippers.
Scripps Institute of Oceanography UCSD, La Jolla	858-534-6101	Free of charge	Jules Jaffee	www.aquarium.ucsd.edu	Offer a 45-minute tour of the facility; youth will experience a variety of underwater instruments, sounds and stories of giant squid.
Sea World Mission Valley	800-380-3202 619-226-3834	Discounted tickets for group of 10 or more	Education Department at 1-800-237-4268	www.seaworld.org	Instructional field trip programs - group rates. Three grade-specific Marine Science themes. All day in the park - seasonal, half-price at \$23.40/student - group of 10 or more with an adult. The Wild Arctic Youth Award program takes you to the northernmost part of the world, showing four mammal species: the beluga whale, harbor seal, polar bear and walrus. Youth award exhibit booklets and patches are provided. Sept-May, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Serra Museum Old Town San Diego	619-297-3258			www.sandiegohistory.org	Operated by The San Diego Historical Society, this museum focuses on San Diego's Native American, Spanish and Mexican periods, (through 1846).
Shepherd Canyon Greenbelt Park Clairemont	None		None	www.sdnhm.org/canyoneers/sdcentral.html	Easy hike through a greenbelt that sustains native vegetation. Hike toward a small reservoir that attracts birds and animals. Park on Antigua Road or on the street near entrance. Take Clairemont Mesa Blvd turning north on Santo Road for a quarter mile to the entrance.
Sheriff's Museum 2384 San Diego Ave. San Diego CA 92110 - Old Town	619-260-1850	Free of charge	Dorothy Strout, Director	www.sheriffmuseum.org	Tours are available daily by request or hand-guided during hours, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; hours are flexible to after school programs. This is a good educational opportunity to learn how many jobs/people are involved with crime fighting. Highlights of the tour include: the weapons room with a gun display from 1800's to present, a mock courtroom and actual jail cell and an investigation unit like that of CSI. There is also a helicopter, a CHP motorcycle to sit on and an old police cruiser.

Simpson's Garden-Town Poway		Free of charge	Ron		13925 Highway 94 in Jamul, corner of 94 & Proctor Valley Road just 20 minutes from downtown San Diego. You can walk through the nursery but keep in mind that there is much more here...barnyard animals, auto barns full of fascinating cars and memorabilia, antiques, old vehicles parked throughout the site, a collections of very old trailers that you can view inside. It's full of wonderful and interesting things! Be sure to check the auto barn for a schedule of upcoming events. Bring a picnic and eat at their many picnic areas.
Skyhunters San Diego	East 619-445-6565	\$7/hour	Nancy Conney		Raptor rehabilitation to present two birds of prey and speak of bird lives, eating, habits, threat to them in S.D.
South San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge Beach	Imperial	Free of charge			Located at the north end of 7th Street, this bay provides a wildlife refuge and bicycle riding route.
Space Institute, CA UCSD La Jolla	858-534-5969		Contact Mike Wiskerchen	mwiskerchen@ucsd.edu	Program Director at CA Space Grant Consortium. Prefers locations close to UCSD and Scripps. Will schedule several months in advance for elementary through middle school after-school. Will talk about fields of science, demonstrate effects of micro-gravity, how to do science for the space program, how micro-gravity affects the human body, will help youth to plant seeds that have flown in space, video, etc.
Stein Family Farm Museum Cmnty Dvlpmnt Cmsn of National City 1808 F Avenue City	619-426-5109 619-477-4113 National City	\$1/youth or more depending upon the event	Susan Walter	None	Original Victorian farmhouse, barn, outbuilding, antique horse drawn and gas-powered vehicles on 2.5 acres. You must contact Susan Walter by 2/14/06 if you'd like to attend during after school hours on: 3/7/06, 3/8/06, 3/9/06, 3/14/06, 3/15/06, 3/16/06. Next upcoming farm tours to which after school youth ar invited at \$1/person: 4/26/06, 27, 28. Call to preschedule one month early. May Day (5/1) is another special occasion a this site about which you can inquire. Other events happen throughout the year so you are welcome to contact Susan and to ask for a special low income rate for your after school youth. The site is at 1806 F St. in National City, 91951-2362

Sweetwater Bikeway Route City	National		Free of charge	Website	www.efgh.com/bike/rsdbay.htm	Walk or ride bike to see rich and varied scenery, that travels a nine-mile stretch along south and west sides of San Diego Bay. It followed the former Coronado branch of the San Diego and Arizona Eastern Railroad. Rails are still visible in some places.
Sweetwater River Bridge San Diego Historic Site	Rancho	None	Free	None		In Rancho San Diego, from 98 south, turn west on Singer (where the Dept of Public Works is located) and you'll find the bridge to your left.
Tecolote Canyon Mission Bay		Marla: 858-581-9952 Front desk: 9944 Rangers: 9961 Director: 9959	Free of charge	Marla Gilmore, Ranger		Opposite I-5 from Mission Bay is this 900-acre canyon habitat with a newly constructed Nature Center offering a host of exhibits on animal and plant life of the canyon. Sage and chaparral-cloaked with coyotes and owls (Spanish meaning of Tecolote) amongst its natives.
Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge Imperial Beach		619-575-3613	Free of charge	Ann Marie Topton, Education Coordinator		Call first to schedule group visit at free rate. Trek the refuge to see migratory birds, wild flowers and special features.
Torrey Pines State Reserve Torrey Pines		619-688-3385 858-755-2063 Sat-Wed	For a Free educational tour, call two weeks in advance for a free pass, instead of normal \$6 fee.	Jody Kummer, Supervising State Park Ranger Debbie Valdez, Special Events Coordinator	jkummer@parks.ca.gov www.torreypines.org	Directions: At Old Highway 1, turn west at the south end of Torrey Pines Beach to the entry. In vehicle, drive to top of hill and meet your free guide at the visitor center. You will begin the tour in the nature center, built of adobe brick in 1850. You will then take a hike along the ocean and deep valleys full of pines.

Trains at Andersen's Nursery	Poway	858-513-4900	Free	Phone or web	http://www.walterandersen.com/railroad-russbio.html	A nursery that includes a fantastic model train setup with live plants. Visit the nursery at 12755 Danielson Court (from Scripps Poway Parkway turn north on Community Road then west on Danielson). Open 7 days/week 9-5 pm but open until 6 pm during daylight savings time (reverts back to 5pm Nov. 1).
Tug Boat Museum	Downtown San Diego Bay	619-200-7417	Free	Roseann & Captain Jeff Bentley	cmsosfd@surfree.com	Schedule your after school tour with at least two weeks advance notice for a Mon.-Fri. during after-school hours. You can find the retired Army tug boat south of Anthony's seafood restaurant on Harbor Drive in downtown San Diego.
UCLA Social Sciences	North County	310-979-5539	Free	Titiana Bellanova Johnson	tati@sbcglobal.net	Can provide artists to assist youth in North County
Villa Montezuma/Jesse Shepard House		619-239-2211				This historical landmark was the home of internationally known pianist, author and mystic Jesse Shepard. Built in 1887, it displays original stained-glass windows, walnut and redwood paneling, Lincrusta Walton ceilings and Victorian furnishings.
Water Conservation Garden	Cuyamaca College Cuyamaca College Drive West El Cajon / Rancho San Diego	619-660-0614, Pam - 619-670-2291	Free	Call Tue-Fri and ask for Heather or call Pam (docent) to schedule your visit during after school days/hours	www.thegarden.org	Located at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive W., El Cajon, CA 92019, this garden is 4 1/2 acres with new ideas for San Diego. Call with advance notice to set-up an after-school visit as late as 4 p.m. Mon-Fri to be led by a docent (also available weekends). This site is full of beautiful landscapes, California friendly plants, water wise gardening classes, how-to exhibits, and many more youth programs that you are welcome to request in addition to these. (Xeriscape landscaping)
Whale Watching Adventures - Hornblower Cruise & Events	1066 North Harbor Drive, San Diego CA 92101	619-232-3473	Free of charge	Chad Allison, Director		Free tour of fire fighting engines and equipment with a fire fighter present. Located on corner of Cedar and Columbia, downtown San Diego. Must call in advance to arrange for after-school hours. A different fire fighter is present each day, so a different decision regarding time open for your visit can be obtained on different days (regular hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Whaley House San Diego Avenue, San Diego CA 92110 - Old Town	2476	619-297-7511	\$2.50 per person for group of 15 or more	Call for reservations	www.whaleyhouse.org	In 1856, Thomas Whaley built this striking Greek Revival, two-story brick house, the first in Southern California. Each year, more than 10,000 school children visit the museum as part of their state history studies. Rumors persist of spirits haunting the house and other paranormal phenomena taking place. Exhibits include the early San Diego Courthouse, the Whaley & Crosthwaite General Store and San Diego's first commercial theatre.
Wolf Center, California County & Escondido	East	info@california wolfcenter.org	760-765- 0030	free and cost	Contact: Priscilla Hernandez or Pam Slater	Will discuss wolves. Can visit after-school sites in East County and Escondido areas