

&EPack 1530 "Get Out and About" Den Activities Idea List - Regional

REGIONAL	COMMENTS	CONTACT INFORMATION (PHONE # OR URL FOR MORE INFO)
Amusement Parks	Hershey Park is a classic. Great Adventure and Busch Gardens are also favorites. Make reservations well in advance for great deals.	http://www.hersheypark.com/ http://www.hersheypark.com/groups/scouts.php http://www.sixflags.com/greatAdventure/ http://www.buschgardens.com/bgw/ http://www.buschgardens.com/bgwgroup/educational_programs.aspx
Baltimore Orioles	Hard to beat a day at Camden Yards! Grab some time at the Inner Harbor too.	http://baltimore.orioles.mlb.com/
Colonial Williamsburg	A great outdoor adventure that also can wear the boys out (yea!). The nearby Jamestown/Yorktown sites are also worth visiting.	http://www.history.org/ http://www.history.org/History/teaching/groupTours/SchoolandYouth/otherPrograms.cfm http://www.historyisfun.org/ http://www.historyisfun.org/scout-programs.htm
Flying Circus Aerodrome	Throwback airshow in Bealton, VA. Discounted admission for uniformed scout groups. Various events throughout the year, including a balloon festival in late summer. Year-round camping is available at the airport.	http://www.flyingcircusairshow.com/ http://www.flyingcircusairshow.com/scouts.html
The Franklin Institute	Lots of hands-on activities for the boys, plus you can combine it with a little history tour of Philadelphia. Experiential packages and overnight camp-in available for groups.	http://www.fi.edu/ http://www2.fi.edu/visitor-guide/groups/ http://www.fi.edu/ftp/index2.html http://www2.fi.edu/programs/camp-in/ http://www2.fi.edu/programs/camp-in/badgeprogram.php
Gettysburg National Military Park	Site of one of the most critical battles of the Civil War. New museum and visitor center. May be best for older kids.	http://www.nps.gov/gett/ http://www.gettysburg.travel/
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	Quaint, historic community, at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Stroll the streets and visit living history museums and exhibits in a 19th Century village. Camping is available at the nearby Brunswick (MD) Family Campground, on the Potomac.	http://www.nps.gov/hafe/ http://historicharpersferry.com/ http://historicharpersferry.com/ http://www.brunswickmd.gov/campground.htm
Historic Ships in Baltimore	Spend an overnight on the USS Torsk WWII submarine, USS Constellation warship or USCGC Taney. Cost is \$50/person for overnight stay, includes activities, dinner (sub sandwiches) and breakfast. Staff provides tour of sub and adjacent ships. Minimum of 20 people required to get a group rate/reservation. Enjoy sleeping in tight quarters! Book at least 6 months in advance.	http://www.historicships.org/ http://www.historicships.org/overnight_adventures.html Kathleen McLean (410) 396-3453 or kmclean@constellation.org
Little Bennett Regional Park	Lots of historic trails and buildings -- mills, school house, cemetery, and more. Park has 3700 acres, with over 20 miles of trails and a 91-site campground.	http://www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/regional_parks/little_bennett/
Luray Caverns	This is the best of the local underground caverns. Consider making it part of a day hike in the Shenandoah, since it is near many of the best hikes and to the National Park.	http://www.luraycaverns.com/
Maryland Men's Lacrosse Scout Day	Special Scout Day on April 10, 2010, when Terrapins host Navy Midshipmen. Purchase tickets by 3/26 to receive Terps Scout Day patch. Call (301) 314-1517 to register and order tickets (\$4/person group of 20+ or \$8 adult/\$5 youth).	http://www.umterps.com/sports/m-lacros/md-m-lacros-body.html
Maryland Minor League Baseball	Maryland minor league baseball options include the Aberdeen IronBirds, Frederick Keys and Bowie Baysox. Keys Scout Night sleepover includes pre-game parade, on-field recognition, patch, post-game fireworks and movie and camping in the outfield. Book in advance to save 30%. Baysox Scout Camp Out includes pre-game parade, post-game fireworks and camping on field.	http://www.aberdeenironbirds.com/ http://www.frederickkeys.com/ http://www.baysox.com/

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Maryland Science Center	Located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. They have organized programs for groups, including an overnight experience (Camp-In) for Webelos.	http://www.mdsci.org/ http://www.mdsci.org/programs/Camp-In/Main.html
Maryland Zoo in Baltimore	Third oldest zoo in the country. Has a top-rated children's area.	http://www.marylandzoo.org/
Monticello (Thomas Jefferson's Home)	Iconic home of our third President. Family friendly tours are available. May be best for older kids and perhaps as part of a hiking trip or visit to Charlottesville.	http://www.monticello.org/ http://www.monticello.org/visit/family_tours.html
Montpelier (James Madison's Home)	Home of our fourth President. Educational programs are available. May be best for older kids and perhaps as part of a hiking trip or visit to Charlottesville.	http://www.montpelier.org/ http://www.montpelier.org/visit/tours/tour_school.php
Morefield Gem Mine	Cubs can actually mine and sift for gems and keep what they find! Saturdays only off season, Tues-Sat in summer months.	http://www.toteshows.com/morefield.html
National Aquarium in Baltimore	Outstanding dolphin show and interactive exhibits. One of the best aquariums you will ever visit! Two scout programs available: (1) Breakfast With The Dolphins and (2) Sleepovers-BYOSB (Bring Your Own Sleeping Bag). Special Boy Scout Day includes discounted admission for groups of 15+, collectible pin, scavenger hunt, and marine animal rescue and conservation activities.	http://www.aqua.org/ http://www.aqua.org/scouts.html Call 410-576-3833 for reservations
Old Rag Summit	A strenuous but VERY memorable 7.2 mile hike. 360 degree views from the summit is reached after scrambling over boulders and up crevices. Not for the weak of constitution, but also not a killer hike either. Bring tons of water!	http://www.washingtonpost.com/gog/misc-locations/old-rag-summit_1025785.html
Port Discovery Children's Museum	Located in Baltimore, just a couple blocks from Inner Harbor. Great hands-on children's museum. Can arrange a Cub Scout overnight adventure.	http://www.portdiscovery.org/ http://www.portdiscovery.org/parties/overnight_overnights@portdiscovery.org or (410) 864-2726
Purse State Park	Located on the Potomac River on Wades Bay. Kids love to discover fossils while taking a great hike on the shore. Fossilized shark teeth, bones and shell fragments are often found at low tide in the rocks and sand along the waters edge.	http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/southern/purse.asp
Rock Hall, Maryland	A great getaway with some serious nature: Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge and the Chesapeake Bay.	http://www.rockhallmd.com/ http://www.baydreaming.com/rock_hall.htm http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/parkrec/parks/eneck.htm http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternneck/
Shenandoah National Park	Pick a trail that matches the boy's ages and abilities. Find one with a waterfall or where they'll see wildlife. And don't forget to stop for pizza on the way back!	http://www.nps.gov/shen/ http://www.crozetpizza.net/
St. Michaels, Maryland	The waterfront town is charming. You can sleep in the lighthouse with their overnight program. Be sure to get reservations well in advance!	http://www.stmichaelsmd.org/ http://www.baydreaming.com/stmichaels.htm http://www.cbmm.org/lighthouseovernight.html
State Arboretum of Virginia	Worth consideration for Webelos activity badge content.	http://www.virginia.edu/blandy/ http://www.virginia.edu/blandy/education/overview.htm
Sugarloaf Mountain Hikes	Closest mountain to DC. Fairly easy climb and great views. Privately owned, but managed in trust for hiking and is free.	http://www.patc.us/hiking/destinations/sug_loaf.html http://www.sugarloafmd.com/
Virginia Civil War Trails	For older kids with a sense of history. Virginia offers a lot of civil war trails of varying length and location.	http://www.civilwartraveler.com/EAST/VA/

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Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

This is a real winner, with a good-sized ride on a full length steam locomotive. Bring a picnic lunch and tour the town (Frostburg) at the halfway (turnaround) point. They even turn the locomotive on an authentic turntable.

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

Wye Grist Mill

A good historic site and museum with demonstrations and exhibits. Located on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

<http://www.oldwyemill.org/>