



Places to Go with Young Children



Asian Art Museum's Storytelling

www.asianart.org

The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco currently preserves a vast collection of art and artifacts from the far east. But the museum's art isn't just visual; every Sunday and first Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm, the Asian Art Museum Storytelling Corps offer entertaining and educational programs for kids and adults to enjoy, continuing oral traditions that otherwise would have been forgotten.

Where: 200 Larkin St., San Francisco

Phone: (415) 581-3500

Cost: \$12 adults, \$8 seniors, \$7 students, free for children under 12 and students with SFUSD students with ID, Asian Art Museum members; \$5 Thursday evenings after 5 pm; free first Sunday of every month.

Arcosports

www.acrosports.org

AcroSports is a non-profit organization offering classes year-round for students age 18-months through adult in gymnastics, tumbling, circus arts, dance, and more.

Located in San Francisco's Inner Sunset/Haight-Ashbury district, AcroSports offers year-round recreational and performance-based classes led by highly-trained coaches and world-class artists.

Where: ACROSPORTS 639 Frederick Street, San Francisco, CA 94117

Phone: 415-665-2276 Fax: 415-566-0102

email:info@acrosports.org

Cost: Varies by the number of weeks attending and number of hours per week. (Children's prices range from \$56-\$441.50 and Adult prices range from \$61-\$472.50).

Bay Area Discovery Museum

www.baykidsmuseum.org

Events, performances, learning labs and exhibits at the Bay Area Discovery Museum engage and educate children through exploration of and connection with the local environment and the diverse communities that live here.

Where: Fort Baker, 557 McReynolds Rd., Sausalito, CA 94965

Phone: (415) 339-3900 (recorded information), (415) 339-3931 (reservations)

Cost: \$10 adults, \$8 children 1-17, \$8 seniors 62+, free to children under 1 and Bay Area

Discovery Museum members. Group rates are available to schools, day care centers and community organizations.

Cable Car Museum

www.sfcablecar.com

What is San Francisco without its cable cars? Come see first hand the history of the city's famous and beloved cable car that helped put San Francisco on the map. There are three historic cable cars housed here along with exhibits and a gift shop.

Where: 1201 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA

Phone: (415) 474-1887

Cost: Free

California Academy of Sciences

www.calacademy.org

Come and visit the Steinhart Aquarium, where you will see many types of aqua animals from sharks to clown fish.

Where: 55 Music Concourse Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118

Phone: 415 379-8000, or email info@calacademy.org

Cost: \$24.95 for Adult, \$19.95 for Youth 12-17, \$19.95 for Student 18+ and Seniors 65+ with ID, \$14.95 for Children 7-11, Free for children 6 and under.

California Legion of Honor Museum

Lincoln Park

thinker.org/legion

This museum houses classical artists such as Monet, Rembrandt, Rubens, Picasso and Sera. The "Big Kids, Little Kids" event goes on every Saturday for children ages 3 to 6 and their parents to take a gallery tour and then participate in related hands-on art activity.

Where: 34th Avenue & Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121

Phone: 415-750-3600

Cost: \$10.00 Adults, \$7.00 Seniors 65+, \$6.00 Youth 13-17, Children 12 and under FREE. Admission tickets to the Legion may be used on the same day for free entrance to the de Young. Special exhibition surcharges, if any, still apply. Free on the first Tuesday of every month. Muni riders with Fast Pass or transfer receive a \$2 discount.

Cartoon Art Museum

www.cartoonart.org

Located in San Francisco, The Cartoon Art Museum is the only institution in the United States dedicated to preserving an art form not often thought of as an art form: printed cartoons. The museum frequently holds events for young children, and the ongoing exhibits have fascinated young and old alike.

Where: 655 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: (415) CARTOON (415) 227-8666

Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 students & seniors, \$2 children (ages 6 - 12), free for children age 5 & under. The first Tuesday of month is "Pay What You Wish Day."

Chabot Observatory & Science Center

www.chabotspace.org

Chabot Observatory & Science Center is located in Oakland, California, is a hands-on center featuring interactive exhibits, a digital planetarium, a large screen theater, hands-on activities and three powerful telescopes.

Where: 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619

Phone: 510-336-7300

Cost: General Admission (includes planetarium show): \$13 Adults, \$10 Senior 65+ and Students with ID, \$9 Youth (3-12), members get in free.

Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

www.cdm.org

Visit the big, purple building where children can discover unusual events, exhibits, and artwork for themselves. The Children's Discovery Museum exposes kids to the world of science, technology and art at an early age, to stimulate their curiosities and dreams for the benefit of future generations.

Where: 180 Woz Way, San Jose, 95110

Phone: (408) 298-5437

Cost: \$8 ages 18 through 59, \$8 children 1-17, \$7 seniors 60+, free for children under 1 and Children's Discovery Museum members.

Children's Fairyland

www.fairyland.org

With ten acres of park and oodles of fun things happening every minute, you'll want to make the most of your visit to Children's Fairyland. There are storybook sets, puppet shows, rides, children's theater and live entertainment. And, you'll learn about their very special animals and gardens. It is a perfect destination for family outing.

Where: 699 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610. It is on the shore of Lake Merritt at Grand Avenue and Bellevue.

Phone: 24-hour information line: (510) 238-6876 and business office (Wednesday through Sunday): (510) 452-2259

Cost: \$7 for everyone ages 1 through 100 (infants under age 1 are free). Special celebration days may be extra. If you plan on having a group of 10 or more you can purchase a One Day Group Pass, which will give you an additional savings. Magic Keys for our talking Storybook Boxes are \$2 at the admission gate. For safety reasons, Fairyland admits adults only when they're accompanied by children.

Community School of Music and Arts

www.arts4all.org

CSMA offers a complete Early Childhood Music & Art Program for children (18 months to 5 years) accompanied by a parent. Additional offerings include summer day camps for children grades K-8 and weekly music and art classes for students of all ages from children to adults.

Where: Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Cir., Mountain View, CA 94040

Phone: (650) 917-6800

Cost: Varies by class.

Conservatory of Flowers

www.conservatoryofflowers.org

With almost two thousand plant species represented in its exhibits and floral displays, the Conservatory joins a distinctive circle of modern American horticultural museums that are on the cutting edge of botanical interpretation and conservation education. In this spectacular museum of living plants, immersive displays in five galleries engage visitors physically, intellectually and emotionally. These splendid displays not only delight, but deliver a moving message about the rapid changes in tropical habitats worldwide and efforts currently underway to conserve these special places. It offers third, fourth and fifth grade classes a guided exploration without cost.

Where: Conservatory of Flowers, JFK Drive, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, CA 94118

Phone: (415) 666-7001

Cost: \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Youth 12-17, Seniors 65 & over, and Students with ID, \$1.50 for Children 5 – 11, FREE for Children 4 and under, free on the first Tuesday of every month.

Coyote Point Museum

www.coyoteptmuseum.org

Mission Statement

The Coyote Point Museum is a learning center that inspires each of us to make a lifelong commitment to act responsibly in caring for the earth. We provide engaging, educational experiences for our diverse, multi-generational Bay Area community through wildlife, gardens, exhibitions, and programs that relate to the global environment.

Where: 1651 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401-1097

Phone: (650) 342-7755

Cost: \$7 Adults, \$ 5 Seniors (ages 62+) and Students (13-17), \$3 Children (3-12), Free Under 2 and members, Free first Wednesday of each month (The free admission policy does not apply to groups of 10 or more), Free for Teachers (must present Teacher ID)

de Young Museum

www.famsf.org/devyoung

de Young Museum houses American art from Colonial times leading up to the 20th century. Like the Legion of Honor, the de Young Museum also hosts the “Big Kids, Little Kids” free program for kids and parents on Saturdays (call museum for times).

Where: Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, San Francisco, CA 94118

Phone: (415) 863-3330

Cost: \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors 65+, \$6 Youths 13-17, \$6 College Students with ID, Children 12 and under FREE. Admission tickets to the de Young may be used on the same day for free entrance to the Legion of Honor. First Tuesday of each month FREE. Special exhibition fees, if any, still apply. Muni riders with Fast Pass or transfer receive a \$2 discount. FAMSF Members are always FREE.

Exploratorium

www.exploratorium.org

This hands-on museum houses more than 650 science, art and human perception exhibits. And their Web site is super fun too, with plenty of interactive games!

Where: Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon St., San Francisco, CA 94123

Phone: (415) EXPLORE (397-5673)

Cost: \$14 adults (18-64), \$11 Student (18+ with ID) and Seniors (65+), \$11 People With Disabilities, \$11 Youth (ages 13-17), \$9 Children (ages 4-12), FREE Children 3 and under, Tactile Dome costs \$17 (general admission included), Members get in Free. Free admission on first Wednesday of each month; however, groups of 10+ must make reservations or will not be admitted.

Fitness in Transit

www.sfkids.org/Content.aspx?id=8998

Fitness in Transit (FIT) is a "mobile" fitness program available to schools and community organizations. Trained instructors bring fitness classes, gymnastics, yoga, ballet, creative movement, theater arts, circus arts, martial arts, and rock climbing into PE classes during the school day or after school program. They offer their services to preschools as well as public and private elementary schools. FIT instructors can also be hired to host birthday parties or to bring their fitness program to organized playgroups.

Where: 686 Poirier Street, Oakland, CA 94609

Phone: (510) 652-2010

Cost: \$12 per class, hourly group rates available

Habitot

www.habitot.org

A place for young children, Habitot Children's Museum offers hands-on exhibits, a drop-in art studio and special weekend events that are geared toward infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Where: 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, CA 94704

Phone: (510) 647-1111

Cost: \$8 child, free for children a year or younger, \$7 adults (Senior/Disabled - 10% discount). Offer free admission days throughout the year. Please check their website for specific dates.

Hidden Villa

www.hiddenvilla.org

Hidden Villa teaches key concepts of ecology and environmental stewardship through farm and wilderness experiences for 20,000 elementary school children; and Summer Camp which builds relationships among over 900 youth of diverse backgrounds, using the natural environment of Hidden Villa as a teaching platform.

Where: 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Phone: (650) 949-8650, Fax: (650) 948-4159

Cost: Varies by events and programs

International Children's Art Museum

The museum features art from children around the world. The exhibits will satisfy anyone curious about childhood in other cultures and about contrasting common characteristics of children's art from many different nations.

Where: World Trade Center, Suite 103, Ferry Bldg. Embarcadero at Market St., S.F.

Phone: (650) 325-6611

Cost: Please contact the office.

Koret Visitor Education Center

sfmoma.org

Unique among art museums in the United States, SFMOMA's Koret Visitor Education Center offers new pathways to enjoying art, with art activity bins for children and studios for hands-on family programs.

Where: 151 Third St., San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: (415) 357-4000

Cost: \$12.50 adults, \$8 seniors (ages 62+), \$7 students with ID, free for SFMOMA members and children 12 and under with adult, free the first Tuesday of the month.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

wildlife-museum.org

Daily programs may include an eagle or mammal feeding, stage presentations with live wild animals, and opportunities for visitors to interact with small domestic animals. Volunteers are available to answer questions about the animals on display.

Where: 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Phone: 925-935-1978

Cost: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 65+, \$5 for children ages 2 -17, FREE for members and for children under 2 years old! Groups of 15-35 people may make advance reservations and receiving a discounted admission rate of \$4 per person. There must be at least one adult for every eight children. Please note group admission rates do not include a guided tour.

Museum of Children's Art

mocha.org

Especially for kids, the Museum of Children's Art offers classes, family workshops and an art camp. And it offers Little Studio and Open Studio, drop-in art programs for kids and their families.

Where: 538 Ninth St., Oakland, CA 94607

Phone: (510) 465-8770

Cost: Gallery admission is always free; classes, workshops and camps often charge a fee -- contact them for more information.

Museum of Craft and Folk Art

www.mocfa.org

The Museum of Craft and Folk Art provides innovative exhibitions and educational programs that are designed to connect with and inspire diverse communities. As the only folk art museum in Northern California, the museum is known for a rich offering of focused and unique exhibitions of traditional and contemporary folk art and craft from around the world — demonstrating how folk art, contemporary craft, and fine art are all part of the same continuum.

Where: 51 Yerba Buena Lane, San Francisco, CA 94103 (@ Mission between Third & Fourth)

Phone: (415) 227-4888

Cost: \$5.00 General Admission, \$4.00 Seniors (62 and over), Members and Youth to age 18 are Free. Free first Tuesday of every month.

Randall Museum

www.randallmuseum.org

The Randall Museum offers a unique haven where children and adults can explore the creative aspects of art and science and make discoveries about nature and the environment by direct participation in classes, workshops, special events and clubs. Our suggestion: check out their Drop-In Family Ceramics on Saturdays.

Where: 199 Museum Way, San Francisco, CA 94114

Phone: (415) 554-9600

Cost: Museum admission and school field trip programs are free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum & Planetarium

www.egyptianmuseum.org

The museum houses the largest collection of Egyptian artifacts on exhibit in the western United States -- including objects from pre-dynastic times through Egypt's early Islamic era.

Where: 1342 Naglee Ave, San Jose, CA 95191

Phone: 408 947 3636

Cost: \$9.00 general admission*, \$7.00 seniors 55+ and students w/ I.D., \$5.00 children ages 5 – 10, free children under 5, * \$1.00 discount on general admission for members of AAA, AAM, KQED, and Military. Please note: Visitors 17 and under will not be admitted without a parent or chaperone at least 18 years of age.

San Francisco Botanical Garden

www.sfbotanicalgarden.org

Escape to a unique urban oasis of extraordinary beauty. Enjoy the San Francisco Botanical Garden's world of gardens, excellent horticulture library, bookstore, and education programs. This Garden is open daily and it is free to the public. It provides programs and activities for all ages. FREE GUIDED WALKS are given daily at 1:30 pm. For Children's Education Programs please call Children's education at (415) 661-1316 ext. 307.

Where: 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA 94122

Phone: 415-661-1316

Cost: Free admission. Costs varied for classes, please visit their website for more information.

San Francisco Children's Art Center

www.childrensartcenter.org

For more than two decades, the San Francisco Children's Art Center has focused on a process-oriented art experience. They offer weekly art classes and art birthday parties and conduct programs at community sites in San Francisco

Where: Fort Mason, Building C, San Francisco, CA 94123

Phone: (415) 771-0292

Cost: Prices vary for each class. Contact them for more information.

San Francisco Fire Department Museum

www.sffiremuseum.org

The primary mission of the SFFDHS is to preserve the heritage and to record the history of the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) for the benefit of the citizens of San Francisco. This mission will include the conservation and preservation of the collection, display of documents, graphic items, fire memorabilia, apparatus, appliances and other items at the SFFD Museum. The SFFDHS represents the SFFD at community events and firefighter musters, in parades, displays and competitions with the apparatus of the collection. The award winning SFFDHS muster team, by preserving the physical techniques of firefighting used in by gone days, makes the SFFD Museum a museum of living history.

Where: 655 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94115-2424

Phone: 415-563-4630

Cost: Free

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

www.sfmoma.org

The Education Department at SFMOMA organizes a wide range of programs for audiences of all ages. They offer special exhibition-related events, such as artist talks and lectures; tours for students, adult groups, and walk-in visitors; and family days and monthly hands-on family studios.

Where: 151 Third Street (between Mission and Howard Streets), San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: (415) 357-4000

Cost: \$12.50 adults, \$8 seniors (62+), \$7 students with ID, free SFMOMA members and children 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, Half-price admission on Thursday evenings (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.). Free admission on the first Tuesday of each month. For group admissions, please contact the office for more information.

San Francisco Symphony's Music for Families Series

www.sfsymphony.org

The Music for Families Series offers quarterly symphony concerts that combine great music with fascinating talks, show-and-tell demonstrations and useful tools to promote music appreciation at home.

Where: Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 864-6000

Cost: Prices vary. Please contact the organization for more information.

San Francisco Zoo

www.sfzoo.org

The San Francisco Zoo is California's largest zoological park and conservation center. This urban oasis, nestled against the Pacific Ocean, provides a comfortable climate all year round. We know you'll enjoy seeing the 250 different animal species in naturalistic surroundings, and our many Zoo activities and events.

Where: 1 Zoo Road, San Francisco, CA 94132 (on Sloat Blvd and 47th Avenue)

Phone: (415) 753-7080

Cost: Adults (18-64) \$11, Youth (12-17) \$8, Seniors 65+ \$8, Children (3-11) \$5, Children 2 and under Free

San Francisco Residents: (must show valid proof of residency to get discount): Adults \$9, Youth \$4.50, Seniors \$4.50, Children (3-11) \$2.50, Children under 3 are free. First Wednesday of every month is free.

San Jose Museum of Art

www.sjmusart.org

Join families from all over the Bay Area at the San Jose Museum of Art's Kids ArtSunday! With the objective of making the artwork on view accessible to young audiences, SJMA's education department offers this quarterly event free.

Where: 110 South Market St., San Jose, CA 95113

Phone: (408) 271-6840

Cost: \$8 Adults, \$5 Students and seniors, \$2 discount for San Jose Library cardholders, children under 6 is free, SJMA members have free admission.

Slide Ranch

www.slideranch.org

Slide Ranch is a nonprofit teaching farm with organic gardens, goats, sheep, chickens, and ducks. Slide Ranch is an ideal place to teach about healthy foods, healthy living and environmental awareness. Slide Ranch offers programs: Family Programs, Group Programs and Summer Day Camp. Family programs consist of Family Farm Days, Toddler Days, Family Campouts, and much more. Slide Ranch Programs bring learning to life with hands-on education activities on a working farm.

Where: 2025 Shoreline Highway, Muir Beach, CA 94965

Phone: (415) 381-6155

Cost: Cost varies by program (price ranges from \$10-\$15 per person and \$50-\$60 for families of 4 or more and children two and under are free)

The Museum of American Heritage

moah.org

The Museum of American Heritage hosts many exhibits that combine elements of history, technology and design to illustrate the evolution of technology, how and why it has influenced society from inception to the current time, and a glimpse of future expectations.

Where: 351 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto, California

Phone: 650-321-1004 Fax: 650-473-6950

Cost: Free! Group tours available upon reservation. Offers different fee based educational classes.

University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley

www.botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu

The University of California Botanical Garden is a living museum open to the public featuring one of the most diverse plant collections in the United States. Established in 1890, the Garden's 34 acres contain over 12,000 different kinds of plants from all over the world arranged by region.

Where: 200 Centennial Drive, #5045 Berkeley, CA 94720

Phone: 510-643-2755

Cost: \$7 Adults, \$5 seniors (65+) and juniors (13-17), \$2 Children (5-12), UCBG members, UC students and children under 5 are free! First Thursday every month is free for everyone.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

www.ybca.org

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts presents contemporary art from the Bay Area and around the world that reflects the profound issues and ideas of our time, expands the boundaries of artistic practice, and celebrates the diversity of human experience and expression. For their recent art exhibitions, please check their website.

Where: 701 Mission Street and 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: 415.978.2700

Cost: \$7 regular, \$5 seniors and students, FREE for YBCA Members when all galleries are open; \$5 regular/\$3 seniors and students, FREE for YBCA Members when galleries are partially open. FREE on first Tuesday of every month. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available for \$1 off the appropriate gallery admission price. Special rules may apply for group tours, please contact the office for more information.

Yoshi's Sunday Matinees

www.yoshis.com

Yoshi's is committed to encouraging younger audiences to enjoy the experience of a jazz show by offering the specially priced Yoshi's Sunday Matinee Series. Timed for the convenience of families, the shows are at 2pm on most Sundays.

Where: Jack London Square, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland, CA 94607 and
1300 Fillmore Street, San Francisco

Phone: (510) 238-9200

Cost: Contact them for tickets.

Zeum

www.zeum.org

Providing a hands-on participatory environment for youth arts expression, Zeum is a lot of fun for everyone. If that isn't enough fun for your whole family, Zeum is the cornerstone of the Rooftop at Yerba Buena Gardens, which also includes an ice skating rink, a bowling center, a child development center, a 1906 Playland-at-the-Beach carousel and gardens.

Where: 221 Fourth Street @ Howard streets, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: (415) 820-3320

Cost: \$8 ages 3-18 and Students/Seniors, \$10 Adults, Zeum members for free, Children 2 and under enter free. Contact them for group discounts.