



**Your Local Destination  
for Hands-On Field Trips**



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3rd  
Grade

# Native American Hands-On Field Trip



Visit VT Ranch and learn about the Chumash Indians. The Chumash were hunter-gatherers and were adept at fishing at the time of Spanish colonization. The Chumash lived with a bounty of resources. Much of their culture consisted of basketry, bead manufacturing and trading, cuisine of local abalone and clam, herbalism which consisted of using local herbs to produce teas and medical reliefs, and rock art.

## Students will:

- Learn about Native American Culture.
- Medicinals and Uses for Native Plant Life.
- Learn about Tribal Stories and Beliefs.
- Learn Native American Games & Activities.
- Learn about Hunting and Gathering.
- Experience Daily Life.
- Make Yucca Cordage, Paintbrushes & More!

**Field Trips Last 2 1/4 Hours.**  
**Enjoy Our Picnic Area After the Trip**

# California Gold Rush

## Hands-On Field Trip

4th  
Grade



Learn about the history of the Gold Rush in your own backyard, not to mention the place where gold was first discovered in California. The first documented discovery of gold in California occurred in 1842 when Francisco Lopez, then a resident at Rancho San Francisco (Later known as Newhall Ranch), found the placer deposits in Placerita Canyon right here in Santa Clarita.

### Students will:

- Stake a Claim & Pan for GOLD!
- Participate as an Entrepreneur & make a candle.
- Make butter, adobe bricks, wash clothes & more.
- Learn about rocks & minerals.
- Meet with a gold assayer.

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5th Grade & Up  
1-Day Programs

*Schools have discovered you can get more activities in at VT Ranch in 1 day vs. going to other facilities which require longer and more expensive bus trips.*

## Outdoor Science & Teambuilding Program

### Low Ropes Challenge Course

Participants will work together to cross a series of cabled challenges, get through our spider web, balance on the whale watch, and more. These activities are no higher than 18' off of the ground and require communication and trust between one another.

### Group Initiatives

Work together as a team to accomplish tasks and challenges. Activities will range from the "Magic Carpet," "Helium Stick," "Marble Tubes," and more.

### High Level Ropes Course

Put on your harness and helmet, and challenge yourself on our High Elements Challenge Course (Up to 35' in the air!). Cross our Postman's Walk, Vine Walk, and Incomplete Bridge, climb our "Giants Ladder," and take a "Leap of Faith." All of these events are facilitated by our trained and qualified leaders.

### Science Components

Choose from Yucca plant activities, "Sound Mapping" on our trails, "Egg Drops", volcano making and nature hunts.

Hiking and Nature Trail Activities

Evening Campfire complete with skits and S'mores

*Programs Include Lunch & Dinner*



Located at



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