Jay Field Trips Summer 2012
*All Field Trips on Fridays

**Week 1: 6/29**

Science Factory and Day Island Park, Eugene/Springfield, OR

We will be exploring the science factory and viewing one of their planetarium shows. Then we will go picnic at Island park. This fieldtrip is designed to give everyone a chance to get to know each other and to teach the new children field trip skills and expectations. During the week prior to trip we talk about the trips and how they go. Some of the topics are the buddy system, walking in a “teacher Sandwich” (which is having a teacher always in the front and back of the group) and how lunch is served on trips.

**Week 2: 7/6**

Raptor Center and Letterboxing Hike, Eugene, OR

We will be enjoying one of the raptor programs put on by the Raptor Center staff, walk around and view all the birds. Then after lunch we will Letter box our way down the hill to the park at the bottom.

Letter boxing is a scavenger hunt for small stamps that we find on line. The Kids start by finding them and then by then end of the summer we usually carve some of our own in hopes that people will go hunting for ours. (If you’d like more info on this activity feel free to contact us or check it out on line at [www.atlasquest.com](http://www.atlasquest.com))

**Week 3: 7/13**

Water Board Park and Fish Hatchery, Vida, OR

This is a long time favorite of the children and staff alike! We “set up camp” at one of the shelters then explore the park while letterboxing and playing sardines. We also go to the fish hatchery and the trout pond where there are many Rainbows’ to be fed and observed...the pond is also home to 15 ft long sturgeon! This location has so much outdoor exploration available it’s hard to fit it all in!

**Week 4: 7/20**

Shotgun Park, Marcola, OR

Shotgun creek is a beautifully maintained park outside of Marcola. It offers a creek to explore, a playground, open fields to chase butterflies in, letterboxes to find, and a Sandy beached swimming hole. At the swimming hole we provide life jackets for all children and the teachers are in the water facing the beach while playing with the children so no child is able to go out past wading depths. If children try and challenge the limits they are removed from the water for 5 minutes and if they challenge it again they are done for the day. We take safety very seriously!
**Week 5: 7/27**  
Sladden Park field day and Letterbox Extravaganza, Eugene, OR

This adventure has become a tradition. The kids early in the week are able to carve some of their own letterbox stamps then Jackie and I go and hide them around the park for them. They are able to find them with very little adult help because the clues are pictures rather than words! Along with that the City of Eugene has their programs in the park located there so we join in with some of their ideas and bring along a bunch of our field games and art supplies making for a great day!

**Week 6: 8/03**  
Heceta Beach and Lighthouse, Florence, OR

This is an amazing location for children to explore. In the morning when we arrive if the tide is low enough we go and explore the tide pools. If it’s not a good low tide day we will go up as a group to the light house and explore it and/or play in the sand and fly kites on the beach, then return for lunch in the picnic area. In the afternoon we go to the creek that flows into the ocean and play there in the sand and the water. The creek is only ankle deep and great for filling moats! Often we don’t even go to the ocean’s edge but when we do it is 2 kids at a time holding my hand to “jump the waves” (our wave jumping is not out deep...ankle to mid-calf only.

**Week 7: 8/10**  
Enchanted Forest, Salem, OR

Enchanted forest is a perpetual kid favorite! We explore a little in the morning and go to the play before lunch. After lunch we explore the rest of the park and ride a few rides...ending our day panning for gold!

**Week 8: 8/17**  
McDowell Creek, Sweet Home, OR

This is one of my original trips I started taking Moss St. kids to way back in 1999 and it’s still a favorite. There are 3 waterfalls that can be “hiked” to in less than a mile and all are beautiful, powerful, and kid safe! Along with the beauty a lore had developed over the years of a group of fairies who live by the last waterfall who like to play tricks on us! During the week the children often work on making fairy dolls of their own and “magically” they reappear as we hike to the last water fall! They leave us notes along the way and usually at the end some art supplies for us to keep! It is a great way to end the summer!