



Life Skills

Urban Adventure



What do you see?

Class Structure

Week #1:

- University of Utah Tour
- Old Saltaire

Week #2:

- City and County Building
- Capitol Building/Pioneer Museum

Week #3:

- Beehive House
- Wheeler Farm

Week #4:

- Energy Solutions Arena
- Tiny Tim's Toy Shop

Week #5:

- Museum of Modern Art/Ensign Peak
- Clark Planetarium/Wild West Playground

Week #6:

- Hill Air Force Museum
- International Peace Gardens

Week #1: *UNIVERSITY OF UTAH and the OLD SALTAIR*

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Rating: 5/10

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They had a special do-it-on-your-own scavenger hunt for large groups of kids. We did not have a tour guide.

The scavenger hunt was informative, but it lacked a guide and creativity. We got lost many times and had a hard time keeping the kids engaged.

I would recommend going on a cool day. When we went, it was 110 degrees...and we were miserable.

Week #1: *UNIVERSITY OF UTAH and the OLD SALTAIR*

OLD SALTAIR

Rating: 5/10

Contact: NONE

We used this website (<http://www.enjoyutah.org/2010/03/treasure-hunt-old-site-of-saltair-on.html>) to plan a treasure hunt. We didn't find a lot of the remnants that the sites promised, and we went in the middle of the hot summer. It was too hot for the kids to spend a lot of time outside.

My advice is to go on a cooler day. See if you can find the remnants that we couldn't find!

Week #2: *CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING / STATE CAPITOL AND PIONEER MUSEUM*

CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING

Rating: 10/10

Contact: NONE

During the summer, the City and County Building gives free tours for the public of the entire building (including the haunted tunnel, city counsel rooms, mayor's office, basement and bell tower). They change from year to year (this year was Monday and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm). It was an amazing tour. The kids loved it so much that we went back several times.

Pro tip: Legend says that the building is haunted (especially the fourth floor). We downloaded a ghost-hunting app and played along with it. The kids LOVED it and some were genuinely scared!

Week #2: *CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING / STATE CAPITOL AND PIONEER MUSEUM*

STATE CAPITOL AND PIONEER MUSEUM

Rating: 8/10

Contact: NONE

The Capitol has tours every day on the hour. We joined the tour, but it was crowded and a little too “adult” for the kids. They got bored easily. We left early and were able to walk around the building ourselves. We also used a scavenger hunt that we found online (it worked great!).

The pioneer museum was a HIT! The kids loved seeing all of the creepy old dolls and artifacts. It was a good chance for them to learn more about Utah’s history.

These two buildings are right next to each other and are an easy trip!

Week #3: *BEEHIVE HOUSE (Temple Square) / WHEELER FARM*

BEEHIVE HOUSE

Rating: 6/10

Contact: NONE

We wanted the kids to learn more about Utah's history. We didn't want the experience to be overly religious, but we wanted them to see and learn more about Utah's founders. The Beehive House was a good activity, but a bit religious. It didn't make the kids uncomfortable, but we felt a little odd about it (and we are both LDS!). The kids learned a lot about Brigham Young and the pioneers.

Normally, there is a tour that goes to the top of the LDS Church office building. It was closed for construction when we went, but we would like to go back again to see the view!

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Week #4: *Energy Solutions Arena / Tiny Tim's Toy Shop*

Energy Solutions Arena (Vivint Smart Home Arena)

Rating: 10/10

Contact: (801) 325-2000

The kids loved this trip. The tour was awesome. The tour guide was kind and patient. Overall, it was a really great trip.

The tour lasts about an hour and includes trips to the locker room, upper bowl seating, media room, box seats, and, depending on the time of year, lower bowl tours.

Week #4: *Energy Solutions Arena / Tiny Tim's Toy Shop*

Tiny Tim's Toy Shop

Rating: 10/10

Contact: 801-815-4602

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The kids really adored the men working at the Factory. They talked to them about their cause and the details of their volunteer work. At the end, they got to put together their own car to send out to kids all over the world! They LOVED the experience and are dying to go back.

Week #5: *Museum of Modern Art/Ensign Peak*

Museum of Modern Art

Rating: 5/10

Contact: NONE

The Museum of Modern Art is free and conveniently located. However, there wasn't enough content to keep the kids occupied for more than about 30 minutes. They enjoyed the experience, but I am not sure that I would ever do that trip again. We spent the rest of our day browsing City Creek instead of the museum.

Week #5: *Museum of Modern Art / Ensign Peak*

Ensign Peak

Rating: 8/10

Contact: NONE

We wanted the kids to get a great view of the city and get out of the building for a while. This was a really great hike. There is an option to hike a bit farther (about a mile) to the very top, or you can stay close to the bottom of the hill and see just about as much as the top! They loved taking pictures and identifying where they lived and where Liberty Park was. They also got to learn a little bit about Utah's history in the process. We went to Memory Grove park afterward and let them play.

Week #6: *Hill Air Force Museum / International Peace Gardens*

Hill Air Force Museum

Rating: 9/10

Contact: NONE

It's a bit of a drive, but SO worth it! The kids loved getting out of Salt Lake City and spending some time bonding in the car. The museum is free and there is a lot to see! We were really pleased with how well everything is set up and explained. The kids loved learning more about planes and how they were used in both World Wars. We recommend having a scavenger hunt or Kahoot! ready for them to utilize. Some of the kids weren't as interested in planes as others.

Week #6: *Hill Air Force Museum / International Peace Gardens*

International Peace Gardens

Rating: 5/10

Contact: NONE

This is also a free park with a lot of history. We arranged a scavenger hunt for the kids and split them up into groups to do it. If I could go back and do this trip again, I would give the kids more time to enjoy the scenery and read more about each country. I think many of them had been several times and weren't too interested in going again.

Pro Tips by Lauren

- *Always, always, always have a backup plan. We did some research on the local parks in the area where we were going. The kids always love that and it gives them a chance to get a lot of energy out of their little bodies!*
- *As long as you are excited about where you are going, they will be.*
- *Keep the destination a secret! They had so much fun on the car ride to our destination because they were trying to figure out where we were going.*
- *Have an activity planned to keep them occupied if it seems that they are losing interest.*