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This is a list of places visited by Pack 504 Dens. Please send the Webmaster your input and help expand the list! Also let us know if any of these website links change. Thanks in advance for your help. (8/28/11)

1. Visit a library, historical society, old farm, or historical building: Suggestions include the Lisle Depot Museum, Naper Settlement, Kline Creek Farm, and Cantigny First Division Museum.
2. Naper Settlement: A living history museum tells the story of daily life in Naperville as it changed from a simple frontier outpost to a bustling turn-of-the-century community. With costumed villagers, annual events and special exhibits, you never know what a visit to the Settlement will bring! See www.napersettlement.org for details.
3. Lisle Depot Museum: The Museums at Lisle Station Park provide visitors the opportunity to learn about the heritage and culture of 19th century Northern Illinois. Settled in 1832, the life of this agricultural community soon revolved around the railroad depot and the area became known as Lisle Station. See their website: www.lisleparkdistrict.org/museum.htm
4. Kline Creek Farm (Winfield – DuPage Forest Preserve). Kline creek was a surprise hit with the kids. Sheep shearing, corn shucking, bees, and docents in period costumes. Be sure to show the Scouts the “out house”. See their website at www.dupageforest.com/page.aspx?id=228
5. The Cantigny First Division Museum has an elaborate multimedia WW I exhibit and a large collection of army tanks. Our Scouts enjoyed crawling on top of them. Cantigny allows this, but just be careful. This is the real thing. Note that Scouts in uniform get in free at Cantigny. See www.cantigny.org/museums/ for details and museum hours.
6. See a fire station: The Naperville Fire Station at the corner of Warrenville and Yackley will be glad to arrange a tour for your Den. See the City of Naperville’s web site for contact information. The Lisle-Woodridge Fire District has put on an outstanding fire safety demonstration for our Pack meetings. See their website at www.lwfd.org for information on their outreach efforts. Our scouts have also visited their downtown station. Highly recommended.
7. Visit the Police: The Lisle Police department welcomes Scouts. See the village website for details on how to schedule a tour. Naperville Police department’s “Cub Scouts Investigate” (CSI) program for Bear Cub Scouts is a good bet too. See Naperville’s website for outreach information. See <http://www.naperville.il.us/> and www.villageoflisle.org
8. Be sure to check out Naperville’s unique Safety Town. It is a scale model village next door to the Police station on Aurora Avenue. In addition to the CSI program for Bears, they also have programs for Wolves. Be advised, Safety Town programs fill up fast. Go to the city of Naperville website and enter “safety town” in the search box for latest details and program information or try this link for their website: www.naperville.il.us/dynamic_content.aspx?id=183
9. Attend an amateur or professional sporting event: Our Pack organizes several events during the year. The Kane County Cougars put on a great show. Fireworks, running the bases, etc. The

Cougars have free parking and are a great choice for baseball fans. See www.kccougars.com The Chicago Wolves are another good bet. Fast paced hockey is always exciting to watch. See www.chicagowolves.com and if you are a football fan, see www.chicagoslaughter.com for exciting arena football.

10. Visit a television station, radio station, or newspaper. Both the College of Du Page and North Central College radio stations welcome Cub Scouts. See www.northcentralcollege.edu and <http://home.cod.edu/>
11. Take a hike: The Morton Arboretum's "Big Rock" trail works well. Adults pay, but kids get in free, and the Children's Garden and Maze are outstanding. The latter are best enjoyed in the Summer. See www.mortonarb.org. The Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve was a very good trip and is free. See their website [www.dupageforest.com/Conservation/ForestPreserves/Waterfall Glen.html](http://www.dupageforest.com/Conservation/ForestPreserves/Waterfall_Glen.html)
12. Don't miss the Willowbrook Wildlife Center. The Center is run by the Du Page Forest Preserve District and specializes in rehabilitating injured wild animals. It also has an extensive public outreach program, including activities specifically designed for Cub Scouts. The boys can see Bald Eagles, hawks, owls, and get hands on time with snakes and the Center's pet rats. Highly recommended. See their website: www.willowbrookwildlife.com
13. Long Grove Confectionery Company www.longgrove.com has gotten great reviews. How could a tour of a chocolate factory not be a winner?
14. Both Mayor Pradel of Naperville and Mayor Broda of Lisle welcome Cub Scouts. A visit with the Mayor is always an exciting experience for the boys. See <http://www.naperville.il.us/> and www.villageoflisle.org for contact information.
15. Fermilab has numerous tours, outreach programs, even an "Ask-a-scientist" program. Great place to visit, they have an abundance of wildlife and even a bison herd! See their website www.fnal.gov for information.
16. Visit Krispy Kream – see how donuts are made . The Woodridge store closed, but the Elk Grove Village one is still in operation. See www.krispykreme.com for store location. Has anybody toured Dunkin Donuts yet?
17. Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory in downtown Naperville. How could a visit there be anything but wonderful? See www.rmcf.com
18. Cosley Zoo: Located in Wheaton, this nationally recognized zoo offers an intimate experience with a large variety of domestic farm animals and native Illinois wildlife. While the animals are the main attraction, the zoo also features a historical train station, a railroad caboose, a tree-lined picnic area, a unique gift shop and a seasonal concession stand. See their website: <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/parks/cosley/default.html>
19. Bowling alley: Our Webelos scouts went to Fox Bowl in Wheaton and got an interesting tour of how the machines work that set the pins, etc... See www.foxbowl.com

20. Visit a nursing home over the holidays. Our Webelos delivered cookies, sang Christmas carols and told jokes at a nursing home. This is a great thing to do. We know Snow valley in Lisle is a good one, too. See <http://snowvalleycenter.com/> for contact information. The residents will much appreciate your visit.
21. Home Depot has programs specially tailored for scouts. They learn how to use tools and find things. Lot's of fun and educational too. Contact the store manager to arrange a tour. We went to the Fox Valley store on Rte 59. See their website www.homedepot.com
22. Dominick's Super Market – Get a behind the scenes tour of how a modern supermarket functions. Contact the store manager to make arrangements for this fascinating tour. www.dominicks.com