

2017 Thurtell Reunion Activity Descriptions

Girl Scout Camp Pattagansett Activities <http://www.gsofct.org/participate/property-tours/index.php>

We will have hiking, games, crafts, kid's activities and other fun available at the camp at no extra charge.

LetterBoxing at Girl Scout Camp - Free <http://www.letterboxing.org/>

Letterboxing is an intriguing "treasure hunt" style outdoor activity. Letterboxers hide small, weatherproof boxes in publicly-accessible places (like parks) and post clues to finding the box online on one of several Web sites. There are about 90,000 active letterboxes hidden in North America alone. Individual letterboxes usually contain a log book, an often hand-carved rubber stamp and occasionally contain an ink pad. Finders make an imprint of the letterbox's stamp on their personal log book, and leave an imprint of their personal stamp on the letterbox's logbook.

Tower Climb at Girl Scout Camp

\$10 per person (must have completed third grade or older)

Tower Climb Creative games will get your muscles and minds warmed up to face vertical challenges. Learn spotting skills, and how to fit safety gear needed to climb the tower. Encourage each other to reach greater heights as you alternately climb and serve on the belay teams.

Canoeing at Girl Scout Camp

Cost of hiring lifeguard

Canoe on Lake Pattagansett. We can teach you basic canoe skills and then you can explore the area.

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut <http://www.childrensmuseumsect.org/>

Organized Groups of ten or more children = \$5.50 per person 11 minutes away

Children (from age 1) and adults = \$7 per person

Come take a look around the Museum, there's something for everyone! We engage, encourage, and challenge children from 9 months to 9 years in the arts, sciences, and world cultures.

Our Outdoor Playspace is here for the adventurous and curious explorers! View the Long Island Sound from the highest perch of the Tree House, and get back to the basics with outdoor fun! Splash in the water table, sail the seven seas in our sailboat, or perform a concert with our rhythm section of drum and xylophone. After that, soar on the zip-line, conquer the obstacle course, and climb the rock wall while the foam cannon fills the air with bubbles.

Explore our Discovery Room and observe our marvelous menagerie – Lady Waldorf, the bearded dragon, Mr. Rogers, the Russian tortoise, Hip and Hop, the Australian tree frogs, Loki the Leopard gecko and Cranky and Crusty, the land hermit crabs. Across the room our beehive buzzes with activity.

Fashion an amazing structure with the Citiblocks (parents, we see you building!) or design a golfball cascade with the Maxi-Rollaway exhibit. The magnetic gears grind away as you plant an indoor garden, create an arch with the Arch blocks and fill the air with "music" playing our pipe organ.

The van, loaded with all the beach gear, points the way our imaginative play area with fishing boat, lighthouse, global village, and the big blue foam blocks from **Imagination Playground!**

Mystic Seaport <http://www.mysticseaport.org>

\$21 adult \$12.50 child (under 5 free) – need 10 for group rate. 25 minutes away

The Museum of America and the Sea in Mystic, Connecticut is the largest maritime museum in the world. It is notable for its collection of sailing ships and boats, and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of an entire 19th-century seafaring village. It consists of more than 60 original historic buildings, most of them rare commercial structures moved to the 19-acre site and meticulously restored.

Mystic Aquarium<http://www.mysticaquarium.org>

\$23 adult \$18 child (under 2 free) – need 10 for group rate. 25 minutes away
Mystic Aquarium is an aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut. The Aquarium is one of three U.S. facilities holding Steller sea lions and it has one of the largest, outdoor Beluga whale exhibits in the United States. Special exhibits include a ray and shark touch pool, an African penguin exhibit, and a jelly gallery.

Pequot Museum<http://www.pequotmuseum.org/>

\$15 adult \$10 child (6-17 years old) - need 10 for group rate. 35 minutes away
Tribally owned-and-operated, the Museum brings to life the story of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. It serves as a major resource on the histories and cultures of Native Americans in the northeast and on the region's rich natural history. The Museum is a 308,000-square-foot complex. Multi-sensory dioramas and exhibits introduce visitors to the history of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the natural and cultural history of the eastern woodlands. Films and videos, interactive programs, archival materials, ethnographic and archaeological collections, commissioned art, and traditional crafts by Native artisans are featured in the exhibits. A 185-foot, stone-and-glass tower provides visitors with sweeping views of the swamp and region.

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat<http://essexsteamtrain.com/the-train-boat/>

\$22 adult \$14 child – need 20 for group rate 20 minutes away
Since 1971, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat has been escorting thousands of visitors through 13 miles of the scenic beauty of the Connecticut River. The melodic sound of the steam train whistle was once a common occurrence throughout America. Now, there are fewer than 100 steam locomotives in scheduled service in the United States. Two of these “iron horses” operate eight months of the year here at Essex...which is why travelers world-wide consider us one of the most popular attractions in New England. While the living history of our steam train and riverboat, surrounded by the wonder of nature, is enough to complete any visit, there’s even more!

Hammonasset Beach State Park<http://www.stateparks.com/hammonasset.html>

\$15/car 25 minutes away
We can visit the beach and swim in the Long Island Sound. Connecticut's largest shoreline park offers over 2 miles of beach to enjoy swimming, strolling along the boardwalk, or just relaxing in the sun and surf.

USS Nautilus Submarine Tour and Submarine Force Museum<http://www.ussnautilus.org>

Free 20 minutes away
Go aboard the USS Nautilus, the world’s first nuclear powered submarine. The Submarine Force Museum, located on the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut, maintains the world's finest collection of submarine artifacts. It is the only submarine museum operated by the United States Navy, and as such is the primary repository for artifacts, documents and photographs relating to U.S. Submarine Force history. The museum traces the development of the "Silent Service" from David Bushnell's Turtle, used in the Revolutionary War, to the Ohio and Virginia class submarines.

Argia Schooner at Mystic<http://www.argiamystic.com>

Can book for morning cruise (\$954 for up to 49 people). 25 minutes away
ARGIA sails out of Schooner Wharf in charming downtown Mystic CT. – 2-hour trip. The sailing schooner ARGIA is a US Coast Guard Inspected vessel, which must meet the highest requirements of a commercial

passenger vessel. Her Captain is also licensed by the USCG. ARGIA has seating for all of her 49 passengers, as well as plenty of room to move around during a trip. She has a lovely little Main Salon, down below, so a handful of guests at a time can step out of the sun. There is also a modern flush head (or toilet). ARGIA's rig is that of a 19th Century East Coast trading, or packet, schooner and is most properly described as that of a Two-Masted Gaff Topsail Schooner.

Boat Tour of Thimble Islands

<http://thimbleislands.com/daily-tours/>

\$13 adults \$6 child (reservations accepted for groups of 10 +). 45 minutes away

Thimble Islands (named for the prolific Thimble Berry, not their size)—a collection of over a hundred islands of various dimensions (only twenty-five inhabited) – some no bigger than a breadbox, others large enough for 32 houses. President Taft summered on Elton's Island and at the height of his popularity, Tom Thumb courted a woman on Cut-In-Two Island. The most popular way to view the islands up close is by tour boat.

Gillette Castle

www.ct.gov/deep/gillettecastle

\$6 adult \$2 child (no group rate). 35 minutes away

Atop the most southerly hill in a chain known as the Seven Sisters, William Hooker Gillette, noted actor, director, and playwright, built this one hundred and eighty-four-acre estate, the Seventh Sister. He is most famous for his stage portrayal of "Sherlock Holmes".

Gillette Castle is a twenty-four room mansion reminiscent of a medieval castle. The woodwork within the castle is hand-hewn southern white oak. Of the forty-seven doors within the structure, there are no two exactly the same. And each door has a handsome external latch intricately carved of wood. Even the Castle's furnishings are indications of Gillette's inspirations. The built-in couches, a movable table on tracks, and light switches of carved wood all point to his creative genius.

Mohegan Sun Casino

<https://mohegansun.com>

Transportation cost depends on number of people. 20 minutes away

A world at play and a world to its own, Mohegan Sun, created in 1996 by the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, is one of the world's most amazing destinations with some of New England's finest dining, hotel accommodations, retail shopping, live entertainment and sporting events. Boasting three world-class casinos. More than 300,000 square feet of gaming excitement within three casinos - Casino of the Earth, Sky & Wind, including smoke-free areas. Over 40 restaurants, bars and lounges. The Shops at Mohegan Sun, a 130,000 square-foot retail shopping experience.

Foxwoods Casino

<https://www.foxwoods.com>

Transportation cost depends on number of people. 35 minutes away

Foxwoods Resort Casino is the premier resort destination in the Northeast. As the largest resort casino in North America, Foxwoods offers a vast array of gaming in six casinos. Tangier Outlets, retail shopping, restaurants, bars, entertainment and hotel accommodations are part of the complex as well.

Wineries

\$12-\$15 per winery 30 minutes away

We will plan our winery tour to hit nearby wineries. With enough people we would hire party bus or rent a van.

Breweries

45 minutes away

varies for samplers/flights \$10-\$15

We will plan our brewery tour to visit area breweries. With enough people we would hire party bus or rent a van.

Charter Fishing

<http://www.sunbeamfleet.com/>

Captain John's Sport Fishing Ctr., Inc. is family-owned and currently operated by the third & fourth generations. We have provided open party boat, private charter fishing and cruises to Southeastern Connecticut for over six decades. The Sunbeam Fleet has the largest fleet of boats in Connecticut. We have a wide range of boats to choose from and a variety of trips to fit everyone's needs. We carry up to 40 passengers. All vessels are United States Coast Guard Certified and are under the direct supervision of a licensed captain. All of our boats are equipped with state-of-the art marine navigational and communication equipment.

All Fishing trips: Suggested items to bring. Camera, warm clothing, sunglasses, suntan lotion, sneakers or boots (no open toed shoes). Rod fee and gratuity included in prices Kim has listed.

"Kids Special" – Public Trip

3 hours - \$46 Adults and \$29 Kids (12 and under)

Thursday only. Leaves at 2:30 PM and returns at 5:30 PM. Being in business for over 65 years we know KIDS are the most important. So we are offering an affordable trip (3 hrs.) for our younger anglers. We will be bottom fishing for Porgy, Sea Bass and Fluke. **This is a great trip for 5 year olds on up to seniors who do not want to spend the entire day on the water.** Average run time to grounds 30 minutes.

Half Day Bottom Fishing – Public Trip (Sea Bass, Porgies, Fluke)

5.5 hours - \$77/person

Leaves at 8:00 AM and returns at 1:30 PM.

Charter Fishing - Private Trip

5 hours - \$132/person (6-15 people needed)

Depart between 4:30 – 6:00 AM or 10:30 - Noon

GOLF OPTIONS

Golf @ Elmridge in Pawcatuck

<http://www.elmridgegolf.com/>

\$49 for 18 holes with golf cart. (no group rate)

25 minutes away

Enjoy the scenic Connecticut countryside as you play on some of the best greens in the area. Set on a hilltop site that offers cool breezes and remarkable views, our 27-hole layout means tee times are always available. Fine food, drinks and good company await you in our restaurant & lounge.

Golf @ Mohegan Sun Resort Golf Club

<http://mohegansungolfclub.com/>

\$140 - every day before 2:00pm

\$85 - every day after 2:00pm

30 minutes away

They are introducing "dynamic pricing" which may reduce fee if demand is low. Fee includes golf cart. Take a swing at an extraordinary golf experience at Mohegan Sun Golf Club. Exceeding the highest standards of excellence, our 18-hole championship course sits amidst the scenic backdrop of southeastern Connecticut and is the region's premier location for perfecting your drive at a great value. Experience our all-new fleet of golf carts equipped with an on-board GPS and so much more!

Golf @ Lake of Isles (Foxwoods Casino Resort) <http://www.lakeofisles.com>

Cost to Be Determined

30 minutes away

As the #1 golf course in Connecticut, the Rees Jones-designed North Course challenges players with over 7,300 yards of manicured fairways and greens. Five sets of tees at each hole give golfers of all skill levels a chance to score. That is, if they can tear their eyes away from the 900 acres of scenic woodland and picturesque 90-acre lake. Of course, every hole is a work of art itself as it melds seamlessly into the natural structure of the landscape. Maybe that's why Golf Magazine listed Lake of Isles among 2015's "Top 100 Courses You Can Play."

The award winning North Course offers daily-fee golfers and Foxwoods Resort Casino guests the ultimate upscale golf experience. The all-inclusive golf fee includes 18 holes with a cart, range balls, yardage card and bottled water. I am not sure of the fee because they use dynamic pricing, but think it would be similar to Mohegan. Golf rates are constantly being adjusted (up and down) based on a variety of factors including demand, availability, weather, and number of days in advance. If there is enough interest, we will try and set up a group rate.

OPTIONS MORE THAN AN HOUR AWAY

Mansions at Newport, Rhode Island

<http://www.newportmansions.org>

Tour two houses - \$20 adults \$6.50 (6-17 yrs.). Need 20 for group rate. \$26 and \$8 (regular rate)

1 hour and 20 minutes away

During the Gilded Age, America's wealthiest families flocked to the City-by-the-Sea and its surrounding areas, making the area their summertime playground. Today, more than a dozen prestigious properties have been preserved by dedicated organizations committed to protecting our past for both you and generations to come. Allow 60-90 minutes per mansion.

Boston Red Sox

<http://boston.redsox.mlb.com>

Range of tickets – cheap ones about \$50. 124 miles

over two-hour drive

There are multiple evening games during the week starting at 7:10 PM (vs Indians and White Sox). It is 124 miles, in light traffic that is two hours. At that time of day and with game traffic, I would allow extra time. There are home games immediately before and after the reunion too.

New York Yankees

<http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com/>

Range of tickets – cheap ones about \$25. 114 miles

over two-hour drive

They don't have the times listed on the schedule for the games that week (vs. Reds and vs. Rays). If they are only night games, traffic can be an issue with delays in Connecticut and New York.

Basketball Hall of Fame

<http://www.hoophall.com/>

Adults \$16, Youth (5 to 15) \$11 - need 15 for group rate

1 hour 10 minutes away

Today, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is home to more than three hundred inductees and more than 40,000 square feet of basketball history. Located on the picturesque banks of the Connecticut River, the new museum is a fitting shrine to the game Dr. Naismith invented more than a century ago. The landmark structure is one of the world's most distinctive monuments punctuating the Springfield skyline and stirring the spirits of basketball fans everywhere. Hundreds of interactive exhibits share the spotlight with skills challenges, live clinics, and shooting contests. And of course there is enough basketball history to impress the world's most avid sports fans.