

EXPLORING THE GOLDEN STATE

Designed for Students

Grades 3rd-5th
Ages 8-11

Program Length

3 hours

Park Location

Disney California Adventure® Park

SYNOPSIS

The various districts of *Disney California Adventure*® Park show younger students the power of good citizenship as they unearth the inspiring history of the Golden State.

Students first review California's state symbols and motto. An overview of how the world is made up of countries, states, and communities leads to a discussion of the dreamers who built the communities of California. Students discover how agriculture, Native American culture, and Spanish missions influenced the state's development. Along the way, they draw inspiration from famous California aviators.

A select attraction immerses students in undersea communities of animal life. Students learn how water conservation, recycling, earthquake preparedness, and environmental awareness can help us forge a future as bright as our past.

As students move between areas representing the four regions of California, they explore the motivations and challenges of immigration. The California Gold Rush comes to life for students while they pan for "gold" in a naturalistic, immersive setting.

At the adventure's conclusion, students come to understand what it means to be a good citizen. They are challenged to describe their personal dreams and how achieving these dreams will make a big difference in their world. As a parting gift, students are given the opportunity to enjoy a select attraction that celebrates the diverse landscapes and communities of our planet.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing Exploring the Golden State, participants will be able to:

- ✓ Articulate the importance of community and citizenship
- ✓ Discuss famous figures from California history
- ✓ Point out the four regions of California on a map
- ✓ Compare and contrast immigration and migration
- ✓ Discuss four Native American tribes of California
- ✓ Describe the California missions and the Gold Rush
- ✓ Practice water and nature conservation
- ✓ Prepare for earthquakes
- ✓ Explore and share their hopes and dreams