

Olympic Venue Lesson and Activity Ideas

Listed below are lesson and activity ideas that may be used with the Olympic venue information found on the following pages.

SCIENCE: Olympic Environment

Read the information on the Utah Olympic Oval (or any other venue). Review the Environmental Features listed in the section. List the ways in which the Utah Olympic Oval has considered the environment in its venue design. Discuss ways in which the Olympic Oval's use of recycled materials might benefit the community. Brainstorm ways that your school might encourage environmental sensitivity.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Finding Your Way

Review the directions to a certain venue found on the venue description pages. Obtain a road map of Utah. Pretend that you are visiting Salt Lake City for the Olympic Winter Games. Using the map, trace a route from the Salt Lake International Airport to your venue by following the directions provided in the venue information pages. Use the scale on the map to track the mileage. Identify each venue on a Utah map.

MATH: How Much Can You Afford

You have identified a route from the airport to a specific venue. Use the venue information, the phone book, and other resources, to plan how much it will cost to buy two tickets to a speed skating event, rent a car for two days and stay in a local hotel for two evenings. You may continue to plan a trip by considering how much it will cost to eat out or prepare your own meals in a lodging that allows cooking. Use the ticket price information and the capacity numbers to figure how much money would be spent if each person in the venue paid full price.

ART: Design

If you were a venue designer, what would your venue look like?

Consider the needs of spectators, reporters, team members, parking, restrooms etc. Sketch the building or site. You may wish to draw a side view (an elevation) and top view (bird's-eye view) to show what it would look like inside and out.