

GIBBONS AND GUIDE DOGS

Spend the morning at the ***GIBBON CONSERVATION CENTER***. This facility is the only one in the world devoted exclusively to the study, preservation and propagation of gibbons. These small apes are native to the rain forests of Southern Asia and are considered to be among the world's greatest acrobats. They can leap distances of 50 feet at speeds of up to 35 mph while 200 feet above the ground. On your guided tour, you'll get to know these friendly apes as they fascinate and entertain you with their antics.

After enjoying a delicious lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants at the Westfield Valencia Town Center, you will visit the ***GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA***. For more than 50 years, Guide Dogs of America has bred, raised and trained some of the world's most dedicated dogs and matched them with blind people of all ages. On your tour of the 7 acre campus, you'll learn how the loving, working partnership of dog and human develops. You'll watch as the "Puppies in Training" are taught to help visually impaired people live with increased independence, confidence and mobility.