

My Trip to

# Omaha Children's Museum

Social Story



- We are going to visit Omaha Children's Museum!
- There will be many fun things for me to see, hear and touch as I play and learn.



- These are the front doors of the museum.



- This is the front lobby. It can be loud sometimes, but I know it is because kids are excited like me.





- We need to check in at the front desk. I will try to keep my body calm and stay near my adult.

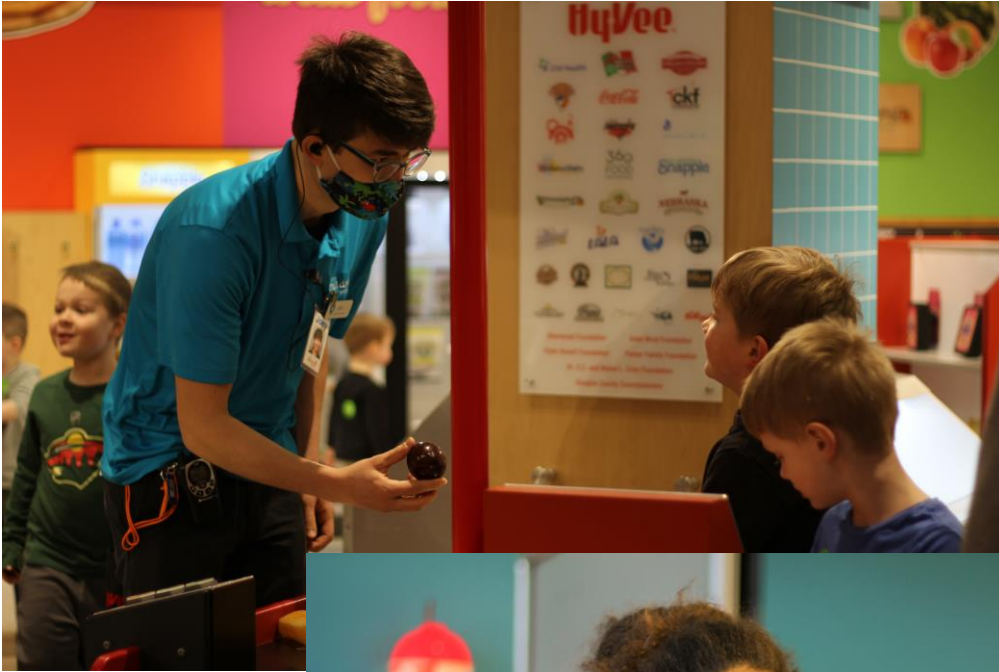


- I will get a sticker like this to wear on my shirt so the staff will know we checked in. It might be a different color because there is a different color for each day. All the colors are fun to wear.



- I can check out a sensory-friendly bag at the front desk. I can use any of the items inside to help me enjoy all activities at the museum. We will turn the bag back in before we leave.





- The museum staff wear blue or purple shirts or grey jackets like these. If I have a question or need help, I can ask one of the staff.





- The Imagination Playground area has many things to do. The water table looks like a river and I can float boats, build a dam, and make it rain. I might get a little wet, but I can dry myself off with a hand dryer.



- I can pretend I work at a grocery store, a bank, a hospital, and even a fire station.







- There may be other children playing with the things I want to try. That is okay. I can wait until they are done to take my turn or ask them if I can play next to them.



- Other kids may also bump into me on accident. That is also okay. I am able to say, “excuse me” and continue playing.





- There may also be noises that surprise me, like announcements over the intercom. These are important because they tell me about exciting shows.



- There are many things to do in the Art Smart Center. I can use the materials at the Tinker Tables to make what I want.





- I can paint on the Paint Window. I might get messy but there is a sink to wash up.



- I can even paint on my face with special paints.







- There is a piano and other instruments I can play. It might be noisy when people are playing so I can use my headphones.



- The Tinker Factory is a special room where I can use real tools like hammers and drills. I need to wear safety goggles at all times. It can get very noisy, so I can wear my headphones. If I don't know how to use a tool, I can politely ask my grown-up or the Tinker helper.





- The Science Center is a big room where there are lots of balls on the floor. I can put the balls in different tubes and watch it them move around the room.



- Light Play is in the back. It is dark and quiet and has glowing lights.





- When I want to move to a new area, I will tell my adult so we can go together.
- To go upstairs, I can use the elevator.



- I can also walk up the stairs.
- The stairs are big and blue. They also make noises on each step. I can find out what noises they make on each step.





- If we get hungry, we might get food from the Rainbow Café. I might have to wait in line to get my food.



- There are two rides upstairs, a train and a carousel that my family can buy tickets to ride. I will follow all the rules while I ride.





- My family can buy a bag of fossils or gems to use in the sluice. My hands will get wet and dirty, but I can wash them.





- My family and I might visit the Museum Store. There are toys and books for visitors to buy.





- The Omaha Children's Museum is a fun place to visit, but there are often many things going on at once.
- If I get overwhelmed, I can:
  - Go to the Family Discovery Room. The lights are not as bright, it is quieter, and I can relax there.
  - Or Use one of the tools in the Sensory-Friendly Bag.





- I had a great time at the Omaha Children's Museum! I can't wait to visit again!