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Pre-Visit Stories
Dinosaur Hall Exhibit

LEVEL 1



museum

I am going to the Academy of Natural Sciences.



front desk

When I get inside the museum, I will see a desk with a person.



button

I will wear a plastic button to show I am a museum visitor.



elevators/stairs

I can choose to take the elevators or the stairs to see the exhibits on each floor.



bathroom

I will let my mom or dad know if I have to go to the bathroom.

I can go to the bathroom anytime I need to go.



skeletons

I will see big skeletons of dinosaurs.

The skeletons are very big and can be scary to look at, but they will not hurt me.

I cannot touch the dinosaur skeletons that are behind the railings.



quiet space

Sometimes, Dinosaur Hall will be very loud and noisy from all the people.

I can cover my ears if the noise bothers me.

If I need some quiet time, I will ask my mom or dad to take me to a quiet space to take a break.



movie

There is a movie showing dinosaurs walking through a grassy field.

There will be a small room with a green screen and bright lights.

There will be a picture of me with pictures of dinosaurs walking on the screen.



movie

I may have to wait my turn to go in the small room.

I may have to share the screen with other people.



skeletons

There are two dinosaur skeletons that I can touch on the 2nd floor of Dinosaur Hall. The dinosaur skeletons are not alive.

The skeleton is hard and bumpy in places. I can also touch the teeth of the dinosaur skeleton.



goggles

If I want to pretend to dig for dinosaur fossils, I have to put on big glasses called goggles. The goggles will press against my face and nose but I can still see everything.



digging

I will take a small round tool to push into the sand and rock to pretend I am digging for fossils.

I will only use the tools for digging and not touch anyone with the tools.

When I am told I am done, I will give the tools back to the museum worker.



fossil prep lab

The fossil lab area in the back of Dinosaur Hall has people working on fossils.

They use machines to prepare the fossils to show people. The machines can be loud.

I can cover my ears if I don't like the sound.

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