Pre-Visit Stories

Butterflies! Exhibit

LEVEL 2
waiting in line

Sometimes, I have to wait in line to go into the butterfly room.
When I walk into the butterfly room, I will walk through hanging plastic curtains.

The curtains create a double barrier to help keep the butterflies in the room.

The plastic curtains will touch me when I walk through them.
Butterflies will fly around the room. I cannot reach out and touch the butterflies, plants, or food. I can only look at the butterflies, plants, and food.

There will be between 60 and 150 butterflies in the room.

If I am quiet and still, a butterfly may land on me!

It is okay for a butterfly to land on me, but I still can’t touch the butterfly with my hands.
Inside the butterfly room, it is hot to keep the butterflies warm.

The butterfly room feels hot because butterflies like to live in tropical gardens with many plants.

Inside the butterfly room, there is fruit left on a plate for the butterflies to eat.

The fruit has a strong smell because of the warm room. I can cover my nose if I don’t like the smell.
The butterfly room may have many people and may be noisy. I can cover my ears if the noise is loud.

If I need my own space, I will ask my mom or dad for a break.
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