

## MY VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF ARTS & SCIENCES



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Today I am visiting the **Museum of Arts & Sciences**! The Museum will have many things for me to see. Weekday afternoons (aside from our free First Tuesdays of the month) and Sundays are usually the quietest days to visit. I can call the Museum or check MOAS.org to check if any special events are happening.

When I arrive at the Museum, I will see a large building that has MOAS written on top. This is where I will enter!

Here are the rules I need to know before I can enter the Museum:

- 1. I will stay with the people I came with while I walk through the Museum.
- 2. When I go into the hands-on Children's Museum I can touch and play with everything.
- 3. I will not touch the paintings or other items in the Museum so that they stay safe.
- 4. I will only eat and drink in the designated areas in the main lobby, or in the picnic area in the nature preserve.



After walking through the MOAS entrance I will be in the lobby where I will check in at the Guest Relations desk. At the Guest Relations desk I will receive a MOAS sticker. One of my companions or a museum worker will help me put my sticker on my shirt. My MOAS sticker shows that I am allowed to explore the Museum. If I do not want to wear a sticker that is okay.



At the Guest Relations desk I will also recieve a map of the Museum so that I know where to go. The map shows all of the different galleries that I can visit. It also shows me where the restrooms are located.

There is a lot to do at the Museum! I might not see everything today, but I can come back and see more.



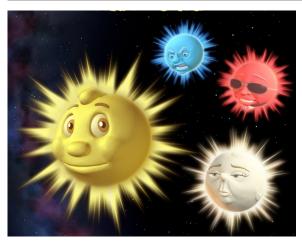
I will see security guards at the Museum. Their job is to make sure everyone in the Museum is safe and that they know where to go. If I get lost, need help, or have a question I can ask a security guard.



The **Lohman Planetarium** is where I can learn about outer space! If I am seeing a planetarium show today I should get there early so I can get a good seat. Since I am early I will have to wait in line.



Inside the planetarium it will be a little dark. I will walk in and find a seat. The planetarium is like a movie theater, but I look up at the ceiling during the show. When the show begins the lights will go down and it will be dark. When the show starts it may be loud. When the show ends the lights will come back on and I will exit at the front of the planetarium



The Museum offers a Sensory Friendly version of the planetarium show called *The Little Star That Could* at 1:00pm on Saturdays. A Sensory Friendly show means that the lights are lowered but not into complete darkness, and the volume is kept at a lower level. If I do not like loud noises then I may enjoy this show. I can also call the Museum ahead of time at 386-255-0285 to ask about other planetarium shows.



I can visit the **Root Family Museum** where I can walk through and see the original Coca-Cola bottle, Sumar racecars, teddy bears, train cars, and much more!



The train cars are in a special room within the **Root Family Museum** called the Train Station. When I enter the Train Station I will hear sounds playing which makes it sound like I am in an actual train station.

To get to the train cars, I will need to walk down a set of stairs or up a ramp. The Museum has an elevator to take me down to the main floor that I can use if I want.



I can visit the **Lemerand Wing** galleries to learn about Cuba, Africa, the Prehistory of Florida, and also a variety of old weapons. The West Wing is also where I will be able to visit the **Charles and Linda Williams Children's Museum**.



When I visit the **North Wing** I will be able to learn about early-American furniture, China, decorative arts, as well as view all of the items within the **Visible Storage Building**. The **Museum Store** is also located in the North Wing.



If the weather is nice I can go on a walk through **Tuscawilla Preserve** which is the Museum's nature preserve. While visiting the nature preserve I can go inside the **Windows of the Forest** building to view different drawers containing bugs, butterflies, and fossils. I can eat a snack or my lunch at the picnic tables. There is also a restroom that I can use.



I can also visit the **Sculpture Garden** that is located outside in the back of the Museum. To get there, I will need to exit through the employee entrance door which is located in the Entry Court of the Museum. I can ask a security guard or or a guest relations employee where this is. The Sculpture Garden is another area where I can eat a snack or my lunch.



When I am ready to leave the Museum of Arts & Sciences, I will tell the people I came with. We will go back through the lobby and will exit through the front doors of the Museum.

I hope I can visit MOAS again soon!

For more information regarding accessibility at the Museum of Arts & Sciences, visit our website at **moas.org/accessibility/index**