

Field Trip to Tacoma Art Museum – Social Story

Visiting Tacoma Art Museum



I will visit Tacoma Art Museum with my class. There are a few ways that we may get there.



If we drive to Tacoma Art Museum, we may park in the parking lot under the museum. We will need to remember to pay for parking at the parking meter before we go inside.



We will walk past the sculpture *Kinetic Repose* by artist Julie Speidel. We may take an elevator up one level to the museum lobby.



If we walk or take the bus to Tacoma Art Museum, we will walk past the sculpture *Explorers* by Scott Fife before we enter the museum lobby.



Once we are in the museum lobby, we will check in at the front desk.



We will help to keep the art safe by putting large bags, backpacks, and coats in a bin. We will pick them up before we leave. Our lunches go in the bin, too – we will get them when it is time for lunch.

If I need to use the restroom, the men's, women's, and family restrooms can be found in the lobby.



My class will be split up into smaller groups.

Our program will have two parts: touring the galleries and making art. My group may tour the galleries first or make art first, but we will get to do both activities.



Most of the art can be found in the *galleries*, or smaller rooms at the museum. An educator will lead us around and tell us about some of the art.

While I am in the galleries I will help keep the art safe by staying with my group, walking, and being careful not to touch the art. I will be respectful by using my inside voice and paying attention to the educator.



I will see Visitor Services Representatives in the galleries. They are there to keep me and the art safe. They are also great at answering questions.



If I want to sketch or take notes in the galleries, I will use a pencil. If I want to take photographs, I will make sure the flash is turned off.



When it is our turn to make art, we will go to a classroom. A teacher will give us a project and some supplies. I will have about 5 minutes to plan my art on a worksheet, and then I can start making art!

We will have about 45 minutes to make art. I will take my artwork home with me, so I can finish my art at home if I do not finish in time.



If my class eats lunch at the museum, we may eat in the classroom or in a special lunch area. We may also eat outside.



When it is time to leave, we will make sure we have all of our coats and backpacks. We will take the artwork that we made in the classroom. Then, we will go back to school.