

Mill City Museum

A Field Trip Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to
Mill City Museum!



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Overview

During my field trip, I will learn about water power, milling, and the growth of Minneapolis.

I will explore exhibits, watch short movies, and do activities in the baking and water labs.



Arrival

When I get there, I will take the stairs or ramp and enter through the main doors. My group will be greeted by a staff person who will tell us where to go.

Many people come to the museum every day. When I enter the building, it might be noisy.



Storing our backpacks

My teacher will let me know what to do with my coat or backpack. I might leave my things on the bus. I will tell an adult if I need something from my backpack.



Restrooms

I will let an adult know if I need to use the restroom during the field trip.

There are restrooms on every floor of the museum. I can ask an adult for help finding them.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Mill City Museum.

I have to stay with an adult, walk, and take turns with other visitors.



Museum Staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear aprons with the Mill City Museum logo.



Elevator or stairs

During my visit, I'll be traveling between several floors of the museum. I will take the stairs or elevators.

One of the elevators has glass walls. I can face away from the glass as we move.



Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There a quiet space for me to use. A staff member can help me find it.

I can relax with an adult until I am ready to rejoin my group.



Changes

The field trip changes sometimes!
It is fun to do new things.

If something is closed, it may be
open next time!



Exploring Mill City Museum



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Schedule

I will go with my class to the different activities during our visit.

My adult has a schedule.
I need to stay with my group
so I don't miss any of my
activities.



Museum Exhibits

In the exhibits I can see historic objects, read their histories, and try the hands-on activities.

I will stay with an adult and take turns with other visitors.

It can be noisy in the exhibit areas. I can always ask to take a break.



Water Lab

My class will learn about
Owámniyomni
(St. Anthony Falls) and the
Mississippi River.

When we are in the Water
Lab, I might get wet. I may
have to wait my turn.



Baking Lab

In the Baking Lab I will learn about flour.

My class will grind and sift wheat. I can participate or just watch.



Baking Lab

After we do an activity I will get to try a treat made for my class. I will wait in line to get my treat.

I need to check with an adult to make sure it's okay for me to eat.



Flour Tower

My class will ride the Flour Tower. The Flour Tower is an elevator. I will sit in it to see a show about a flour mill. There will be special effects with loud noises and lights.

The show lasts 12 minutes. Once the show begins, I cannot get off the elevator.



Observation Deck

We will go to the 8th floor and to the Observation Deck. I can take the stairs up after the Flour Tower experience or I can choose to go up in the glass elevator.

There I can view the Mississippi River from outside or inside if the weather is bad.



Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat

My class will watch the short movie “Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat”.

The room will be dark to watch the movie. The movie has a few loud sounds. The movie lasts 19 minutes.





Outdoor Ruins

If the weather is nice and we have time, my class can visit the outdoor ruins of the mill.



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Goodbye!

When my field trip is over,
I will leave Mill City Museum.



**We look forward
to your visit!**



Questions?

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