Mill City Museum Field Trips

A Social Story
Starting our visit
Entering the museum

I am going to Mill City Museum. When I get there, I will walk up the stairs or ramp and enter through the main doors. Many people come to the museum every day. When I enter the building, it might be noisy. If I need a break, museum staff will help me find a quiet space.
Mill Commons
If I am on a field trip, I will wait with my class. A staff person with a microphone will tell us about the museum, what to do, and remind us about museum rules. I’ll be shown where to hang my coat, then the class will go to our first activity.
Schedule
I will go with my class to the different activities scheduled during our visit. My adult has a schedule. I need to stay where they can see me so I don’t miss any of my activities.
Elevator or stairs
I’ll listen for my adult to tell me when it’s time for my group to go to the museum gallery. I’ll stay with my adult as we travel down the stairs or elevator.
Museum

There are many experiences and exhibits I will explore during my field trip. In the gallery I need to walk, 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 St. Anthony falls and the Mississippi River. When we are in the Water Lab, I know that I might get wet. I may have to wait my turn.
Baking Lab

My class will go into the Baking Lab and learn about wheat and flour. After we do an activity I will get to try a cookie made for my class. I need to check with an adult to make sure it’s okay for me to eat.
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 regular elevator. There I can view the Mississippi River from outside or inside if the weather is bad.
Outdoor Ruins
If the weather is nice and we have time, my class can visit the outdoor ruins of the mill.
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.
Showing museum manners
Museum manners
I will remember to follow the rules at Mill City Museum. I have to stay with an adult, walk, use an inside/quiet voice and take turns with other visitors.
Museum staff

I can try to have lots of fun at Mill City Museum. If I have a question or get lost, I can ask the museum staff for help.
We look forward to your visit!