

Minnesota History Center

A Field Trip Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to the
Minnesota History
Center today!



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Arrival

When I get off the bus, I will follow my teacher inside.

We will walk up the stairs or use the ramp and go through the glass doors.

The History Center has tall ceilings and big windows.



Arrival

I will follow my teacher into the colorful education center.

There will be a coat room where I can leave my backpack, water bottle, lunch, and coat!

I will not need them when I explore the museum. I will tell an adult if I need something from my backpack.



Orientation

I will watch a video about what I will do and experience. I will learn the rules. My teacher will tell me about my day. Then I might explore the exhibits, participate in a lesson, or have lunch.



Museum manners

I will remember to follow the rules at the Minnesota History Center. I will stay with an adult, walk, and take turns with other visitors. I will use my indoor voice.



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Museum staff

If I have a question or get lost, I can ask the museum staff for help.

They wear name tags to help me identify them.



Elevator or stairs

To see the exhibits, I will
go up to the third floor.

I can walk up the stairs or
take the elevator.



Restrooms

If I need to use the restrooms, there is one on every floor.

Some restroom areas have a drinking fountain if I get thirsty.



Museum

There are many exhibits at the Minnesota History Center I can explore.

It can be noisy in the exhibits or hallways. I can always ask to take a break.



Then Now Wow

In Then Now Wow, I can take apart a life-sized bison model or explore a fur trade post. I can visit a tipi or a prairie house. There will be times when I may need to wait in line and take turns.



Then Now Wow Mine

In the mine area of this exhibit, I can explore a pretend iron mine.

It will be dark with loud machine noises and flashing lights.

I can wear a hard hat and pretend to drill or blast dynamite!



Our Home: Native Minnesota

In this exhibit, I can learn about the Dakota and Ojibwe people in Minnesota. There are many things to see and hear. I will hear recordings of people telling stories as I go through the exhibit. If I need a break, I can sit and watch videos or put together a puzzle!



Weather Permitting

In Weather Permitting, I can try on boots and light up an ice palace. I can play with a wind machine to make things spin. I might have to wait my turn.



Weather Permitting Tornado Basement

If I choose to visit the Tornado Basement,
I will hear a radio, and it will be dark.
I will hear a pretend storm and loud
weather noises and see flashing lights.
I can leave the basement at any time.



Minnesota's Greatest Generation

In this exhibit, I can play at a soda foundation or watch old movie clips. I can pack World War II ammunition shells. I will see a real armored car and airplane.



Minnesota's Greatest Generation Airplane Show

If I choose to watch the show inside the airplane, it will be dark and I will hear loud noises and see flashes of light.

The show talks about the experiences of people who went to war. I may have to wait to go inside if there is a line.



Taking a break

If I need to take a break, I can go to a quiet room or sit on a bench in the hallway.

Museum staff can help me find a place that works for me. I can relax with an adult until I am ready to rejoin my group.



Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to do new things. If something is closed, it may be open next time!

The Minnesota History Center gets new exhibits every year. If I come back, I might see something new!



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Lesson

I might participate in a lesson.

I will listen and learn. I might get to hold historical items.

I will get to talk to my classmates and ask questions.



Lunch

I might eat lunch at the Minnesota History Center!
I might eat lunch in the room where I started my field trip, or I might eat lunch outside.



Goodbye!

When my field trip is over,
I will leave the Minnesota
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**We look forward
to your visit!**



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