Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post

A Field Trip Social Narrative



MILLE LACS INDIAN MUSEUM AND TRADING POST



Welcome

I am going to Mille Lacs Indian Museum today!





Overview

I will visit the Four Seasons room, learn about Native American communication, play games, and explore the exhibit. I might visit the trading post.





Arrival

My teacher will lead me inside to meet museum staff.

I will sit on the ground in the entry, and I will be a good listener. This room is large and bright. There are big windows.





Storing our backpacks

I will leave my backpack on the bus, and my chaperone will tell me what to do with my lunch! We might eat lunch inside the museum or outside. I will tell an adult if I need something from my backpack.





Restrooms

There are restrooms near the back of the museum. I can use the restroom when I arrive. If I need to use the restroom during my field trip, I can let an adult know.

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Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Mille Lacs Indian Museum. I won't run in the museum. I will stay with my group and be a good listener. I will protect the items in the museum by looking instead of touching.

There might be other people in the museum when I visit. Following these rules helps them enjoy the museum as well.





Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip.

They can answer my questions.

Museum staff wear shirts with the Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post logo.





Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! I can tell an adult. There are quiet spaces around the museum. 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!





Communications

I will learn about Native American language and communication.

Our class might do the lesson in a classroom or in the house next door. I will learn new words and symbols. I will learn some Native American sign language.





Four Seasons Room

I will learn about how the Mille Lacs Band lived in the past. I will see their homes, their food, and the tools they used. The room will be dim. I might hear or see a crackling fire; the fire is not real! The people in the exhibit are not real either, but they look like the people who live here.









Games

I will learn about Native American games and sports. We might play the games inside or outside; it depends on the weather! I will be a good listener so I can hear the directions. I will share and take turns. I will have fun playing and learning!



Exhibit and scavenger hunt

I will go through the exhibit and complete a scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt will have images of items in the exhibit. I will work with my classmates to find these items. The exhibit is colorful and has videos to watch and listen to.





Trading Post

I might visit the trading post. I will use an outside paved path to travel from the museum to the trading post. The trading post is bright and has lots of different items in it. My teacher will let me know if we are going to spend time shopping. Some items in the trading post are fragile, so I will look before I touch.







Lesson or craft

If we have time, my group might do an extra lesson or craft. I might color an Ojibwe shoulder bag to bring home or learn about Native American music and dance!





Lunch

I might eat lunch at the museum. I will eat lunch inside on the ground near the windows, or outside on the grass and bleachers. My teacher will choose if my class eats inside or outside. When I am done, I will clean up after myself and throw away all of my garbage.





Goodbye!

When my field trip is over, I will leave with my group.





We look forward to your visit!



Questions?

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