

Field Trip Guide

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350 W Yosemite Ave., Merced, CA 95340

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Thank you for choosing the Kids Discovery Station of Merced for your school or organizations field trip. We look forward to curating a space where your students can learn as they explore and discover the different activities and exhibits at the Kids Discovery Station.

Mission statement:

Our mission at the Kids Discovery Station (KiDS) is to offer interactive exhibits and educational programs designed to engage children and families in joyful play and discovery, to foster appreciation of our world and its diversity, and to promote the love of learning, and spark the imagination.

General Visit Info

Allocated Time for Visit

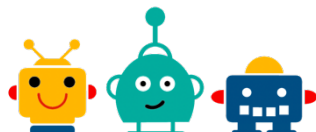
- Group visits are allocated 1-3 hours for their museum visit, based upon the desired programming during reservation. If you expect to arrive late, please let us know. However, if your group arrives late, we cannot guarantee an extension to your visit.

Chaperon Rules

- We require one adult chaperone (18+ years old) for every four students
- Please assign each chaperone their group of students prior to your arrival.
- There must at least be one chaperone (non-museum staff) with the students at all times.
- **We ask that chaperons only use their cell phones - and other electronic devices - for taking pictures, when actively supervising their students.**
- We remind Chaperons that this is a children's museum, meaning it's okay for your students to express their excitement . (*i.e. being loud or jogging short distances is okay!*)
- We ask that chaperones actively supervise their assigned students.
 - Depending on the activity, chaperones are encouraged to ask open-ended questions to encourage students to think about the activities and exhibits.

Student Rules

- Remember to be safe by always walking to exhibits and activities.
- Remember to be friendly by taking turns and sharing exhibits. Please be respectful of exhibits and fellow students by putting toys or supplies back where they belong so everyone can enjoy them too.
- Remember to be kind and gentle to the exhibits, so that other children can use them too.
- Remember to always stay with your adult/group at all times.
- If you need to use the bathroom, ask one of the adults that came with you to take you.
- And if you need help or are lost, find someone wearing our colorful robots!



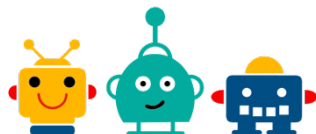
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Food and Drink Rules

- Food and drinks other than water are not permitted in the Museum's exhibit areas.
 - *It is highly recommended that each museum guest come with their own water bottle.*
- Groups eating during their visit must eat in the designated lunch spaces.
- In consideration of guests with allergies, we ask that guests do not bring food that contains nuts.
- Please note that we do not have food available for purchase.

Upon Arrival and Departure

- Upon your arrival:
 - Buses and Private Vehicles:
 - All buses and private vehicles will use the back parking lot.
 - *Designated parking spaces will be marked or shown to you by museum staff.*
 - Stay with your bus/vehicles (on it or next to it) until a museum staff member greets you and guides you to the meeting space, where everyone will be given name tags.
 - Buses and Private Vehicles:
 - All buses and private vehicles will use the back parking lot.
 - *Designated parking spaces will be marked or shown to you by museum staff.*
 - *Name tags will be provided by museum staff.*
 - Once at the meeting space, we will have introductions and a short museum orientation, before beginning the trip activities.
- Upon your departure:
 - Entire group will be guided back to the meeting space.
 - Final remarks and announcement will be given by museum staff.
 - Museum staff will guide you back to your stationed buses/private vehicles.
 - Once everyone is ready, and as instructed by the museum staff, you are free to go!



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Agenda:

Duration	Event	Location	Description
10 Minutes	Arrival and Orientation	Exploration Room	KiDS staff guides participants to the Exploration Room for a brief orientation, distributions of name tags and group assignments.
30 minutes	Group 1 – Little Explorers Planet	Little Explorers Planet	Students will participate in interactive lesson with free play.
	Group 2 – Health Center	Health Center	Students will participate in interactive lesson with free play.
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	Group 2 – Little Explorers Planet	Little Explorers Planet	Students will participate in interactive lesson with free play.
50 minutes	Free Play of Museum	Museum	Students will play and explore on their own.
10 minutes	Departure		

For list of activities and lessons, please email info@kidsdiscoverystation.org.

