

BEFORE YOU PLAY: YOUR FIELD TRIP TO THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Thank you for choosing the Children's Museum of South Dakota for your field trip! To ensure that your trip is as successful as possible, please take a moment to review the following information.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- Be sure to recruit enough chaperones to meet our required ratio of 1 adult to every 5 children. Chaperones must be at least 16 years old.
- If your organization is tax-exempt, please submit a tax-exempt form to bookit@prairieplay.org.
- We recommend having your group wear a form of identification such as the same colored shirt or tags.
- Please plan to arrive at your scheduled time.
- We recommend that children wear tennis shoes to prevent slips and falls.
- Some of our exhibits have water features and children may get wet.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- If arriving by bus, please keep children seated while a museum staff member greets the children on the bus and gives instructions.
- Please have a representative check in at the front desk.
- Be ready to give an exact count of adults and children. If applicable, please provide a list of individuals with memberships.
- If bringing lunch, museum staff will gather the lunches and deliver them to your assigned lunch space. After lunch, staff will return the lunches to the bus before departure. Please label sack lunches and place in containers for easy transport.
- Once lunches are gathered and staff have talked with the children, your group is free to enter the museum and begin exploring!

LUNCH

- Sack Lunch – Upon request, we can reserve a lunch space for your group to eat at no additional charge. Your lunchroom reservation will be emailed to you one week prior to the trip
- Outdoor – Groups also have the option of eating sack lunches outside on the museum lawn.
- Outside catering or food from other restaurants is not allowed.



DURING YOUR VISIT

- Please stay with your assigned children in a 1 to 5 ratio at all times.
- Chaperones are required to supervise and provide guidance during the field trip and are expected to follow museum policies at all times.
- The Children's Museum of South Dakota is designed to let the kids explore and learn as they play. Let the kids lead the way and explore each exhibit at their own pace.

Exhibits

- FIRST FLOOR: Whiskers & Tails, Art Studio, Sensations, Under the Hood, Kids Live, Farm Fresh Grocery, Cafe Oscar, mini Explorers, Splash!, Imagine a House, Our Place on the Prairie
- SECOND FLOOR: Traveling Exhibit Space, Tinker Wall, Puppet Theater
- OUTSIDE: Interactive Prairie Play including Mama T. Rex and her son, Max

AFTER YOUR VISIT

- After your visit, a Field Trip Invoice will be sent to you or your school. Please remit payment within 30 days.
- If you prefer to pay with a credit card, payments can be taken over the phone (605-692-6700 ext. 235).

PARKING

- The bus loading zone is located at the front entrance of the museum on Kidoodle Way, on the south side of building.
- Side street parking for busses is available on 5th St., on the north side of the building.
- Parking for passenger vehicles is available at the front entrance of the museum on Kidoodle Way, on the south side of the building.
- Other free areas to park include 5th Ave. on the west side of the building, and 5th St. on the north side of the building.

ADMISSION DAILY

- \$11.50 + tax per person (all guests will be charged tax unless a certificate of exemption is received)
- FREE with a yearly family/grandparent/access membership. Children under 1 are free.
- Scholarships may be available for qualifying groups.

MUSEUM POLICIES

- Field trip payments will not be accepted prior to or on the day of your field trip. A Field Trip Invoice will be sent following your visit.
- The Children's Museum of South Dakota strives to be a peanut-free facility, however, the museum CANNOT guarantee guest(s) will not bring foods containing peanuts without our knowledge.
- The Children's Museum of South Dakota is a tobacco-free, e-cigarette-free campus. Food and drink are only allowed within Café Coteau and school lunch areas.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult (age 16 and older). A 1 to 5 adult to child ratio is required.

The Children's Museum of South Dakota is located at 521 4th St, Brookings, SD

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH

Take I-29 South, Exit 132
Turn right onto 6th St
Turn left onto 7th Ave
Turn right on 4th St
Continue 1 block and museum will be on right

DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH

Take I-29 North, Exit 132
Turn left onto 6th St
Turn left onto 7th Ave
Turn right on 4th St
Continue 1 block and museum will be on right

DIRECTIONS FROM THE EAST

Take US 14 W
Turn left onto 7th Ave.
Turn right on 4th St.
Continue 1 block and museum will be on right

DIRECTIONS FROM THE WEST

Take US 14 E
Slight right at US 14 E towards Brookings
Turn right onto 7th Ave.
Turn right on 4th St.
Continue 1 block and museum will be on right

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday: 10 am-7 pm
Wednesday-Saturday: 10 am-5 pm
Sunday: 12-5 pm
Closed Mondays and select holidays
Go to www.prairieplay.org for specific dates

CONTACT INFO FOR FIELD TRIPS

Phone: 605.692.6700 ext. 235
Email: bookit@prairieplay.org

