The Bucks County Children’s Museum has developed a Support Guide to enhance exploration for everyone, providing an inclusive community where every child can play and learn!

Come & Play!
The number of children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) continues to grow. In 2012, the Center for Disease Control, reported that 1 in 50 children was diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

This inclusive guide can be helpful for all children prior to a visit to the museum. The guide details each exhibit and area of the museum in an easy to understand storybook format. Families and educators can use the guide to help choose which exhibits they would like to play at during their time here and ease their child’s transition before the visit. Each page tells a story about one exhibit area and what children can interact with there.

Please take note of the icons in the upper right hand corner of each page. This icon represents the exhibit described. The same icon is also displayed at the exhibit in the museum and in our visual schedules.

*Be sure to ask a staff member at the ticket booth for a visual schedule kit to use during your visit free of charge!
Coming to the museum...

To get to the museum, I might ride in a car or a school bus.

When I get to the Bucks County Children’s Museum, I will see a brown building.

If we drive in a car, we will park our car across the street and pay for parking.

If we ride in a school bus, the bus will drop us off outside.
When I come to the museum...

I will stay with an adult.

I will use my inside voice.

I will walk when I am inside.

I will share with others.
When I walk inside, I will see a ticket booth.

In the ticket booth will be a staff member.

A staff member is someone who works at the museum.

The adult I am with will pay at the counter and can ask about a visual schedule kit.

Staff members wear blue aprons.

If you have any questions, they can help you!
**This is the Lobby.**

Here I am able to look around, but not touch items that I see.

I might see colorful gears on the windows.

I might see a bench that I can sit on.
This is **Busy Bee Toys.**

Busy Bee Toys is a gift shop that sells toys.

If my adult says it’s ok, I can look at the toys.

I might buy a toy if an adult says it is ok.
This exhibit is called the **Hot Air Balloon Ride.**

Here I can go inside a hot air balloon basket.

The hot air balloon does not go off the ground.

I can watch a video on my ride.

I might spin the wheel inside to change the part of the video I am watching.
This exhibit is called **Factory Works.**

I might play with K’NEX parts here.

I might make a car with the parts.

I can send my car down the test track.

I might race to cars to see which one goes faster.
This exhibit is called the **Motion Machine**.

Here I can make a path for my ball to go down.

There are parts on the wall that I can move.

I can turn the wheel to make the ball go to the top and watch it come down.

The wheel will make noise when I turn it.
This exhibit is called the **Big Dig**.

This is a place where I can dig to find artifacts.

Artifacts and fossils are hidden under the mulch.

I can walk and sit on the mulch, but I won’t get dirty.

There are special tools for me to dig with, like shovels and brushes.

On the wall there are pictures of artifacts that are hidden here.
This exhibit is called **Bucks County Country**.

This exhibit is all about Bucks County. It is the place where the museum is.

I can first walk under the red covered bridge.

Inside the covered bridge, I might make a big bubble at the bubble wall.
This exhibit is called the **Tree House**.

In the tree house, I can climb the stairs and look over the top.

I might play with the sand table. I need to try to keep the sand in the box.

When I am done, I can slide down the slide.

Under the tree house, I can play with the light wall. I can pull out the colored pieces and put them back in.
This exhibit area is called the **Town Square**.

Here I can go inside and pretend I am at the store.

There are many shelves of pretend food to play with.

At the post office, I can send mail by placing cards into mailboxes.
While I am at the store, I can go shopping and put food in my basket.

I can weigh my food on a scale.

I might even pay for my food at the cash register.

This exhibit is the General Store.
This exhibit is a **Train Dining Car.**

Here I can go inside and sit down.

I make pretend food in the kitchen.

I can serve others food as they sit at the table.

I can look out the window.
On the stage, I can play dress-up and try on clothes. I might pretend to be a chef or someone who works for the fire department.

I can look in the mirror after I get dressed up to see myself.

This exhibit is called the **Gazebo**.
This exhibit is called the **Phonics Wall**.

I can find the missing puzzle pieces to the farm animals and put them on the wall.

I might look for the magnetic letters to finish spelling the name of the farm animal.
I can pick flowers in the garden.

After I pick the flowers, I can plant them into the soil.

This exhibit is called the **Garden.**
This is called the Multi-Purpose Room.

This room is for birthday parties on the weekends.

Sometimes during the week, field trips use this room.

Other times, I can make a craft in here.

If this room is empty, it is a quiet place to go and rest.

I can go to the lobby area if this room is full.
This is the Bathroom.

If I need to go to the bathroom, I need to tell the adult I am with.

This is also a place where I can get a drink, if I am thirsty.

Outside of the bathroom is a special sink that is just for kids! I can step on the black ring to make the water come out.
I have now learned about all the things I can do when I visit the museum.

I hope to have a lot of fun here!

Contact us for further information about accommodations or with any questions!

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