My visit to the
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
Today, I am going to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

At the Museum there are many things to explore! I am excited to learn new things and have a lot of fun!
When we get to the Museum, we will go inside the **Lobby**. It might be busy and loud in the lobby, but we won’t be here long.
If there is a line at the admission desk, we will wait patiently for our turn.

When it is our turn, we will pay for our tickets to go inside the Museum!
If I need to, I can borrow a sensory-friendly kit from the Museum.

Inside the kits are sunglasses, headphones, and some toys to help me relax and focus.

These kits are hanging in the Lobby for anybody to use!
When we are ready, we will walk up the stairs or take the elevator to the first floor.

The stairs are special. Each step makes a sound when I walk on it. The sound is not very loud, but if I don’t like it, I can use the elevator instead.
When I go to the **First Floor** I will see a bunch of different exhibits.

I can learn about building technologies, see a tornado, or build something with giant blocks!
I can play at the water tables on this floor if my grown-up says it’s okay.

I will be very careful in this gallery because the floor can get slippery. I will make sure to walk slowly so that I don’t hurt myself or anybody else.
There is a gallery on the first floor with a real ambulance inside! It might be loud and have flashing lights.

I don’t have to visit this gallery if I don’t want to.
If I need, I can use the bathroom or have a snack in the vending area.
When I am ready to go upstairs, I can stop on the mezzanine and look at myself in silly mirrors.

The Preschool Gallery is also on the Mezzanine.

This gallery is just for little kids under 4 years old and their grown-ups. They can play here safely.
Upstairs, on the **Second Floor**, there are many things to do.

I can learn about simple machines and how things work.
I can make giant bubbles, measure my feet, or play with a giant geoboard!
I can learn about nature and the outdoors. If I listen closely, I can even hear some nature sounds!
There is even a tree frog and some fish I can say hello to!
I can also visit the Lyons Country Store.

I can’t buy anything in this store because it is only pretend.
If I want to, I can listen to some characters talk about what life was like a long time ago in the 1930s.
The **Third Floor** is where I can learn about light and optics. If I want to, I can play the stringless Laser Harp.

This floor is a little dark, but I should still be able to see everything.
The very top floor is the **Fourth Floor**. Here I can learn about television and see myself on a TV screen!

I can use the stairs or an elevator to go back down to the other floors.
I do not have to visit every floor if I don’t want to.

When I am ready to leave, I will tell my adult.

If my adult says it’s ok, I can visit the Museum store in the Lobby when we are leaving.