



An FCMoD Social Story



I am going to the museum!

It is called the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, or FCMoD for short.



The lobby is where I buy tickets to explore the museum.

It is very bright and can be loud.



There are people who work for the museum who can help me. They wear nametags that look like thought bubbles.

Museum volunteers can also help me. They wear bright orange lanyards.

My caregiver can help me, too!

Things I Will Learn:

FCMoD is a science, history, and culture museum. The museum inspires us to be creative and have fun while learning!





At the museum I will:

Use my indoor voice.

Use walking feet.

Touch things gently.

Take turns with everyone.

Respect other people's space.



The museum has lots of bathrooms.
The toilets flush by themselves.
The soap dispensers and sinks have sensors.
The hand dryers are very loud.
There are also paper towels.



I can visit many exhibits:

Music & Sound Lab

Schatz Family Exploration Zone

The Tot Spot

Wildlands & Wildlife

Animal Encounters

Sun, Earth, Universe

Food, Forage, & Farm

First Peoples

People on the Move

Natural Areas

Healthy Steps

I can touch most things in the museum, but I should not touch them if they are behind rails or glass.



I can play real instruments in the *Music & Sound Lab*! Some of the sounds I will hear are bells, drums, and even a theremin. It can get loud.



***The Tot Spot* is only for kids that are five years old or younger. There are lots of toys to play with, but it is just for kids ages 0 to 5.**



***Wildlands & Wildlife* teaches me about all the animals of Colorado. They are just stuffed animals though.**



***Animal Encounters* has real live animals like rats, cockroaches, frogs, bees, and Slinky the snake. The animals are safe in their habitats and cannot hurt me.**



In Sun, Earth, Universe and the Schatz Family Exploration Zone, I can learn all about the science of wind, outer space, color, and motion.



In the Tornado Chamber, I can feel winds as high as 70 miles per hour. It is fun, but loud!



Some of the exhibits have bright lights and reflective surfaces. I might get overwhelmed. If that happens, I need to tell someone who can bring me to a quiet area.



In Food, Forage, & Farm; First Peoples; and People on the Move, I can learn all about local history. I can see lots of interesting things.



In *Natural Areas*, I can learn about black footed ferrets. Sometimes they are hiding, so I might not see them.



***The Big Backyard* has a lot of grass, trees, and squirrels. It is a quiet place for me to go and be outside.**



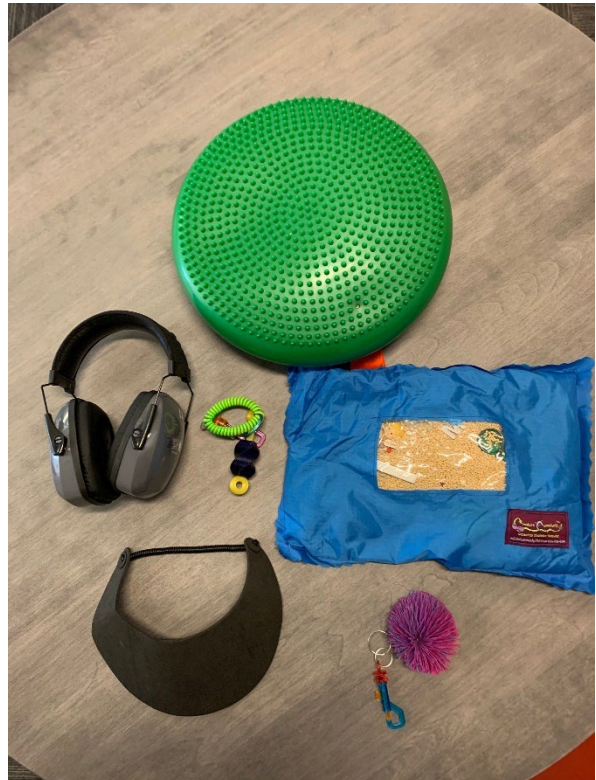
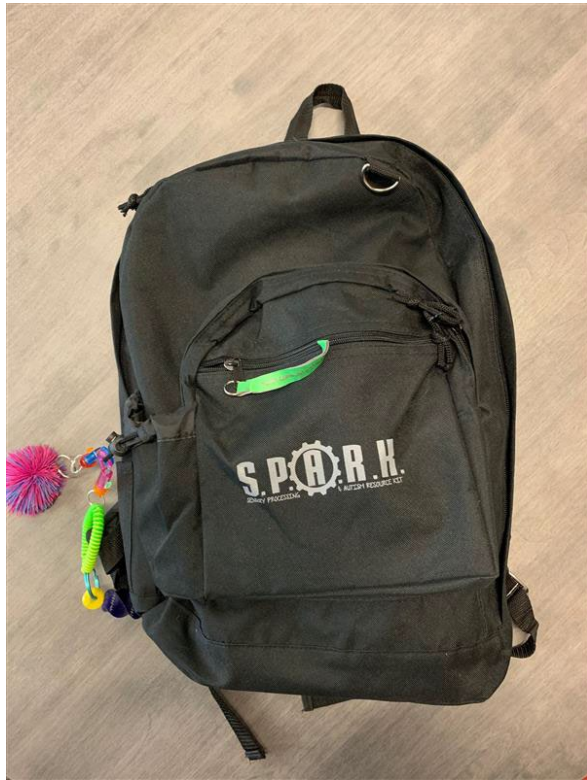
***The Archive* has many old books and pictures. It is a quiet place for me to go. I can make an appointment with a historian if something interests me.**



On the second floor of the museum is the OtterBox Digital Dome Theater. It is dark and loud. It is just pretend, but I can leave if I want to.



On the third floor of the museum is the Rooftop Observation Deck. It is a quiet place for me to go.



The S.P.A.R.K. Explorer Pack is a Resource Kit just for me.

Each kit includes a wiggle seat, a visor, noise reducing headphones, a 'seek-and-find' weighted lap pad, and fidget keychains.

It can be used during my visit or during a film in the OtterBox Digital Dome Theater!

It will be available for check out at the front desk for no additional fee.

If I want to know more about how the museum can make me feel comfortable, I can visit the website: <https://fcmmod.org/accessibility/>.



**I am going to Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
on _____ at _____.**

I can put that on my calendar!