**MORNING AT THE MUSEUM**

Saturday, October 21, 2013

**LOCATION:**

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY(NMNH)

 *Mammals Hall*

**GETTING HERE:**

The museum is located on Constitution Ave. between the blocks of 10th and 12th Street

* Enter the museum from the Constitution Ave. entrance at

9:00 am

* Museum doors at the National Mall side of the museum open at 10:00 am

**METRO:**

The closest metro station to the Constitution Ave., entrance is Federal Triangle on the Blue/Orange Line. The museum is 1 block from the station. For a metro map and more metro information visit metro’s website at: [www.metroopensdoors.com](http://www.metroopensdoors.com)

**PARKING**:

The National Museum of Natural History has no public parking. There are a few metered parking locations on the streets adjacent to the museum.

Across the street in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Building there is a paid parking lot. For additional information on parking, visit their website at <http://www.itcdc.com/about.php?p=7>

**TIPS FOR VISITING THE MUSEUM**

**ENTERING THE MUSUEM**

All visitors must go through the security.

Although there will be a limited number of visitors entering at 9:00 am, you still may be required to wait in line for a short period of time.

If your child has difficulty waiting quietly in line plan accordingly for your child (ideas: bring fidgets, music headphones, or a manipulative toy).

 **SOCIAL STORY**: *Waiting in Line, Going through Security*

**ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE MUSUEM**

Items such as markers, colored pencils, silly putty, play dough, food and drinks are *not* allowed in the exhibit area.

**MUSEUM NOISE**

If your child is sensitive to sound, consider bringing noise cancelling headphones or earplugs.

**LIGHTS**

There is a theater in the rear of the exhibit area with dimmed lights. Refer to your exhibit map for the theater location.

**MUSEUM ALARMS**

For some objects in the museum, an alarm will go off should anyone get too close to the object. We want your child to be able to roam freely through the museum, but please be aware of crossing barriers protecting objects

 **SOCIAL STORY** –Keeping People in the Right Place

**CHILD IDENTIFICATION**

Make sure your child is wearing or has identification with him/her with a contact cell phone number.

Although the Morning at the Museum is limited to one gallery the museum is quite large and if your child should wonder off, staff can contact you immediately when they see your child.

Also, consider including a strategy advising staff on what to say or do to keep your child calm while we locate you. (For example: sing, suggest s/he play with a particular toy, etc…)

**BATHROOMS**

Bathrooms are located throughout the museum. You can find them on the ground floor by the entrance, in the Hall of Human Origins, and at the IMAX on the 1st and 2nd floor.

**TAKE A BREAK ROOM**

If your child should need a break from the exhibit we have identified a “Take A Break” space for your use. Please refer to the Exhibit Map for that particular location.

Relax and have fun, let your child roam around the exhibit and enjoy!