My Experience at Nature Museum Winter Camp
Drop Off

My grown-up will drop me off every day at camp. When they drop me off, they take me into my classroom in the Museum. I will see my counselors and other campers. Sometimes the room gets loud with all the other kids. This is okay! I will use my inside voice. I will see my grown-up later when they come to pick me up in the same room at the end of the day.
Saying Goodbye

(For now!)

In the morning, my grown-up will drop me off at the Nature Museum. I know that my grown-up will come back later to pick me up. I can take a minute to say “See you soon!” to my grown-up. They will only be able to stay for a few minutes before it’s time for me to start my camp day! I know that I will have a fun day at camp, and I will tell my grown-up all about it when they come to get me at the end of the day!
My Counselors

When my grown-up drops me off, I will stay with my counselors. They are here to keep me safe and to help me have fun! I can ask them for help whenever I need it. I will listen to their words and they will listen to mine.
The other kids at Nature Museum Winter Camp are campers too. They are also here to have fun. Sometimes I will be in big groups and sometimes I will be in small groups. When I talk to them, I will be kind and keep hands to myself, and they will do the same. We can all be friends and can play together during play time.
Outdoor Play

When we go outside, I can use an outside voice. I should ask my counselor if it is okay to climb on something before I do it. This is so I know it will be safe. We take lots of walks at Winter Camp. Sometimes it is snowy at Winter Camp, and sometimes it isn’t, but it will be cold! This is okay. I will be dressed for the weather to keep my body safe!
Indoor Play

Sometimes, we play inside the Museum in a classroom or exhibit. When we’re inside the Museum, we can use walking feet and inside voices. We stay with our counselors and with our camper friends. Sometimes, we go to museum exhibits! There are different rules for different exhibits, and my counselor will tell us what the rules are.
Butterfly Haven

It is warm in the Butterfly Haven and the air is a little wet when you walk through the door. In the Butterfly Haven, there are lots of animals like butterflies, button quail, and turtles. Butterflies and birds may fly around me. I can look at these animals, but I cannot touch because I do not want to hurt them. If a butterfly lands on me, I can ask a counselor to shake it off for me. If I feel scared, I can stand by a counselor or ask to leave the room. The animals in the haven will not hurt me! I can use a quiet voice and walking feet. I will not climb on anything in the butterfly haven. Climbing is not safe in the butterfly haven. I will stay by my group and will not leave without one of my counselors.
On the Wilderness Walk, I will see many different animals. These animals used to be alive. They are there for me to look at, not touch. If I reach my hand over to touch the animals, I will hear a very loud noise that tells me to stop. I will use walking feet and an inside voice. I can ask lots of questions in the Wilderness Walk (and all the time)!
Meeting Critters!

Sometimes, we get to meet some of the museum animals! These could be snakes, rats, bugs, beetles, or even turtles! These animals are safe and friendly so I do not need to be afraid. When I meet these animals, I can touch gently if my counselor says it is okay. I can use a quiet voice. If I do not want to touch the animal, that is okay too!