

WHEN I VISIT PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

A story about what to expect when you visit the Science Center.

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When I visit Pacific Science Center, I get to see and touch lots of special things. There is a lot to be excited about. There will also be a lot of things that might be new and different. As I explore, it's important to use walking feet and an inside voice.



When I visit Pacific Science Center, I might arrive by car, bus, train, or walking. There are lots of ways to get here!

I will need to wait in line before I come inside. At the entrance, my group will buy tickets.



This is a map of the Science Center.



When I walk past the admissions gate, I am in the Science Center. There are stairs that go up and down. There are doors to lots of different places. There are also lots of different people working at and visiting the Science Center. I can help not get lost by staying close to my group.

The first part of the Science Center is outside. There are lots of pools of water. I can play with the exhibits and make water move. I can also explore the plants all around the courtyard.



When I go down the stairs, there are big purple doors to walk through. It is darker inside than outside.

There is a desk with people sitting. The people at the desk are wearing blue and have nametags on. They work at the Science Center. If I have a question, need help, or get lost, these people can help me. I can also check out a sensory kit here, filled with headphones and other resources.



Look! There is a stage! This is where special science shows happen.

Some of the shows have loud sounds and bright lights. Sometimes, they are surprising. Before the show, I can ask the presenter whether there are loud sounds or bright lights in this show.



In the next room, there are big dinosaurs. They move and make noises. The dinosaurs are mechanical. They are not alive. I will take a ramp down to the next room.



Here is Building 2, a huge room that can get very noisy. I can see the *Destination: Outer Space* exhibits here. I can learn about the planets or climb inside a space capsule here.

I can also explore an exhibit about earthquakes in this room.

The other part of this room is about the amazing things our bodies can do. There are exhibits here that use color, light, and patterns to mislead or trick our brains. They are called optical illusions.



The Salt Water Tide Pool is also in Building 2. The tide pool is a touch tank full of small sea animals. After I rinse my hands, I can use a gentle two-finger touch to pet sea anemones, urchins, barnacles, and even a sea cucumber! If touching things gently or in cold water is hard for me, I can ask the Science Center staff for shells and models to hold.

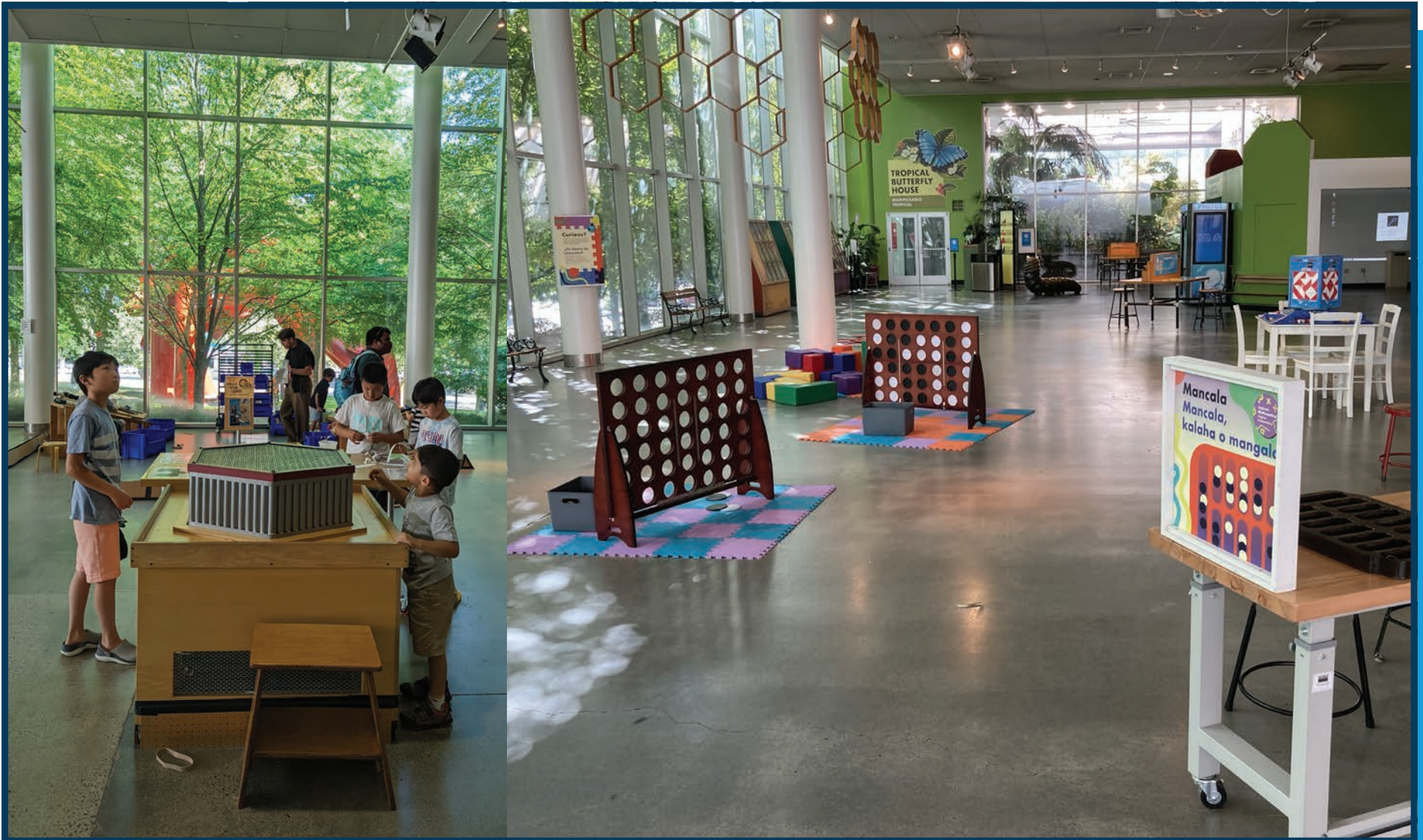
Science Center staff are here to help me remember the rules and learn about the animals. They sometimes use a microphone that can make their voice very loud.



In this building, there is also a special area for little kids. Young children under 45 inches tall can play and explore here. If I am under that height, I can splash my hands in the stream table!



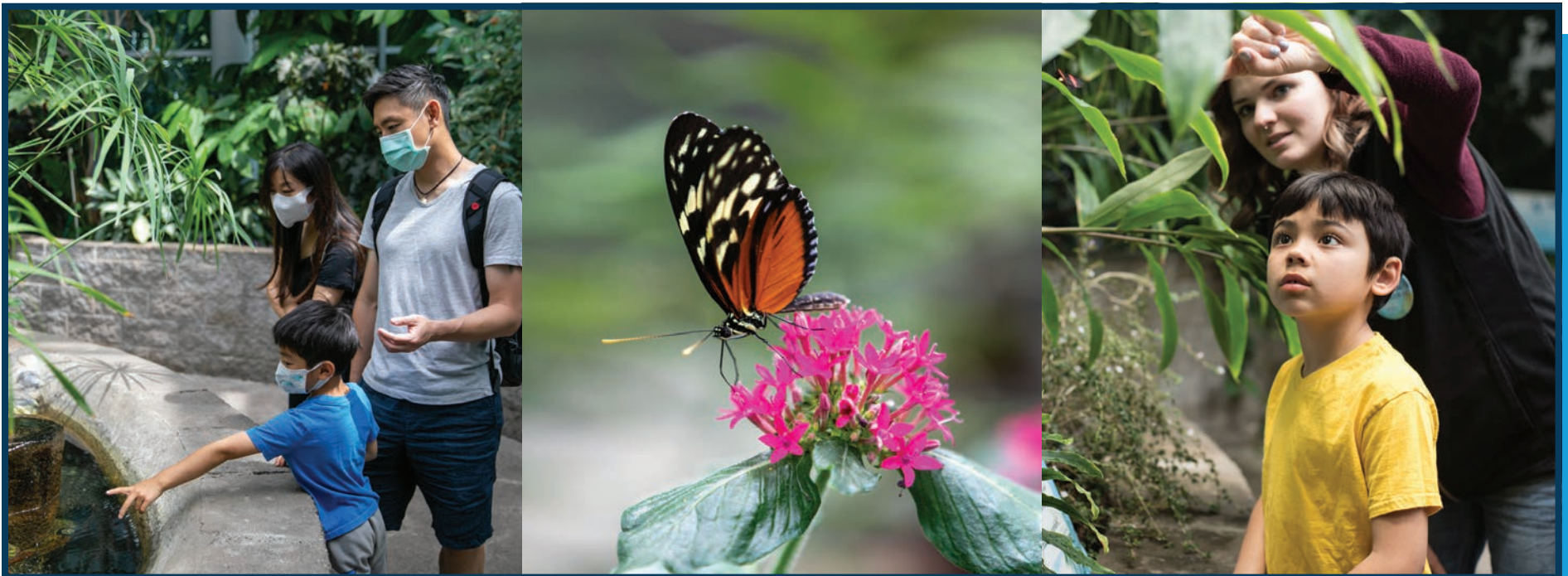
The next room is full of things to build with and explore. The exhibits here blow air, make noise, and light up. I can also try and solve puzzles here with the *Science of Puzzling* exhibits!



This is the Tropical Butterfly House. When I go inside the Butterfly House, I will feel like I am in a rainforest. It will be hot and there will be lots of plants. Butterflies will fly all around me!

Before we go inside, an educator will tell me how I can help keep the butterflies safe. I can help by not touching the butterflies with my hands and walking carefully.

How many different colored butterflies do you think you will see?



This is Carnevalli Hall, where the *Adventures with Sound* exhibits can be found. I can play with all kinds of instruments here! I know that in this room, the music can be loud and unpredictable.

I can walk down the ramp to the Boeing IMAX Theater from here, but I can also take the elevator next to the bathrooms if I don't want to hear loud noises.



Inside Building 3 I can find Tinker Tank Makerspace. Tinker Tank Makerspace has special activities and lots of materials to make things with. I can ask the staff about what they are making on the day I visit. What will you create?



There are a lot of other things I might see and do. Some I might not. Some of them require special tickets to see.

The planetarium is a special room where I can see pictures of the sky, stars, and planets on a big screen. A presenter will turn the lights off and talk about outer space. It gets dark so I can see the stars and planets.



Another special show is the laser show. Inside the Laser Dome, an employee will turn off the lights and make a show out of bright lights and loud music. Sometimes, there is even fog!

I can also see movies at the Science Center! Some of the movies are 3D. I will wear special glasses to make the movie look like it is all around me.



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What do you most want to explore?

