

Escondido Children's Museum

Rules

Welcome to the Escondido Children's Museum. Please come prepared to have fun and learn a few new things!

We've put together some rules to help you enjoy your visit and help us make your stay at the Museum as pleasant as possible. Please share these rules with your children and remember to have a great time!

1. Please watch your children during your time here at the Museum. **No child may be left unattended in the Museum for any reason.** Even though we have made every attempt to make the Museum as safe as possible, you are a crucial part of the equation! In fact, many of our exhibits are worded for older readers and require some explanation in order to help create conversation between children and their parents, teachers, or chaperones.
2. **Please, no food or drinks inside the Museum.** There is an outdoor patio with picnic tables provided if you'd like to bring your lunch or have a snack.
3. Visitors are required to **wear shoes at all times.**
4. Please, **no running or yelling inside the Museum.** The floors can be slippery after waxing and the building tends to echo loud noises.
5. **Return items to their original positions after playing with them.** This allows the next visitor to enjoy the full benefit of the exhibit or activity.
6. The area inside the white fence is called *Little Sprouts*. **For the safety of your young children, Little Sprouts is dedicated to visitors between 0 and 3 years old.** If you are considering bringing older children with special needs who might benefit from the activities provided in this area, please call the Museum Educator at 760-233-7755 first to arrange accommodations.
7. Be aware that the **Wildlife Tree House was built for school age children.** It may be dangerous for smaller visitors to attempt the climb. **No step stools or boxes are allowed on the stairs. Only one child should be on the Tree House stairs at a given time** to avoid collisions while climbing up or down. Please consider following your children into the Tree House if you are physically able. There are many adult/child interactive opportunities up there!
8. The items on the craft table coincide with the current craft or art project. Directions for the projects are on the table with examples and all the necessary supplies. **The items behind the "magic curtain" or in the supply cabinets should not be used unless Museum staff is there to assist you.** These supplies are designated for future craft projects, and items like paint and glitter need staff supervision for their use.
9. A key is necessary for the restroom, which is located outside of the Museum. **Parents must accompany children to the restroom. No children may be left unattended in the Museum, so please take all of your children with you when stepping out of the Museum for any reason.**
10. **Strollers are welcome in the Museum but we ask that they be parked on the back patio out of the way of incoming visitors.**
11. We do have a "cubby area" for diaper bags, purses, etc. You are welcome to leave your items there while you enjoy the Museum, but **the Museum takes no responsibility for lost, damaged, or stolen items.**