



# Preparing for a visit to the Dallas Zoo

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Planning a trip to the zoo is fun. There are some things I need to do to prepare.



There is a lot of walking at the zoo. I will make sure I wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

I will spend a lot of time outside. I will make sure we check the weather before going to the zoo.



I can bring food and water for when I get hungry and thirsty. We can also buy snacks and drinks at the zoo if my parents decide to.



Each person going to the zoo needs a ticket. We will buy our tickets online ahead of time. A zoo helper will scan our tickets to let us in. We might have to wait in line for a few minutes until it's our turn. This is okay.



There are many noises at the Zoo. My parent can stop at the Info Booth to borrow a KultureCity™ backpack with silencing headphones if needed. I can also cover my ears if I don't like to hear the loud noises.



\*2020 Note: backpacks only have headphones; sensory toys have been removed and headphones are sanitized after each use.

Inside the zoo there are a lot of things to see. I can look at a map and signs to help me find my way.



If I am not sure where to go, I can ask a person in a green shirt. They will help me find my way.





The cement paths  
take me to the animal  
exhibits. I walk safely  
everywhere I go.



The animals I want to see will be behind a fence or glass. This is their home.



If I want to talk to an animal, I can wave, smile, or speak softly. The animal may get scared if I climb on the fence or tap on the glass.



Sometimes the animals  
are playing where I can't  
see them. It is okay if I  
don't see every animal at  
the zoo.



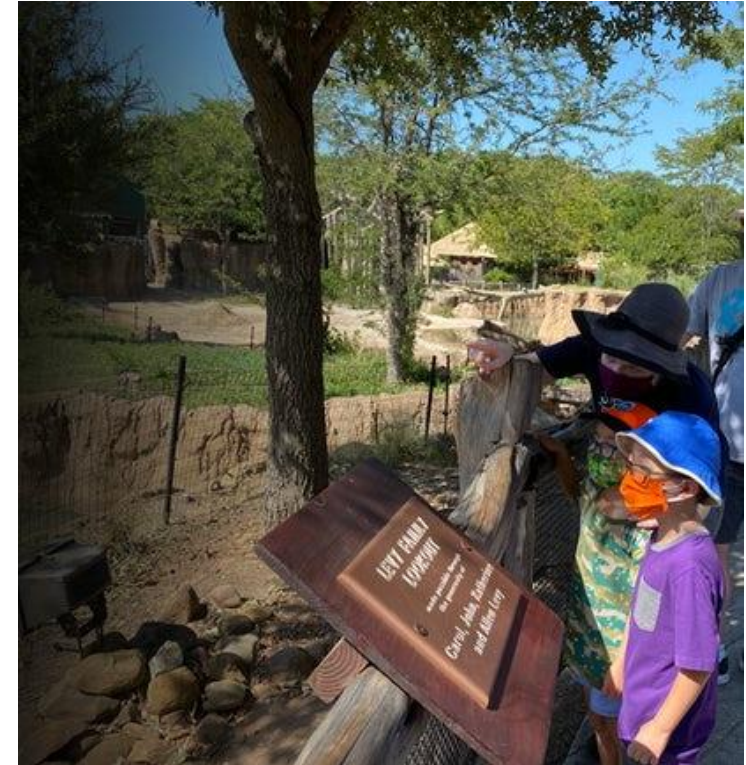
Zookeepers wear a uniform and a nametag. I can talk to a zookeeper if I want to learn more about an animal. I will try to wait until they are not talking to someone. Waiting my turn to talk makes everyone happy.



I will see zoo employees wearing masks. They are wearing masks because they are following the rules to keep everyone safe.



I will see other visitors at the zoo, and some of them will be wearing masks too. They are also following the rules to help keep everyone safe.



I may notice signs that remind visitors to keep their distance from each other. This is another way we can all help keep each other safe.





There are also dividers in the middle of some paths. This helps people remember to stay on the right side of the path so we can safely keep our distance.



It is okay to not like walking under the tunnel, and there are a few things I can do that may help me feel better about walking through to the other side.

I can cover my ears. I can close my eyes and hold someone's hand. I can use my imagination to pretend the tunnel is anyplace or anything I want it to be!



When it is time to leave the zoo, the exit signs show me the way out. I can always come back to the zoo on another day.

