



HOLIDAY at Cheekwood

Daytime Detailed Social Story™



I am going to HOLIDAY at Cheekwood today! This is a fun way to celebrate the holidays! There will be many activities for me to do during the day.

I will know I have arrived at Cheekwood when I see the gates and sign that says, "Cheekwood." The adult in the car will talk to the person at the gate to let them know we are here to visit. We will drive to the parking lot. There might be a lot of cars. If there are lot of cars, we might have to park outside of the gates.

After we park, we will walk together to the Visitors Center. There may be other people in the Visitor Center and I might have to wait in line. I can wait nicely by standing near the adult with me, talking quietly, and keeping my hands to myself. At the Visitor Center, we might buy tickets or get a schedule or map. This will tell me all the fun things there are to do and where the different activities are at Cheekwood. I can talk to the adult with me about what I would like to go do and see.

There might be a lot of other people there to celebrate too! There might be music playing or people singing. If it is crowded or loud or I am tired, I can ask the adult with me for a break. We will try to find a quiet place to sit. A quiet space will be located on the third floor of the Frist Learning Center.

In the Frist Learning Center courtyard, there will be two real reindeer named Holly and Jolly. They might be sitting, walking around, or sleeping. It might be fun to see what they are doing! There will be rules about what I can do with the reindeer, so I should listen to what the adult with me or a person from Cheekwood tells me.

I might also get to see Santa Claus! I might wait in line to meet him or get my picture taken with him. When I get to meet Santa, I can sit on his lap and talk to him if I want to. If we get our picture taken, there might be a bright flash.

There might be tables with art activities for me to do or cookies to decorate. Some of the tables might be crowded. I will try to wait my turn. There will be someone there to help me do the activity. If I don't know what to do, I can try to ask for help. Some of the activities might be messy, so the adults might help me clean up. I can take my art activities or cookies home with me. Doing these activities might be fun!

We might also walk around Cheekwood and go to different gardens. I will try to be respectful by walking on the paths and keeping my hands to myself. There also may be music on the paths and in the gardens. If I don't know where to walk, I can ask the adult with me. When I am in the gardens, I can take lots of photos of the things I see.

We might be at HOLIDAY for a long time. If I need to go to the bathroom, I can ask the adult with me, and we will go to a bathroom in the museum, Frist Learning Center, or Visitor Center. The map will show me where the bathrooms are.

We also might go to the gift shop. If I see something I like, I can ask the adult with me if we can buy it. They might say no. If they say no, I can still look at the shop. I should try to be respectful by keeping my hands to myself and staying with the adult who brought me.

HOLIDAY at Cheekwood might be lots of fun. I might see new things and make new friends. There will be a lot of things to do. The adult with me will be happy when I am respectful at the festival.