



Holiday LIGHTS at Cheekwood Nighttime Detailed Social Story™



I am going to see the Holiday LIGHTS at Cheekwood tonight! This is a fun way to celebrate the holidays! There will be many activities for me to do at the festival.

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 a lot of cars, we might have to park outside of the gates and ride a shuttle bus to the festival. I might like riding the shuttle with the adult with me. I will try to be respectful by staying in my seat and talking quietly to the adult with me.

After we get to the festival, we will walk to the line at the front gate. There will be other people at the front gate and I will 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 front gate, we will buy tickets and 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 will 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 (or upstairs) of the Frist Learning Center.

In the Frist Learning Center, 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! If I want a snack during storytime, I can ask the adult with me if we can buy milk and cookies. They might say no. If they say no, I can still listen to the story.

We might also walk around Cheekwood to look at the holiday lights or go to different gardens. There will be one million lights for us to see! I will try to be respectful by walking on the paths and keeping my hands to myself. The rules for the paths for Holiday LIGHTS may be different than the rules for the paths when I come to Cheekwood at other times. 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 the festival 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. If we get hungry, we might eat dinner at the Pineapple Room restaurant. We also might go to a fire pit where we can roast marshmallows and make s'mores. I will stay with the adult who brought me and be careful around the fire.

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 LIGHTS 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.