Visiting Please Touch Museum to see the play An Idea



Know Before You Go Guide

I am going to Please Touch Museum to see a play called "An Idea" that is filled with singing and dancing. The play lasts 25 minutes.



A play is like a movie. The people on stage are called actors. They are pretending to be different characters to tell a story.

During the show, I can stand up and dance along to the songs, laugh, clap my hands and make noise! It is important that I stay off the stage.



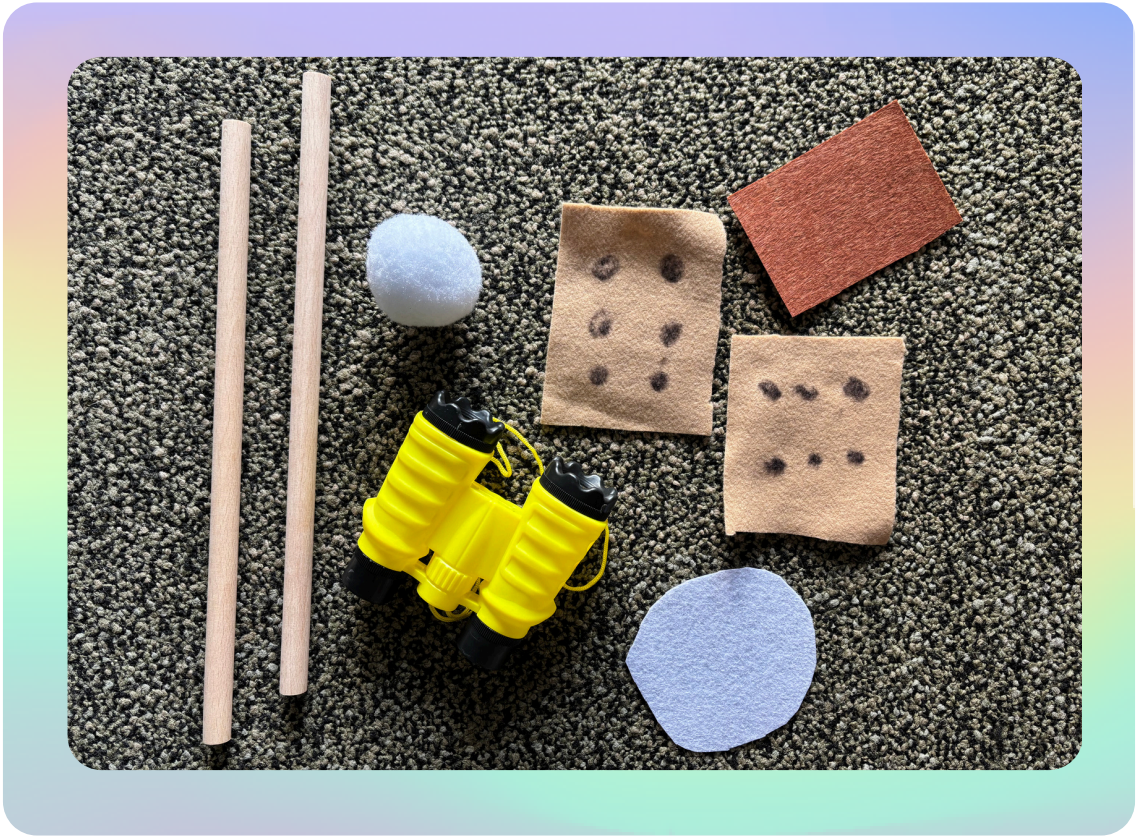
This play is about two young scouts, Stevie and Kat, who are with their scout leader Willow! The young scouts decide to explore s'mores and go through the scientific method to earn their science merit badges.



When I walk into the theater, I will get a brown paper bag filled with prop items that I will use to help to tell the story of the show. These props will be returned when I leave the show at the end.



The items in the bag are binoculars, a pretend marshmallow, two rhythm sticks, and pieces of white, dark brown and light brown felt. There will be times when I am asked to take each object to help with the show and times to put them away. I will know to be ready with my items when I hear Willow say “campers!”



There will also be times during the show when Willow asks the audience questions. I can call out my answers to the questions!



During the show, there will be an exciting science experiment known as Elephant Toothpaste that happens quite suddenly. I should stay safe in my seat while the experiment is performed by the actors onstage. This experiment will only last 30 seconds.

The actors use different props and set pieces to tell the story. These props and set pieces cannot hurt me.



There will always be lights on during the show, and it will never be completely dark.

The show will have music played by Willow with a guitar. I can move my body in my seat or stand up in my spot during these songs. If the music is too loud for me, I can borrow some headphones from the basket on the front side of the theatre.



The story will be brought to life through an acting technique known as clowning. Clowning is a performance style focused on acting with the body, playfulness, and imagination. This is why Stevie and Kat communicate with sounds and only the most important words for the story!



At the end of the show, Willow, Stevie, and Kat will invite you onto the stage for a fun follow along dance song!



After the show, I can exit the Playhouse Theater and tell all my friends about the awesome show I just saw.

I can also go explore the “The Questioneers” exhibit upstairs to continue the fun!



My friends at the Please Touch Museum Theater and Philly Children’s Theatre look forward to seeing me again!