My Visit to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

I am going to visit the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. This is a story about what will happen when I get there.

When I arrive at the Museum, I will have two choices as to where to start.

I can walk up to the small red gate house and ask to explore the gardens and the Glen Burnie House.

OR

I can walk up the hill to the Museum building and check in at the lobby front desk.

My family will purchase admission tickets in the Museum lobby. The people who work there will give me a sticker to put on my shirt and a map to help me explore.
I will see lots of helpers in the Museum wearing name tags. They will sell my family tickets, answer questions if I have them, and give my family directions for where to go.

When I’m in the gardens, I can look at the trees, flowers, animals, and sculptures. I will make sure I stay with my grown up while I am exploring.

I can go into the big brick house, called Glen Burnie, and explore the rooms.

When I explore the Museum building, I will see paintings, pottery, sculptures, dollhouses, and photographs.
When I’m in the galleries I’ll make sure to look with my eyes. I can keep my arms crossed, hold them at my sides, put my hands in my pockets, or fold them behind my back.

If I need a quiet place to take a break, I can sit at the small tables on the ground level with my grown up. I can look out the window and take deep breaths until I’m ready to explore again.

If I need a bathroom or a drink of water, I can look at my map.

Bathrooms are in the Museum building to the right and left of the lobby, in the Glen Burnie House, and in the garden carriage house.
I am going to visit the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley.

When I get there, I will put a sticker on my shirt. I will have fun looking at flowers, trees, and sculpture in the garden. I will look at art and objects in the Museum galleries.

When I leave, I will wave goodbye and say thank you to my helpers!

A regional cultural center, the MSV includes galleries displaying permanent collections and changing exhibitions, gardens, and the Glen Burnie House. The galleries are open year-round, the house and gardens are open April through December. The site is open Tuesday–Sunday (closed Monday) from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. April–December AND 11 a.m.–4 p.m. January–March. Extended hours from 10 a.m.–8 p.m. are offered on Wednesdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The MSV site tends to be quietest on Sunday mornings, weekday early afternoons, and Wednesday evenings (between Memorial Day and Labor Day only). Please be aware that there are two ponds and several water features in the gardens without railings or barriers. See www.theMSV.org for admission fee information and additional MSV details.