



Preparing for a visit to Dallas Zoo Lights

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Planning a trip to the zoo for Zoo Lights 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.



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.



* Sensory toys and headphones are
sanitized after each use.

Because Zoo Lights happens at night, it will be dark outside, but there are many holiday lights to light the way.



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



I will cross a wide bridge to get to the Zoo Lights activities. The bridge is safe. I won't fall in.



There are a lot of things to see at Zoo Lights. I can look at a map and signs to help me find my way.



There are a lot of animal lanterns. Don't worry, they are not real animals. They do not move or make noise.



The cement paths take me to all the Zoo Lights activities. I walk safely everywhere I go.



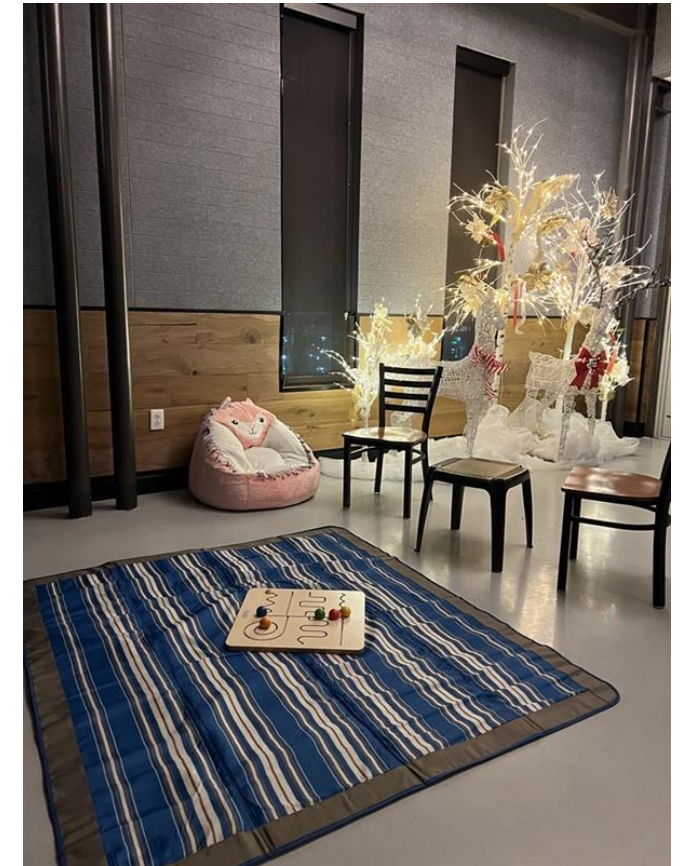
Because it is night, many of the animals are sleeping. But you might get to see some special friends. Keep your eyes open.



I will wait in line if I want to see Santa.



If I need a break, I can go to a Sensory Haven area to calm down.



If I get hungry or thirsty, I can eat my snack or buy something at the zoo if my parents want to.



There are lots of festive lights in the tunnel.

Here are a few things I can do that may help me feel better about walking through:

I can cover my ears.

1. I can hold someone's hand.
2. 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.

