

I am going to watch a show in the  
**Beazley Planetarium**  
today!



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Today I am going to watch a show in the [Beazley Planetarium](#)!



I will know I am at the [Beazley Planetarium](#) when I see the theater entrance inside the **Children's Museum of Virginia**.



A planetarium is like a theater where the show plays in a dome on the ceiling. This show may be a short movie or a presentation. I may see a show about something I am learning, or the show may be brand new information!

Before the show, I will line up outside the planetarium. If the museum is busy, it might be loud while I wait in line. I will try to be patient while I wait. My adult will be so proud of me for being patient and staying in line.



A museum staff member will open the doors and invite us in. When I enter the planetarium, I will see chairs and equipment. I can sit in a chair and look around with my eyes.





The museum staff member will greet us and talk about the show. They will give us important rules to follow during the show. I will try to follow these rules everyone can have a good time. I will try very hard to stay in my seat and be quiet during the show.

The lights will be turned off and the room will get dark for just a moment. Then the dome in the ceiling will begin to light up. I will look up at the dome to see the show.



During the show, the lights might be bright at times and dim at others.

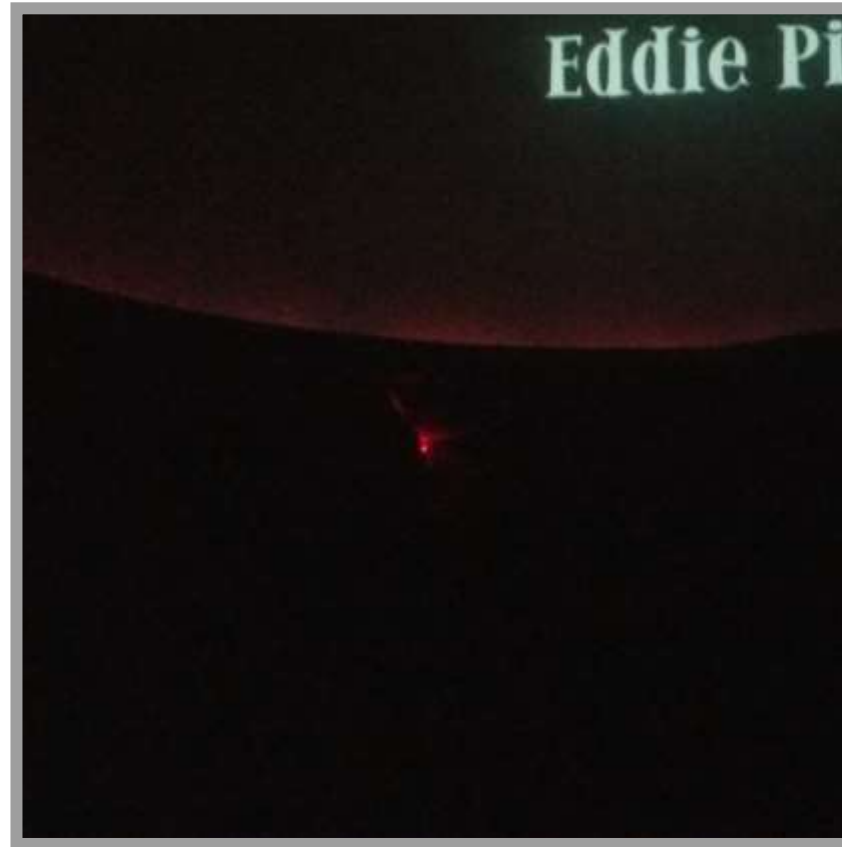




I might hear loud noises during the show. These noises might be similar to sounds in a movie or on television.



Loud noises can be surprising, but they will not hurt me. If I am bothered by the loud noises, I can wear headphones during the show. The headphones will help make the show quieter.



When the show is over the room will be dark again for just a moment.  
The museum staff member will then turn on the lights.



I can exit the planetarium using my walking feet. My adult will help me know where to go next.

I had a great time watching a show at the Beazley Planetarium!  
Maybe I can watch another show some time!





Additional Resources including social stories for family visits and field trips are available on the Children's Museum of Virginia webpage under the accessibility tab.

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