Tips for Before and After Your Visit

Backyard

• Plan ahead. The Backyard is open seasonally so make sure to check our website or call ahead to see if it is open.
• Play outdoors. Outdoor play encourages you to use your imagination, interact with natural materials to develop skills and explore the world around you. How do you like to play outside? How is playing outdoors different from playing at home or in school?
• Try new things. If you have visited us before think of new ways to approach old favorites.
• Experiment with dirt. Put your hands into the bubbling mud in Animated Earth. Turn the handles on the side of the tubs and see how air pressure impacts the movement of the mud. Smocks can keep you dry and there is water for clean up when you are done.
• Explore cause and effect:
  1. Experiment with the path of water at our Allegheny Waterworks sculpture. How can you change the flow of the water?
  2. Investigate how the sun can create energy when you remove the flap at Solar Music. What happens to the bells? Why?

More about the Backyard exhibit:
http://pittsburghkids.org/exhibits/backyard