MY VISIT TO:

PANOLA MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
I am going to **Panola Mountain State Park** today.

When I see the welcome sign I know I am there!
My family and I will **EXPLORE** the park, **OBSERVE** nature, and have **FUN**.
When I get to the park, our vehicle will pull up to the **KIOSK**. I will wait patiently while we pay to enter the park.

If there is not a staff member in the kiosk, my family will drive and pay at the nearest **IRON RANGER**.
Once we have parked, my family will visit the **NATURE CENTER** to get a map and answer any questions that we might have.

Sometimes, there is a line because other families want to explore. I will try to wait **PATIENTLY** until it is our turn.
Inside the Nature Center are employees and **PARK RANGERS** who are here to help and answer questions.

The Park Rangers wear **TAN** shirts and **GREEN** pants or shorts.

**PARK RANGERS** are adults I can learn from at Panola Mountain State Park.
My **FAMILY** and I will decide what to see and do at the park. I can let my family know what I would like to see.

I will not have time to see everything.

I will try to **COOPERATE** with family and that way we will have fun.
My family and I may visit the **GIFT SHOP**. The gift shop at Panola Mountain has lots of toys. I can look at the toys. The toys are for park visitors to buy.
Inside the Nature Center we might visit the **PIEDMONT EXHIBIT**.

The animals inside this display case are **DEAD**, but made to look **ALIVE**.
Another exhibit includes **LIVING ANIMALS**. In these tanks live **SNAKES** and **TURTLES**.

These animals cannot hurt me as they are safe inside their home. This space can be exciting and loud, and I will try to stay **CALM**.
If I get overwhelmed, I can go into the **CRITTER CORNER**.

This is a **QUIET** and **SAFE** place to **LEARN**.
While inside the **NATURE CENTER**, I must always try to use my **WALKING** feet.
There are RESTROOMS and a WATER FOUNTAIN if I need to use one.

One is located by the NATURE CENTER.

The other one is located near the PLAYGROUND.
There are many things to **EXPERIENCE** and **EXPLORE** while outside in the park.
While outside there is a **PLAYGROUND**. There will be other families playing as well. I will remember to **SHARE** with them.
There are **TWO** nature trails at the park. I will **STAY** with my family at all times to make sure that I don't get lost.

The **ROCK OUTCROP TRAIL** takes hikers to an overlook that views Panola and Stone Mountains.

The **WATERSHED TRAIL** takes hikers over a creek where you can play.
My family might bring their bikes and go for a **BIKE RIDE** on the PATH Trail.

If I am under the age of 16, I must wear a **HELMET** while riding my bike.

Other families might be on the trail, so I will try to remember to **SHARE** the trail.
I might get to see **ALEXANDER LAKES** while visiting the park.

These lakes are not for swimming. If I am **QUIET**, I might get to see some wildlife.
A the end of the visit, I will leave the park and wave good-bye to the Park Ranger in the kiosk. I had a great day at

**PANOLA MOUNTAIN STATE PARK!**
THE END.