YOUR visit to Cheekwood!
Cheekwood is a 55-acre Botanical Garden and Museum of Art located in Nashville.

What is a botanical garden? How is it different from a park?

What is a museum? What types of objects do you think you will see during your visit?
A brief history of Cheekwood

• Cheekwood is the former home of Leslie Cheek and Mabel Wood Cheek, who bought the property and had the mansion built in 1929.

• They hired an architect named Bryant Fleming to design the 30,000 square foot mansion and formal gardens.

• They moved into their new home in 1933. Leslie passed away 2 years later. In 1944, Mabel gave the home to their daughter and her husband, Huldah and Walter Sharp.

• In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp gave Cheekwood to become a museum and botanical garden.

• In 1960, Cheekwood opened to the public.

How many years has Cheekwood been open to the public?

During your visit you will see pineapples throughout the Cheekwood mansion. What does this symbol mean?
When you arrive at Cheekwood

What will you see?

Here is a sneak peek at a few rooms in the museum...
This is the **Drawing Room**.

*The photo on the left dates back to the 1930s when the Cheek family lived in the estate. The photo on the right is similar to what you will see on your visit.*

How has the space changed? Today this room is used to display Cheekwood’s porcelain collection.
This is what the Library looked like in 1934. 

Today it is Cheekwood’s Silver Library.

What types of objects do you expect to see in a Silver Library? In what ways do you think the room will look different today?
This is the **Rotunda**.

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What is a rotunda? In what ways has this space changed?
This is the 2nd floor of the museum. *This level features temporary exhibitions.*

What is an exhibition? What type of artwork do you think you will see at Cheekwood?
This is the **Frist Learning Center**.

This building was originally the stables and carriage house when the Cheek family lived on the property. Most School Tours **begin** at this building.
While driving through our property look for this sign, and be sure to make a RIGHT turn to get to the Frist Learning Center.
Bus Parking and Picnic Area

When you arrive at the Learning Center, an education staff member will meet you.

Most school groups picnic on the terrace and lawn area next to the Learning Center. However, you are welcome to picnic in other areas of the garden as well.
Museum and Garden Etiquette

We ask all visitors to follow Museum and Garden Etiquette when visiting Cheekwood.

• When walking through the gardens, please stay on the paths for your own safety and the protection of the plant collections.

• Please do not touch the plants or artwork.

• Many varieties of wildlife and insects make their homes at Cheekwood. Please do not disturb these valuable members of our ecosystem.

• Speak in a normal ‘inside’ voice. Please do not disturb other visitors in the museum or garden by yelling or shouting. However, you may always ask questions of the Cheekwood staff, guides or docents.
Museum and Garden Etiquette

• Stay with your group. Cheekwood is large, and it is easy to get distracted. We do not want anyone to get separated from their group.

• You are welcome to take pictures in the gardens, but photography in the museum is not permitted.

• During your visit to the museum, pencils are allowed in the galleries. Pens, markers and crayons are not allowed. Please leave backpacks or large bags on the bus. Bulky objects might bump a work of art and damage it.
We look forward to seeing you soon!

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