# The Tech Interactive Sensory Guide



The Tech Interactive









Many exhibits at The Tech Interactive use touchscreens to interact with, like a tablet or phone. The ones in this chart have either a different way to interact, or have unique sensory features.



**Bright** 



Dark



Loud



Quiet



**Crowded** 



Strong Smells



Interactive

# **Ground Level**



#### Ticket Counter (1)









- Can be noisy, can hear people downstairs
- Can buy tickets in advance, or from a touch screen kiosk in the lobby
- Strong popcorn smells from IMAX theater



## The Tech Store



Can be busy



## **IMAX Theater** ••







- · Some movie sound effects can be loud
- Popcorn smell upon entering



## The Tech Cafe





- Can be busy
- · Outdoor seating available if weather permits
- · Cooking food smells

# **Lower Level Exhibits**



## The Tech Studio (1)







- · Can be loud if busy
- · Fluorescent overhead lighting
- The Tech Studio has large pieces to build a device to do a task



## **Cyber Detectives** •







- · Can hear the heating and cooling overhead noise
- Floor reflects overhead lights
- Tech Tags needed to use some exhibits (your admission ticket or membership card barcode)



## **Wet Brush**



• Using a stylus pen on a touch screen, users can create 3D paintings

# Lower Level Exhibits: Solve for Earth



## **Connections Wall**





- Bright light on the wall
- Move hand close to wall or knobs to create movement and sound changes



## **Sustainable Cities**



- Using a touchscreen, make different things occur to the city located on the table
- Other participants can be around the table interacting with different cities at the same time



## **Food Waste Fridge**



• Move magnets on a fridge, or inside move fake foods that will prompt facts about food storage



## **Community Voices**



• Move a puck on a map to hear voices of community members.

# Lower Level Exhibits: Space Exploration



## **View from Space**





- Very dark area, can be difficult to see
- · While this area is quiet you can hear the noise from the Jet Pack Chair nearby



#### **Jet Pack Chair**





- · Noise cancelling headphones available if needed
- Transfer to a chair, use a joystick to move the chair and to hit targets

# **Lower Level Exhibits**



## **Heart Sync Table**





- Put finger on a sensor to see how breathing changes heart rate
- · Can try to sync heart rate with other players



# **Body Moves**



- Use whole body to match poses, balance, and make butterflies move
- · Tech Tag needed



## Reactable





- Can be loud if there are several players
- Tiles interact with each other and with table to make different sounds to create music



## **Social Robots**







- Can be loud if space is busy
- Create and program robots using blocks
- Seizure warning due to lights on some blocks

# **Lower Level Seating Areas**



#### **Main Atrium**





- · Comfortable couches and benches
- · Interactive magnet wall with tubes and balls



#### **Inside Solve for Earth**





- · Comfortable couches, quieter area
- Interactive story bags and books the on wall



## **Next to The Tech Studio**





- Comfortable couches, fluorescent lights
- · Louder and brighter area



## **Gold Tube**





- Quiet, dark, benches in semi-circle inside
- Darker semi-enclosed space, voices echo

# **Upper Level Exhibits**



# **Body Worlds Decoded**



- IRIS handheld Augmented Reality (AR) display available for check out
- Plastinated real human bodies and body parts on display. Children under 12 must be supervised



### **Animaker**





- Can hear rollercoaster noises from exhibit nearby
- Create block animals, help the software recognize it, then bring it to life in the display on the wall



## **Wave Atlas**





- Can hear rollercoaster noises from exhibit nearby
- Use hand gestures or hand held controller (HTC Vive) to create, release and move sea creatures on a video display on a wall

# **Upper Level Exhibits**



### The Innovator





- · Roller coaster sounds can be loud
- · Design a roller coaster, then get in an open-air simulator to ride it virtually



# **Making the Cut**



• Different challenges are available using blocks, to simulate designing with constraints



# **Bio Tinkering Lab**





- Sunlight comes in through a window
- Facilitated experiences available to create with real lab tools check the schedule for current offerings
- Some of the experiences can be very tactile and may be sensory averse for some, ie, creating algae strings. May need to wait if the room is full



## **Bio Basics**





• Seizure warning due to strobe light effects used in exhibit

# **Upper Level Exhibits**



# **Living Colors Lab**



- Use real lab gear to create multi-color bacteria
- Participants must wear gloves and protective glasses
- The activity can take up to 15 minutes to complete



## **Bio Futures**



• Tech Tags needed to use exhibit (your admission ticket or membership card barcode)

# **Upper Level Seating Areas**



# **Outside Balcony**





- Entrance located in Body World exhibit
- Covered balcony with a view of Market Street and the park