

Museum Visit

Toolkit



Activities, discussions, and what to expect.

*For families
and youth group visits.*

390TH
MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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Prepare to Visit

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The B-17 is a big, awesome airplane. Visitors can look inside the airplane and see exactly how it would have been equipped on a WWII mission day!

How exciting!



Here are a few tips to help you make the most out of your visit to the 390th Memorial Museum:

Safety First!

Between the airplane, our awesome 1943 jeep, the big bold pictures and colors on the walls, the Nissen hut, and lots of floor space, our museum might seem more like a giant park than a memorial museum.

We ask that you consider the following as much for your child's safety as well as for respect to the memorial:

Help remind young visitors that the plane is not a toy, but a weapon. While it helped defend our freedom, tens of thousands of lives were lost on airplanes just like the one they see in the museum.

Our museum is an excellent opportunity to teach respectful manners in 'inside' public places: walking, talking quietly, respecting crowd-control barriers, even holding hands and sticking together. Like all visitors, children are welcome to ask questions of our docents, and to sign our guestbook.

Other Logistics

Dogs are welcome. Water is available. Snacks, ice cream and sandwiches are available at the Pima Air & Space Museum's Flight Grill (a short walk from the Museum). Food and drink is not allowed in the museum.

Do Your Reconnaissance

Explore our website with your child or youth group prior to visiting the museum. Write down any questions, and be prepared to find the answer in the museum, or to ask a docent!

About Our Location

The 390th Memorial Museum is co-located on the grounds of the Pima Air & Space Museum (PASM). Entry to the 390th Memorial Museum is **free** with paid admission to PASM. The 390th Memorial Museum is outside of the main PASM hangar, in a freestanding building. With our huge sign and the words "Home of the B-17 Flying Fortress", you can't miss us!

What To Bring

Our museum is just a short walk across the PASM grounds. However, PASM is a large facility with a lot of outdoor walking. We recommend that you wear good shoes and bring sun protection such as hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Also, be sure to bring at least one water bottle, especially in summer.

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You've arrived! Here's what to expect:

You will be greeted by our museum's friendly docents. Docents are volunteers who know everything about this museum. And, they want to help you! Docents will answer your questions, direct you to exhibits, and point out where the water and bathrooms are located. You will find docents in the lobby, near the airplane, and sometimes upstairs. Please feel welcomed to ask them questions!

Now That You're Here

Look behind you—there is a giant wall signed by 390th Bomb Group veterans!

This is a great opportunity to remind children that the museum was built by real people who flew the B17 in WWII—that those people were actually at this museum!

This is also a good time to remind children that the museum is a Memorial. It honors the memory of not just the people who signed the wall (some are still living) but of all people who participated in WWII.

Please remind your child to use their indoor manners such as walking, talking quietly, and staying together.

Can you find answers to these questions?

- ◆ How many crew positions were on a B-17?
- ◆ What model of B-17 is the airplane on display?
- ◆ What parts of the plane have the same names as parts of the body?
- ◆ What letter is on the tail of the airplane, and why is it there?
- ◆ How many missions did the 390th Bomb Group fly?
- ◆ What continent did the 390th Bomb Group fly over?
- ◆ How many squadrons were in a Bomb Group?
- ◆ What did the B-17 drop besides bombs?

Post your family or group photos on Facebook: #390thMuseumMemories

Bring It Home

After your visit, ask your child to draw a B-17, or something else that they saw at the museum.

Visit the museum's website and talk about what they remember learning at the museum.

Ask your child to complete the sentence :

The 390th Bomb Group inspires me to...

And then post their message on Facebook:

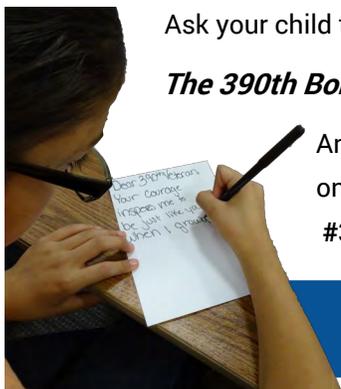
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Teach Philanthropy

Every dollar donated on site supports the creation of new exhibits and youth programs.

Donation boxes are located in several places throughout the museum. Would your child consider donating a portion of his or her allowance to the museum? Your child or family can also register to become a Torch Bearer for just \$4/month. You will receive a welcome kit and quarterly e-newsletters filled with WWII History.

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