Let the Adventure Begin! At the Museum...

Take the “Treasures Transport” Experience
Descend deep into the earth with your trusty guide as you prepare to discover the Treasures of the Earth!

1. Get a bird’s-eye view of the excitement at the Overlook on Level 1.
   - The Tomb
     - Take a peek into the entrance of the tomb.
     - Ask your children: “What do you think we’ll find inside?”
   - The Terra Cotta Warriors
     - See excavations under way and catch a glimpse of a mighty army.
     - Ask your children: “Why do you think someone would build an army of statues?”
   - The Shipwreck
     - Peer down at the pile of cannons under water!
     - Ask your children: “What do you think it would be like to explore under the sea?”
     - “What equipment would you need?”
     - “What do you think you might find?”

Fantastic Fact
A Chinese farmer digging a well first discovered the Terra Cotta Warriors in 1974. Since then, archaeologists have uncovered more than 2,000 clay figures. There may be thousands more!

2. There are mysteries to be solved!
   - Archaeologists are scientific detectives. They examine artifacts (objects), artwork, writing, and other kinds of evidence about our past. Some archaeologists research the recent past. Others search for clues about how people lived hundreds or thousands of years ago.

3. Tools of Discovery
   - Help your children find these tools in the exhibit:
     - Can you think of other tools archaeologists use?
   - Explore the gallery to find more.

4. Have an at-home “treasure” hunt. Help children draw a map of one room. Hide an object that provides a clue about the past, such as a baby picture or toy. Challenge children to find the object using the map and a few clues. Ask: What can this object tell us?

Explore exciting Family Events on our website at www.childrensmuseum.org.

Find a Treasure Trove of Adventures in Books
- Archaeologists Dig for Clues (1997) by Kate Duke. School children visit a dig site and explore the meaning and methods of archaeology.
- Pirates (2001) by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne. The authors provide an overview of historical pirates, separating fact from fiction and folklore.
- Captain Kidd: Seventeenth-Century Pirate of the Indian Ocean and African Coast (2002) by Aileen Weintraub. This account of how Kidd was accused of piracy includes his trial, execution, and the subsequent search for his “treasure.”

Book selections available from the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.
Walk Among the Silent Warriors
Help excavate an ancient Chinese site where thousands of terra cotta warriors are buried.
As you explore, ask your children:
1. Who do you think could have created these warriors?
   - Was it a powerful person ... an ordinary person ... a wealthy person? What clues make you think that?
2. Why would someone create an army made of clay?

Discover Secrets Under the Sea
Help your children imagine they are exploring a mysterious shipwreck with underwater archaeologists.
As you explore, ask your children:
1. Who do you think sailed this ship?
   - What clues can you find?
2. Does wood from the ship give us a clue?
3. What clues might the cannons give us?

Help Solve a Mystery
Use this map to explore the exhibit and discover clues!
Family Challenge
No two soldiers in this army are exactly alike. The clay warriors were created by combining a small number of generic body parts.
How many different warrior types can you find?

Explore a Mysterious Egyptian Tomb
Help your children imagine they are the first archaeologists to examine the evidence inside a tomb built 3,000 years ago.
As you explore, ask your children:
1. Whose tomb was this?
2. Do you think it belonged to an important person?
3. Can you find clues in the artwork?
4. What clue can you find in the writing on the wall?

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Charlie Beeker’s diagram of cannons at the wreck site.

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Visit with the lab assistants and ask:
1. What are you working on today?
2. What’s in the big tank? Find out more during a “Cannon Talk.”

There’s always something new and exciting going on in the lab. Come discover for yourself!