



Social Story

What Happens When You Go to HVSF



I am going to a live performance at The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.



We will travel to Boscobel House & Gardens.



We will park, and travel along a wooded path toward the Box Office located at the Visitor's Center.



We will pick up our tickets and support materials at the box office window or table.



We will travel down the path through the apple orchard.



To the right, I will see the herb garden.



To the left I will see the Hudson Valley
Artist Garden.



We will walk through the Formal Garden.



We will pass by Boscobel House.



We will arrive on the great lawn, which looks out onto the Hudson River.



We may picnic on the great lawn before
the performance.



Sometimes the great lawn may be crowded.
To locate a spot, I may walk in front of other people,
and other people may walk in front of me.



During this time, I can walk around the grounds before the show begins!



An adult may take me to the Belvedere
Overlook to look out over the Hudson
River and Constitution Marsh



An adult will walk me to the HVSF Cafe,
and we will find a house manager who
will have fidgets if I need one.



If I have to go to the bathroom, it is located right near the tent.



A bell will ring, and HVSF front of house staff will make an announcement to help me know that the show is about to start and that I should head to the tent.



I will enter the tent, and a member of the staff will direct me to my assigned seat.



During the show, I will sit with my family.
There may be people I don't know sitting close to me.



At the beginning of the show, the lights will darken.
Everyone, including myself, will be quiet,
so that we can hear the show.



There may be things that make me nervous like loud noises and lights. If I get nervous during the show, I can:
cover my eyes, wear earphones,
hold my parent's hand, or play with my fidget.



If I see something that I like or think is funny,
I can clap my hands or laugh. Others sitting by me might clap
and laugh at things too. If the clapping is too loud, I can:
cover my ears, wear earplugs, or wear headphones.



I know the show is over when the actors **bow**.
Everyone will clap and cheer.



When the show is over, the lights will come back on
and everyone will leave the theatre.
The aisles may be crowded as everyone exits.