What do you think you will see in the Hall of Natural Wonders? Draw it!

Welcome to the Sam Noble Museum!

These gallery activities are designed to be facilitated by an adult and completed by the student or group of students.

Gallery Guides are available for each of the museum’s three permanent galleries.

Complete the first activity before visiting the gallery!

What was your favorite thing about the Hall of Natural Wonders?

Can you find the hog-nose snake in the short grass prairie?

The hog-nose snake's color blends into the brown sand. This helps it hide from predators like the red-tailed hawk, or sneak up on its prey.

Can you find two other snakes in the short-grass prairie that are the same color? What are they called?

What was your favorite thing about the Hall of Natural Wonders?
1. Begin at the Hall of Natural Wonders, located on the second floor. The gallery entrance has pictures of plants and animals covering the wall.

2. Explore the gallery together to find the answers to the questions below.

3. Start your journey at the sign marking the Upland Stream in the Ozark Highlands.

The Ozark Highlands are home to many different kinds of animals. Draw one of the animals you see in the forest below.

Fish come in many colors and sizes, but all have features that help them live in water. Find the different fish in the deep pool below the bear!

Write two things all these fish have that help them live under water.

Enter the limestone cave and look around for groups of animals. There are many reasons animals live in groups.

Find a group of animals in the cave that are huddled together to stay warm while they sleep. What are they? (circle one)

Raccoons  Bats  Bison

Find the bison in the mixed-grass prairie. A prairie is a wide-open place with lots of grass and few trees. Without much shade, how do bison keep cool?

Oklahoma’s state wildflower is the __________________. It is thought that its name comes from the colors of the petals, which look like the colors woven into Native American blankets.

Go to the short-grass prairie and find the playa lake with the tadpoles swimming in it. These tadpoles will grow to become adult frogs! Show the order of the frog life cycle by writing the correct number (1–4) under each picture.