

## **Museum Mysteries**

Grades K-5, Families

Welcome to the KU Natural History Museum! The main lobby is on the fourth floor. From this lobby, walk into the Panorama and turn left, into the tropical life zone exhibit.

## **Begin in the Panorama**

1. Look carefully in the tropical trees. How many monkeys can you find hiding in the treetops?

2. Which bird has a larger beak: the toucan or the macaw?

3. Look at the nearby Eastern Deciduous Forest scene. What is the smallest animal and largest animal you observe?

4. In the desert area, there is a mountain lioness hiding with her babies. Do the babies look exactly like their mother? How are they different?

## 6. Going downstairs to the third floor,

you'll find an exhibit of florescent minerals. With the ultraviolet light on, what color do you see the most? 7. Also on the third floor, there is an exhibit about turtles and tortoises. Why do you think these reptiles have such large shells?

8. Make your way over to **Bugtown**. Crawl through the buggy tunnel. What things do you see in the little windows?

9. Are spiders insects? Why or why not?

10. **Go up to the sixth floor**. Here you'll see a large beehive, with a tunnel that allows the bees to leave the building. Why do the bees need to leave?

11. Can you find our nation's bird? What is the name of this animal?

Answers are available from the Information Desk in the fourth floor main lobby.