

While sitting outside the Mississippi Children's Museum, we were listening to Susan Garrard thanking people for their donations to the museums. You could feel the excitement in the air. Finally, after many many applause, Susan Garrard mentioned the Hometown Heroes Essay Contest. After a couple of minutes of explaining the contest, she announced the Hometown Heroes Essay Contest winner...Chris Hart! Then Paula Kemp got up to the microphone and introduced Mrs. Awad's 5th grade class. After that she told us to rip the paper off the door and look inside!

The first thing that caught my eye was the lights. Then looking down I saw what looked like a jungle gym. I went downstairs and climbed on the Shrimp Boat. It was confusing to get to the place you wanted (it sure was a brain teaser!). Finally, after many attempts to get out, I did. I walked around while staring at what was supposed to be a rocket elevator. I saw my friends entering Outside the Lines. I peeked and saw some amazing activities. The first thing I saw was a spinning piece of paper in which you can squirt paints. Then I saw an area where you could do an abstract. Finally I found a place where you can paint. Painting with my friends was fun but I got impatient and put up my utensils. Entering the abstract station, I thought I might do a cat, then a dog chasing the cat, and finally a woman chasing both the cat and the dog. I got plenty of compliments. After leaving Outside the Lines, I went up to the first floor. There they had a lumber crane. It's when you get in a crane and try to pick up logs and put them somewhere else. Sarah saw me doing this and decided to join me. After that exhausting day we had lunch.

Going there was a lot of fun. It was also inspiring. Knowing now that it's fun, I hope you will go.

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