



A Day at the Iowa State Fair

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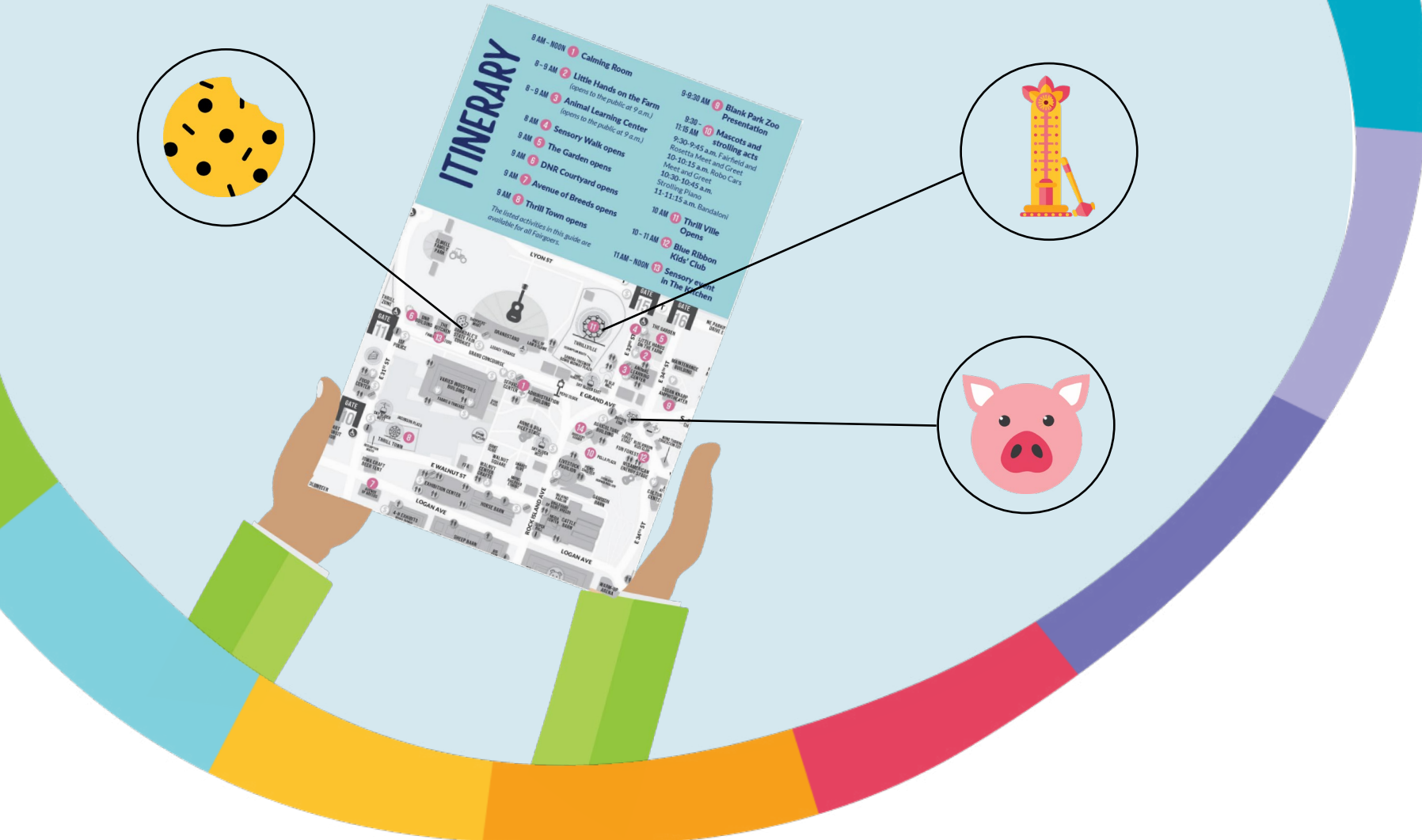




I am going to have a fun day at the Iowa State Fair. Someone who takes care of me (mom, dad, family, teacher) will help me get to the fair. We will stay together at the fair and have fun.



When we get to the fair, I will see lots of cars, people and buildings. People will be walking and talking around me. We will walk to the gate and show our tickets. I will walk with a grown up in the parking lot.



There are lots of fun things to do at the Fair. The fair has food, animals, people, buildings to walk in, a park and games. I can tell an adult what I want to see. We will look at a map to see where everything is located.



At the fair, there will be many people. I might have to wait in a line to see an animal or get some food. I will wait in line with my group until it's our turn.



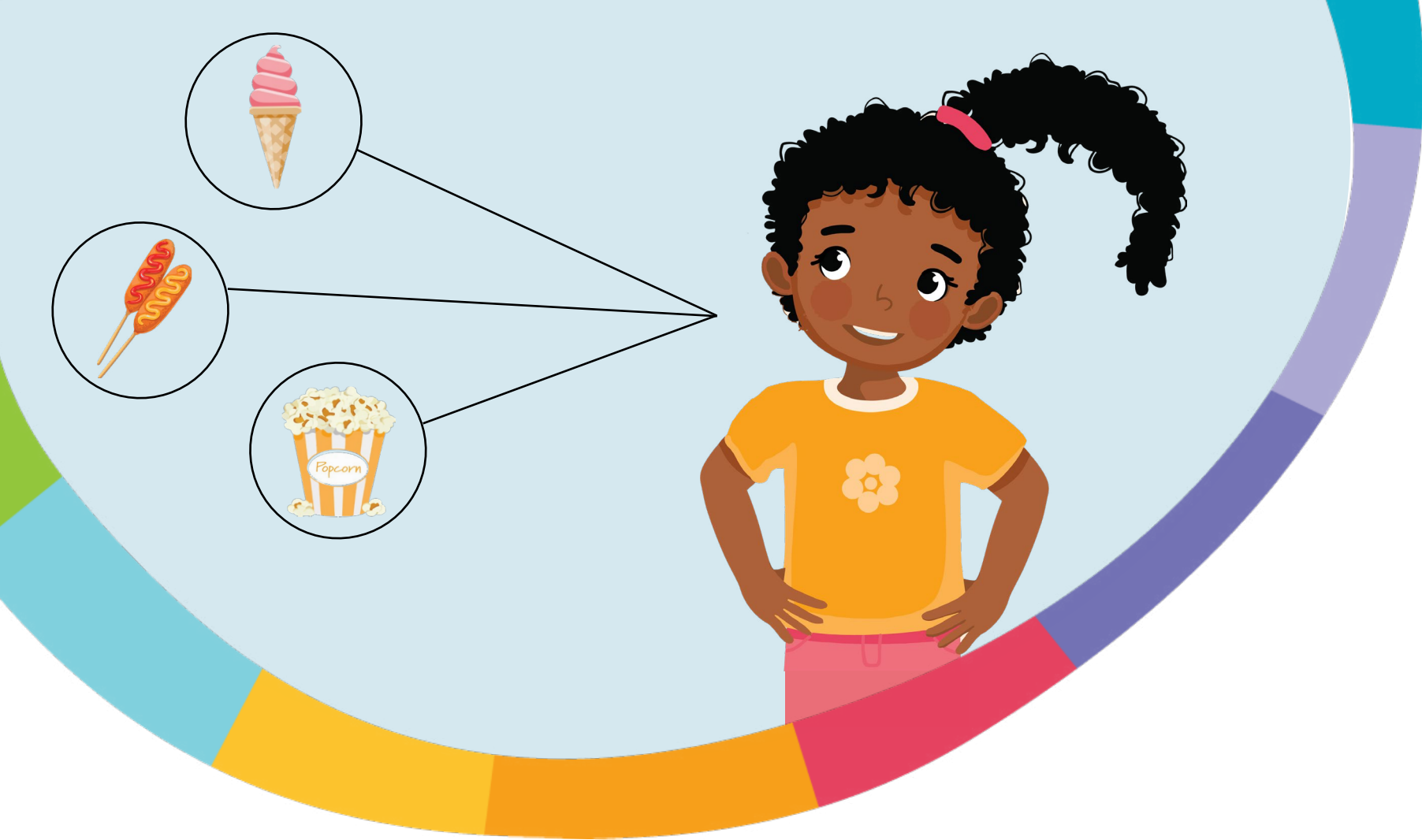
We might do something new. I can listen to my family or friends and learn what to do. I can ask questions if I don't know what to do.



There will be lots of kids coming to the fair with their family. I will walk and stay next to the people that I came to the fair with.



We will hear lots of sounds at the fair. The sounds I hear might be sounds of people talking, the sounds animals make, music sounds or tractors. I am safe even if there is a loud sound.



We will see and smell food. Someone who takes care of me will help me find something I like to eat. We might have to wait in line so someone can make our food.



We will look at animals. The big animals will stay in a fence, and I will stay outside of the fence to look at them.



Some animals are little. There might be baby sheep, goats, pigs and cows. If a grown-up tells me I can touch a little animal, then it is safe to pet them. If I don't want to touch the animals, I can say "No".



If I'm thirsty, or hungry, I can ask for help getting food or water. If I am hot, someone who takes care of me can help me find a shady spot to sit and cool off for a few minutes.



If I need some quiet time or space, someone who takes care of me can take me to the Calming Room. The Calming Room is a quiet room inside of a building with bean bags, a tent and toys inside. I can stay there a few minutes until I feel better. Then I can go see more things at the fair.



Someone who takes care of me will tell me when it's time to go home. We will walk back to our parking spot, and drive home.