Dear Teacher: Your class is scheduled for an education program at the San Mateo County History Museum on ______________________.

This is a: morning program afternoon program.

The program consists of an exploration and tour of the Land of Opportunity: The Immigrant Experience in San Mateo County exhibit and several hands-on activities based on one of two themes: Toys, Games and Music, or Paper Arts. Enclosed are chaperone letters and a teacher program guide with more information and suggested activities to help your students prepare for their visit to the museum. The chaperone letter is also available on our website, www.historysmc.org. Unless otherwise arranged, the program schedule is:

**Morning Program**

9:30 a.m. ..........Program Begins  
Approx 10:30 ........Classroom Activities Begin  
Approx 11:30 ........Program Ends/Lunch  
Unless individually arranged with the Museum in advance, programs will not start until 9:30 a.m.

**Afternoon Program**

12:00 p.m. ..........Program Begins  
Approx 1:00 ........Classroom Activities Begin  
Approx 2:00 ........Program Ends/Lunch  
Unless individually arranged with the Museum in advance, programs will not start until 12:00 p.m.

Please have your class ready to start the program at the designated time. If your class needs time for snack and/or to use the restroom before the tour, please arrive early enough to do this before the program begins. If the museum is closed when you arrive, there is a public restroom on the Hamilton Street side of the building.

The following will help make the trip a success:

1. Parking suggestions are listed on the map on the back of this paper. Upon arrival, please wait on Courthouse Square until the whole class has arrived and the docent is ready to begin.

2. **ONE CHAPERONE PER EVERY FIVE (5) CHILDREN IS REQUESTED. A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) PARENTS IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHER IS REQUIRED.**

3. Students must have NAME TAGS. Please assign students a tour partner.

4. The People from Many Places program highlights the Land of Opportunity exhibit. If you wish to explore the rest of the museum, please allow extra time after your program.

5. Lunches may be eaten outside the museum on Courthouse Square.

6. Classes often “shop” in small groups of 4-5 during lunch or after the program.

7. If chaperones take pictures of their students that they are willing to share with us for publicity purposes, please email them to education@historysmc.org. The children will NOT be personally identified.

8. Please turn off cell phones or place on vibrate for the duration of the tour.

9. Bags larger than 11 x 14 inches are not allowed in exhibits. Bins are provided in the rotunda for student bags. Adult bags, with the exception of teacher emergency backpacks, must be checked in at the front desk.

To hold your reservation, program fees must be received 30 days in advance of your program tour date. Consult your invoice for program fee. Make checks payable to the San Mateo County Historical Association. Indicate on the check the name of the school and the date of the program. Please mail to the San Mateo County History Museum at the above address. If you have any questions, please call the San Mateo County History Museum at 650.299.0104.
Parking Suggestions:
1. We suggest parking at the Jefferson Garage. The first 1.5 hours are free and after that it is 25 cents per hour.
2. The first 1.5 hours are free at the Marshall Garage and after that it is $1 per hour.
3. There is metered parking on the streets surrounding the museum.

Coming from San Jose:
Route 1:
Take 101 North, exit Whipple Avenue.
Turn left on to Whipple Avenue.
Turn left on to Veterans Boulevard.
Turn right on to Middlefield Road.
Turn right on to Broadway.
Route 2:
Take El Camino Real North.
Turn right on to Jefferson Avenue.
Turn left on to Broadway.
Route 3:
Take 280 North, exit Farm Hill Boulevard.
Go forward on to Jefferson Avenue.
Turn left on to Broadway.

Coming from San Francisco:
Route 1:
Take 101 South, exit Whipple Avenue.
Go forward on to Veterans Boulevard.
Turn right on to Middlefield Road.
Turn right on to Broadway.
Route 2:
Take El Camino Real South.
Turn left on to Jefferson Avenue.
Turn left on to Broadway.
Route 3:
Take 280 South, exit Farm Hill Boulevard.
Turn left on to Farm Hill Boulevard.
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