Sanchez Adobe Historic Site
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Dear Teacher:

Your class is scheduled for an education program at the Sanchez Adobe Historic Site on ________________________.

The program consists of a tour of the grounds, a video, and several hands-on activities such as adobe brick making, candle making, and corn grinding. The video emphasizes the general history of the site. Enclosed is a teacher guide with suggested activities to help your students prepare for their visit to the Adobe. The program schedule is:

10:00 a.m. -------------------------- Arrival
10:10 – 10:30 a.m. ------------------------ Snack Period/Parent Instruction
approx. 10:30 a.m. ------------------------ Program Begins
approx. 12:45 p.m. ------------------------ Program Ends/Lunch Begins

Unless individually arranged with the Site Manager in advance, programs will not start until 10:00 a.m.

The following will help make the trip a success:

1. Upon arrival, please wait in the picnic area inside the gate to your left. As the education program runs into the lunch hour, we suggest each child should have a snack before the beginning of the program. All snacks must be eaten outside in the picnic area. Parents will be instructed while students are having their snack. Please be prepared with some outdoor games to play for students who finish their snack early.

2. A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) PARENTS IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHER IS REQUIRED to assist with the program. We will instruct the parents in the activities they will be helping with before the beginning of the program. At least two parents should wear jeans and old shoes; they will be helping with the adobe brick making. Everything is easy and fun.

3. Please distribute copies of the chaperone letter to all adults accompanying the class prior to the date of the program. The chaperone letter is also available on our website, www.historysmc.org.

4. EACH CHILD SHOULD BRING A TOWEL TO DRY OFF WITH FOLLOWING THE ADOBE BRICK MAKING. Parent drivers may want to bring extra towels to cover their car seats.

5. Divide the class into THREE GROUPS for outdoor activities. Students must have NAME TAGS with a different color or shape to identify their group.

6. Dress in layers. All children must wear clothing that can be rolled-up or raised above the knees easily, since they may get dirty or damp. Encourage the children to leave watches and jewelry at home for the day. Children may want to bring a change of clothes.

7. The Adobe has postcards, gift items, and books for sale. Children may “shop” in small groups of 4-5 during lunch at the teacher’s discretion.

8. Cameras are encouraged. We are always looking for photographs of this program. 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. If one chaperone plans to concentrate on taking pictures, then please bring a minimum of seven (7) chaperones.

9. Please silence cell phones for the duration of the tour.

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 Sanchez Adobe at the above address. If you have any questions, please call the Sanchez Adobe Historic Site at 650.359.1462. Payment can also be made at www.historysmc.org/school-payment.