



Sánchez Adobe Historic Site

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Dear Teacher:

Your class is scheduled for an education program at the
Sánchez Adobe Historic Site on _____.

The program consists of an exploration of the Interpretive Center, a video, walk to the creek, and a bartering activity. Students then participate in hands-on activities such as adobe brick making, candle making, and corn grinding. 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
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	-----	Snack Period/Parent Instruction
10:15 a.m.	-----	Program Begins
1:00 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. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** for students and adults during the entire school program.
2. Upon arrival, please come to the patio in front of the new Interpretive Center (the new restrooms are there as well). 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 Sánchez Adobe** at the above address. If you have any questions, please call the Sánchez Adobe Historic Site at 650. 359.1462. Payment can also be made at www.historysmc.org/school-program-payment.