Going on the Incline Rail
Tram – Mine
Tour

Social script for schools









When I come to Sovereign Hill my class might go underground on a mine tour.

To go underground I will ride on a big tram called the Incline Rail.

My whole class will be able to go underground together on the tram.



A Mine Guide will take us underground.

The Mine Guide will sit up the back of the tram to operate it. The Mine Guide will stay with us the whole time we are in the mine.



The Mine Guide will explain what to expect when the tram starts to move.

I will listen to the Mine Guide and follow their instructions.

Some people feel nervous about going on the tram. I know that the Mine Guide will keep us safe.

I might like to sit next to my teacher or another adult on the tram.



When everyone is sitting down on the tram, the Mine Guide will close the gates.

The tram will slowly start to move down into the mine. It is very exciting.

The tram makes a lot of noise, but I know that I am safe. I can put my fingers in my ears if I don't like the noise.







As the tram moves further underground it will get darker and darker, until it goes completely dark and I won't even be able to see my hands.

My eyes will adjust to the darkness and lights underground. Some people don't like the dark, but I know that I am safe.

If it is too dark for me, I can close my eyes and count to 100.

I might feel some air from a fan, but it only lasts a second.



I will feel the tram start to slow down. As it slows down the lights will come on.

The Mine Guide will tell me when and how to get off the tram. It is important that I listen carefully to their instructions.

I am safe in the mine. If I'm not sure how I feel about the mine, I can walk with my teacher or the Mine Guide.



At the end of my Mine Tour I will go back to the tram.

We will get back on the tram to go to the surface. This is the same as when I came down underground, except this time the tram will go backwards!

It will get lighter and lighter until we are back on the surface.

Important things to remember when I visit Sovereign Hill museum:

- Follow the teacher /adult who is leading my group
- Stay close to my group
- Walk and not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Take turns with other children
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Only touch things I am told that I am allowed to touch
- Look both ways to cross the road



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