



- 1) For the safety and respect of others, please keep your group together with an adult at all times. Any student found without an adult will be taken to the Welcome Center until the adult can be located.
- 2) We ask that adult chaperones' attention always be focused on their students. Therefore, we ask that chaperones do not use their cellphone unless needing to contact a teacher in case of an emergency.
- 3) A costumed interpreter or craftsman will be in most buildings along the tour. If another group is in a building, please wait quietly outside for the group inside to exit or go to another building and come back. Please do not enter any building with a closed sign hanging on it.
- 4) Animals are an integral part of our interpretation, however, these animals are not pets. For the safety of our guests and animals, we ask that no student, chaperone or teacher pet, tease, chase, or feed any of the animals at the Village.
- 5) The Erie Express train is now free to all visitors. Access is granted on a first come, first serve basis. Saving seats/reserving blocks of seats shall not be granted. Once the train has completed a full circuit, all guests will be asked to exit the train. If more rides are desired, guests are asked to re-enter the line and proceed through the first come, first serve line as before. If your group chooses to ride the Erie Express train, please note that an adult must accompany your group of students on the ride. Also, if some students in your party decide not to ride, an adult must wait with them until the others in your group have returned.
- 6) First Aid and Lost & Found are located in the Welcome Center.
- 7) Smoking or vaping is not permitted within the Historic Village. Sauder Village is a smoke-free complex.
- 8) If your group wishes to shop for souvenirs, we recommend taking a break during your tour rather than waiting before you leave. The Gift Shop and General Store tend to be busiest in the afternoon as groups are leaving.

Ways to Engage Your Group...

- **Follow the Timeline:** Sauder Village's timeline spans from 1803 (Ohio's statehood) to 1928 at the Grime Homestead. A lot can happen in 125 years! Ask your group how various ways of life have changed through time, like transportation via canoe in Natives and Newcomers, to the trains that ran through Elmira Depot. Or communication through the telephone in the 1920's Grime Home, to the cell phone you can carry in your pocket! Make the connections from the past to present and discuss how different daily life is.
- **Take Photos:** If your group has brought cameras or phones along, encourage them to take photos! Have the group take photos of artifacts or food they find the most interesting. They can share their photos at home and continue learning with friends and family after the trip.
- **Think Beyond History:** Sauder Village is the state's largest living history museum, but there are many other lessons to learn here. Discuss the life sciences involved with the plants in our gardens, or the mechanics of water power at our Grist Mill. What other curriculum areas can you investigate with your group as you venture through the Village?

