



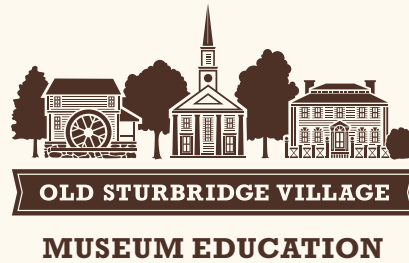
OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

MUSEUM EDUCATION

Chaperone Guide

2026–2027





Welcome!

Dear Chaperones,

We are so excited to see you and your students during your upcoming visit to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV). Please consult this packet for more information about what to expect during your time with us; from logistics about arrival and bathrooms, to helpful tips for students and chaperones. We hope that this guide will make your trip as seamless and rewarding as possible.

Feel free to reach out to Museum Education staff if there is anything we can do to help make your field trip a richer and engaging experience for your students.

See you soon!

Contact: osved@osv.org
(508) 347-0274

Tips for Chaperones



Educators, please share the following tips with your non-teacher chaperones! We appreciate your help in advance to make this trip fun, safe, and seamless.

You are responsible for the behavior of the students in your group. You are representing your school and community while you are here. While exploring the Village, it is MANDATORY that you remain with your students at all times. Please enter the historic buildings with your students: this is a signal to our costumed historians that the students are supervised. Wear your chaperone tag so that you are easily identifiable by your group and OSV staff members.

Please be kind to our animals. The animals that you will see today are working animals, not pets. Please make sure your students do not touch, feed, yell at, or chase any of the farm animals.

Respect our fences and buildings. You will see a variety of fences, stone walls, and buildings throughout our campus. While tempting to students, these structures are not safe for climbing, sitting, or leaning.

Respect other visitors. This includes other school groups and general, non-school audiences.

Pay attention to signage and barriers.

In some spaces, mobility is restricted to protect our historic objects and exhibits. If you aren't sure if you can touch or if a space is accessible to visitors, just ask!

What if someone in my group gets hurt?

First aid services are available at the Village's Security Office (marked on your Village map).

During our workshops, you may have a different role.

If your group has signed up for a workshop in the Museum Education Center, the classroom teacher and 1 or 2 chaperones may be asked to help with the activities. If there are a number of chaperones in your group, some chaperones may be asked to take a break as space is limited. If you are present for a workshop, please refrain from talking to other chaperones, making cell phone calls, and other disruptive behavior that may distract the students from learning.

Photography and videos are allowed for personal use only.

We do not allow selfie sticks or tripods for safety reasons and do not allow commercial use of any photographs you take at the Village.

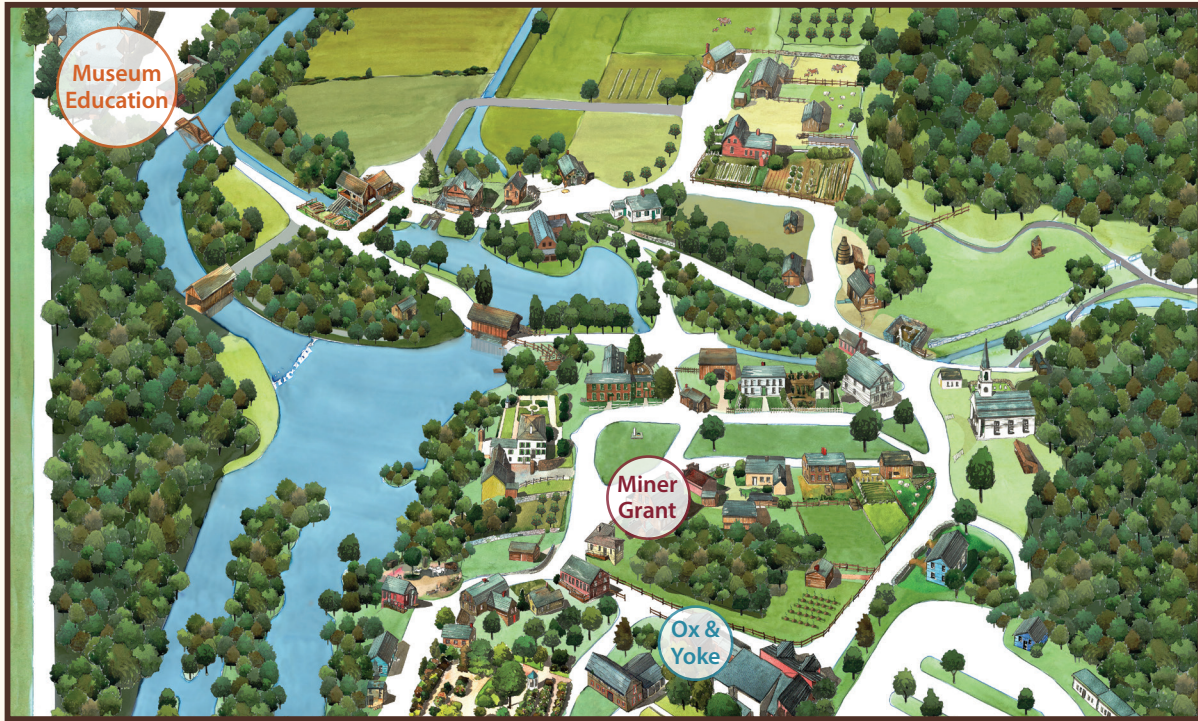
OSV is a non-smoking campus.

Please respect this policy.

Check out this orientation video to share with your students!

<https://youtu.be/RKY3F2jtQfU>

Gift Shop Tips



Miner Grant Store



Ox & Yoke Pop-Up Shop

Old Sturbridge Village has two gift shops on site for your students to visit: the **Miner Grant Store** and the **gift shop located in the Country Bank Visitor Center**. Since the gift shops can be very exciting and overwhelming places for school groups, retail staff would like your students and chaperones to know the following:

- Miner Grant has the best selection for kids while the gift shop located inside the Visitor Center has more books and home goods.
- Students **MUST** have their chaperones with them in the shops at all times.
- It is the responsibility of the chaperone to help the student to determine if they have enough money for their purchase, including sales tax.
- We ask that students do not put anything to their mouths in the store (candy, bugles, fifes, etc.).

Directions to Museum Education



- Follow I-84 E to US-20 W in Sturbridge.
Take exit 6B from I-84 E.
- Continue on US-20 W. Take Stallion Hill Rd.
to Old Sturbridge Village Rd.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/yUkRsHoY5Q8aRrCz6>



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