

Thank you for your inquiry in regards to a visit to the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Boulder City.

Yes, we offer a free guided tour of the museum to school groups. We can also offer a train ride on our railroad. Again, while the tour is free, the train ride is charged at a school rate of \$5.00 per person (including teachers and chaperones) and can be paid by cash, Visa/MC or with a check on the day that you visit. Either I, or our Director, Randy Hees, should be here to collect the fee.

Due to budget constraints, we are hosting school visits on Thursday mornings, with a 10:00 Am departure, before it gets too hot outside.

Our museum is an open air pavilion located next to the train loading area. Access to this area is free. There is usually a caboose and an old railway post office car open for people to look inside. There are stairs available to access these cars but unfortunately, no wheel chair access at this time. We also have restrooms in the pavilion area.

Traffic in Boulder City gets very congested at times. Please allow an additional 20 minutes to actually get to the museum. We recommend good footwear. Sneakers are okay, but high heels, sandals and open toed shows are not recommended.

For the train ride, we have a wheelchair lift for those who may not be able to climb the steps into the cars. **No eating on the train**, but we do have some picnic tables where lunch or snacks could be eaten (maybe 50 people). We do allow water to be taken on board. There is only one restroom on the train so best if everyone visits the facilities before boarding the train. The ride is about 40-45 minutes.

It costs us approximately \$250 an hour to operate the train. We really need to have 45+ people in your group to break even on our operating costs. So, we encourage you to partner with another class or group to help us operate economically. Thus, we reserve the option of combining your group with another school or charter group for the actual train ride. With several different cars available, we can keep the groups segregated for safety concerns.

Also be advised that the State of Nevada has set up a fund to help reimburse schools for the cost of the school buses. Please visit our website at www.nevadaculture.org - pick a museum - choose "Visit" - then "School Tour & Bus Funding". Fill out the electronic form there and click "Submit". The Clark County School District is registered with the State Controller's Office as the vender through whom you will receive your reimbursement through electronic funds transfer.

Thank you again for your inquiry. We look forward to your visit.

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