Guided School Tour Visit

Historic St. Mary’s City:

The Waterfront and the

Maryland Dove

HSMC Education Department
Social Narratives for School Tours
Walking to the Site

- We will have to walk down a ramp to visit the Waterfront.
- I will need to be careful.
- I will need to walk, not run, down the ramp with my group.
Safety

• The Dock has red lines on either side. I want to be safe, so I will stay inside those red lines.

• I will keep all hands and feet inside the ship while I am on it.

• I will listen to all instructions from interpreters and staff.

• I will stay with my group.

• These instructions will keep me safe at the Waterfront!
Interpreters

• The staff at the *Maryland Dove* are called *interpreters*.

• *Interpreters* may tell me about the past!

• These *interpreters* may be in costumes and doing jobs that people in the past would have done.

• I may ask them questions if I have any.
The *Maryland Dove*

- This is the *Maryland Dove*. She is a *representation* of small trading ships from the 1600’s.

- A *representation* is different from a *replica*, which is when something is made to look exactly like the original.
Navigation

• The *interpreters* may do a *demonstration* about navigation for my group.

• A *demonstration* is where the *interpreters* show me how things were done in the past!

• Navigation is how sailors would use tools to help them find their way.

• I might be able to participate!

• If I don’t want to participate, I can say, “no, thank you!”
The Dock

• I may see some sandbags or heavy blocks attached to a rope during our tour of the Waterfront.

• My tour guide may talk about how these ropes help sailors.
Life at Sea

• My class might sit down on the dock to learn about life at sea a long time ago.
• There is a red rectangle painted on the dock and I may sit outside of the rectangle.
• If I am asked a question and I want to answer, I can raise my hand!
The *Maryland Dove*

- I may go on board the *Maryland Dove*.
- There may be a *demonstration* where they need volunteers.
- A *demonstration* is where they show me and my class how things were done in the past!
- I might get to participate.
- If I don’t want to participate, I can say, “no, thank you!”
- If I do not want to go on board the *Maryland Dove*, I can look at a book about the ship.
The *Maryland Dove*

- I may go down the stairs while I am on the *Maryland Dove* during our tour of the Waterfront.
- The steps to go down are dark and narrow, but I will be safe.
The Cargo Hold

- I may walk around the hold.
- The *hold* is where the sailors would have kept cargo for trade.
Places to Rest

• There are some picnic tables on the beach.
• There is a bench on the dock that I may sit down on if I need to.
Water Fountain

- There is a water fountain on the dock.
- If I am thirsty, I may get a drink here.
For Help

• If I need help or have a question, I can ask my guardian, my teacher, my tour guide, or an interpreter in a costume who will be happy to help me.