

THE MAGIC AGE OF STEAM

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- * Operating Steam Museum
- * Auburn Valley Miniature Steam Railroad
- * Old-Time Amusements
- * Largest Collection of Stanley Steam Cars in the World

WEEK-DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM, 1974-1975

Time: By Reservation Only, any day of the school year.

Cost: 50¢ per student, \$1. per adult, with teachers and drivers free.

Length of Tour: Approximately One Hour.

Size of Group Satisfactorily Accommodated: Maximum 40 students per hour.

Educational Aspects:

For high school physics classes and the like, we can provide a more technical discussion on the mechanics of the various steam machines we have in the Museum, but for Grades 3 through 6, which constitute 90% of our school groups, we usually offer the following:

Upon arrival the entire group sees an 8-minute film showing the history of the steam locomotive in America, steam locomotives in action, scale model steam trains in action, steam ferry boats operating, a model paddle-wheel steamboat operating, and Stanley Steam Cars of all ages in operation. We tell a very brief history of steam power in this country, and a little on the famed Stanley twins who built the legendary steam cars.

We then break the group into segments not larger than 20 each for the tour through the Museum proper. The first series of displays is our operating models of stationary steam engines, of which we have about five actually running and doing work. We then show our model steam locomotives of various scales, one of which is operating on steam. Finally, we trace the history of automobiles in general and specifically steam automobiles, through our exhibit which is the largest collection of steam cars in the world. We show how the tops work, how side curtains are put on in inclement weather, and how you light headlights that are not electric. One of the Stanley Steamers runs in place, being powered by our central steam plant.

The last thing is a simulated train ride inside the Museum. The children sit on scale model cars, $\frac{1}{4}$ actual size, and by means of sound effects and a movie screen, along with push-and-pull motion to the cars, we give them the sensation of old-time steam railroading.

We have a small gift shop, and many of the children like to buy souvenirs. We have several items under \$1, among which are post cards, paper engineer's caps, sweet-smelling "railroad" soap, small booklets on steam, and red bandannas.

Everything described is inside the Museum building. Outside they may observe (and climb on) a real steam roller of 1920 and a 1925 Baker Steam Traction Engine.

We wish to emphasize that this SCHOOL PROGRAM is completely separate from our outdoor rides which are operated on week-ends and our regular operating days during the summer. Unfortunately, the outdoor rides cannot operate in connection with the Museum conducted tours as described here. This is an educational program, usually appealing to teachers and students studying transportation, history, or early American machinery.

Both the exhibits and the tour programs are being improved and increased as time goes on. For reservations call (302) 239-4410, or write to the address on this letterhead.