

School Program Memory Bags

Empire Mine State Historic Park

As a **Gift Shop visit alternative**, teachers may purchase Memory Bags for students by **advanced order only**.

Memory bags include: one pencil, polished quartz rock, pyrite, and an Empire Mine postcard (contents pictured below).



Cost per bag: \$4.00 starting Fall 2025 (*\$3.00 until June 30, 2025*)

Ordering: minimum of 30 days advance notice. Email schools.empire@parks.ca.gov or call 530-273-8522 to order.

Payment is due the day of the tour by cash, or check payable to *Sierra Gold Parks Foundation*.

Gift Shop Visit: The gift shop welcomes classes into the shop by advanced reservation only. Only 10 students with chaperone(s) are allowed in the shop at one time. There is no access to the Gift Shop for school groups without advance reservation; this includes self-guided school tours. This policy is strictly enforced.

Schools must allocate enough time after the scheduled program for shop access before their departure time. **It takes 12–15 minutes on average per group of 10 students to browse and make purchases.** A group of 30 students takes on average 45 minutes to shop.

The Sierra Gold Parks Foundation, park staff, and volunteers thank you for your support and understanding of our policies.