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# Nautical Nights Overnight Camping Program Guide

## Welcome Aboard!

Thank you for your reservations. The following information will prepare you and your group for a safe and happy overnight camping experience. Please share this material with everyone in your group prior to your visit.

**Coverage:** Each group must present a letter or certificate of insurance that states the group has liability insurance coverage during your visit to Battleship Cove. A tour permit or medical insurance does NOT cover you for liability insurance.

**Payment:** The amount due is determined at the time of booking and the final balance must be paid thirty (30) days prior to your arrival. Note: We do not accept individual payments. The group leader is responsible for collecting individual payments from the campers and making one complete payment thirty days prior to the arrival date. If payment is not made thirty days prior to your visit, reservations may be cancelled and your deposit forfeited. Payment may be made by check, money order, cash, Mastercard, VISA, or Discover. Proper ID is required. Please remember that the deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE and cannot be applied towards your balance. Payments made less than 2 weeks prior to your arrival must be made with a credit card, certified bank check, postal money order, or cash. No refunds are permitted within 48 hours of your visit.

**Confirmation:** The group leader must contact Battleship Cove three (3) business days before the group's scheduled overnight stay to give a final head count. All groups must confirm their reservations whether or not the count has changed. We will need to know when you call if the men and women in your group wish to be bunked in separate compartments. Also, please notify the Group Sales Manager of any medical concerns you might have at this time. Please use our toll free number: (800) 533-3194 (limited to New England) or call (508) 678-1100.

**Arrival:**

*Check-in for Friday groups: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Check-in for Saturday groups: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

When your group arrives, they may park their cars in the designated Overnight Camping lot and proceed to the check-in post at the left of the Gift Shop. At this time, the leader will receive a packet containing informative materials. Staff members will distribute wristbands and will escort your group to your bunking area.

**Leaders' Meeting:** The staff will conduct a meeting with group leaders and their assistants in the Wardroom Annex (see *Plan of the Day*). Important information regarding the Overnight Camping experience will be reviewed at this time. Please bring any questions you might have concerning your visit.

**Surveys:** This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Overnight Program and we'd like to know about your experience with us. You will receive a survey form on the day of your arrival. Please fill it out and return it to us. Your comments/suggestions will help us maintain a quality program.

## For all campers:

**What to Bring:** Sleeping bag, pillow, personal toiletry items, spending money (for snacks/souvenirs), towel (if planning to use showers). Although many of the bunking areas are heated in the winter and air conditioned in the summer, campers should plan to dress as they do for a typical outdoor camping experience.

**Bunking Areas:** A staff member will escort groups from the check-in point to their assigned bunking areas. We ask that campers choose bunks in their designated bunking area only. All groups are responsible for the cleanliness of their respective bunking areas during their visit.

The USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee Inc./Battleship Cove assumes no liability for lost or stolen items, and will not be responsible for any damage to your automobile. The security of all personal possessions is the owner's responsibility. Please lock your car and take your keys.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms are located forward of the Wardroom/cafeteria & aft of the Memorial Area on the main deck, aft of the P.T. Boat Museum and on the forward starboard side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deck (one deck below the main deck), and adjacent to the Ship Store. Note: There are four showers on board the Battleship if anyone in your group wishes to use them.

**Orientation Films:** Each group is assigned to a section from A to E. Each section will view an orientation film at a designated time that does not interfere with its dinner schedule. If members of your group miss their scheduled film and are interested in viewing it, please speak to a staff member and he/she will make alternate arrangements.

**Meals:** All meals are served in the Wardroom/cafeteria aboard the Battleship. Refer to your *Plan of the Day* for serving times. The staff will ask that you return to your bunking area in preparation for dinner, and will escort you to the chow line. The staff will also ask that you choose two campers and an adult for KP duty after dinner. Clean-up should last no longer than 20 minutes. Vending machines are located in the Wardroom for your use. Coffee is available for adults in the passageway forward of the Wardroom. The snack bar in the Wardroom will open at 7:30 PM if attendance is over 100 people. Refer to the sheet entitled *Food Service* for a more in-depth look at dining options.

**Fire Drill:** A fire drill will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Fridays and at 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays. Please listen for the announcements. You will exit your berthing areas by following yellow fire escape lines on the deck and assemble on the fantail for roll call. Please keep away from the gangway, since this is where firefighters will board the ship in the event of a fire.

**Activities:** A variety of activities will be offered throughout the evening depending on the instructors'/presenters' availability. Please check the Activities Board in the Wardroom/cafeteria for a list of available activities, or ask a staff member. Activities offered include: Morse Code classes, knot-tying classes, storytelling, living history presenter, flag-folding ceremonies, movies, and much more.

**Lock-down/Lights-out:** The lower decks of the Battleship will be closed at 10:00 p.m. All campers and adults should proceed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and main decks at this time. At 11:00 p.m. Taps will be played over the public address system, indicating lights out. Reveille will be played at 6:30 a.m. as a wake-up call.

Note: All gear must be removed from the Battleship by 9:00 a.m. when we open to the general public, but campers may spend the day in the Cove until regular closing time.

The Ship's Store, located on the pier, is open for the purchase of souvenirs on Friday until closing and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to closing. Please note our "Overnight Program Patch" is available for \$3.00 each and the "Overnight Program Pin" is available for \$2.99 each.

## Group Leader's Checklist

- ❑ Talk to your group; determine the number of campers you will bring.
- ❑ Fill out program registration; include accurate numbers for total campers attending.
- ❑ Send in registration with appropriate payment information.
- ❑ Pass along materials in this packet to chaperones/campers. Discuss important information with the group.
- ❑ Obtain letter/certificate of insurance (Our Group Sales Manager will let you know if your information is already on file.)
- ❑ Collect individual payments from all campers.
- ❑ Send in final payment no later than 30 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL. Inform staff of any medical concerns at this time.
- ❑ Confirm reservations 3 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR STAY. Inform Group Sales Manager of any changes to the count at this time.

# BATTLESHIP COVE NAUTICAL NIGHTS PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

GROUP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL OR GROUP HEADQUARTERS: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON IN CHARGE OF GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

DATES REQUESTED: FIRST CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ THIRD CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ (MALE: \_\_\_\_\_ / FEMALE: \_\_\_\_\_)

DEPOSIT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

METHOD OF PAYMENT \_\_\_\_\_ PREPAYMENT (ENCLOSE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER) **CHECKS PAYABLE TO USS MASSACHUSETTS.** Mail to PO Box 111, Fall River, MA 02722-0111 or 5 Water St., Fall River, MA 02721

CREDIT CARD (FILL IN COMPLETE NUMBER BELOW) \_\_ VISA \_\_ MASTERCARD \_\_ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION (MONTH/YEAR) \_\_ / \_\_

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER ADDRESS (street, town, state, and zip) \_\_\_\_\_ CARDHOLDER PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

All participants must be at least six (6) years of age.

These prices are guaranteed for overnight stays occurring before 12/31/12. Please exercise great care in establishing the count for your group. **The \$20.00 per person deposit is non refundable, and any forfeited deposits cannot be applied toward the balance. No refunds are permitted within 48 hours of your visit.** Note: Rates: Peak Season: Mar, Apr, May, June, Oct, Nov. Friday = \$55pp. Off Season: Jan, Feb, July, Aug, Sept, Dec. = \$50 pp.

Please note: Application must be signed and returned, as it is required for our legal and administrative policies.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

(person responsible for group and for payment)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?  
INTERNET \_\_\_\_\_ MAGAZINE AD \_\_\_\_\_ NEWS ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRAL \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

## Overnight Camper's Checklist

- Obtain pre-visit information and materials from your group leader.
- Submit payment to Group Leader; no individual payments will be accepted.
- Research weather forecasts for your visit; plan to dress yourself accordingly.
- Pack for your camping trip. Here are some suggested items:
  - Sleeping Bag
  - Pillow
  - Personal Toiletry Items
  - Spending Money
  - Towel
- Be sure to get directions from your Group Leader before you embark. Directions can also be obtained from our website:  
[www.battleshipcove.org](http://www.battleshipcove.org)

## SATURDAY OVERNIGHT - PLAN OF THE DAY

SATURDAY	
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN: Each group personally greeted. Entire group given section assignment and bunking area assignment, and then escorted to bunking area to stow gear.
AFTERNOON	FREE TIME: Opportunity to explore ships when not at "Meet the Veteran" presentation. Times for this presentation are specified below.
2:30 p.m.	Presentation of "Meet the Veteran" in Memorial Area on the destroyer.
4:45 p.m.	FIRE DRILL: Announcement will be made relative to foul/fair weather location.
5:00 p.m.	LEADER'S MEETING: Informational session for group leaders and their assistants in the Wardroom Annex.
5:00 p.m.	SECTION C ORIENTATION FILM: Student Orientation Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck.
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	DINNER: (in Wardroom) Sections A & B: 5:30; Sections C & D: 6:00; Section E: 6:30. Please wait in your bunking area for a staff member to escort you to the chow line.
5:45 p.m.	SECTION E ORIENTATION FILM: Student Orientation Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck. (A staff member will escort you to the dinner line from the Student Orientation Center).
SUNSET	All weather (outdoor) decks are CLOSED to visitors with the exception of the main deck. <b>This is accessible only when accompanied by an adult. Safety regulations do not permit anyone above the main deck after sunset.</b>
6:30 p.m.	SECTION A ORIENTATION FILM: Student Orientation Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck.
6:30 p.m.	KNOT-TYING CLASSES when scheduled.
7:15 p.m.	SECTION B ORIENTATION FILM: Student Orientation Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck.
7:30 p.m.	Snack Bar reopens for cash purchases for attendance of 100 people or more.
7:30 & 8:30 p.m.	MORSE CODE CLASSES when scheduled (Radio Room III).
8:00 p.m.	MILITARY PRESENTATION or STORYTELLER in Alexander Road on 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck when scheduled.
8:00 p.m.	SECTION D ORIENTATION FILM: Student Orientation Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck.
9:00 p.m.	Movies shown in Student Orientation Center and Wardroom Annex.
10:00 p.m.	LOCK DOWN: All areas below the 2 <sup>nd</sup> deck will be secured until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.
11:00 p.m.	TAPS: (Lights out) Maintain silence about the decks.

SUNDAY	
6:30 a.m.	REVEILLE
7:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST in the Wardroom.
8:15 a.m.	Prepare for departure. Pack up all gear and clean your bunking areas. All gear should be removed from the Battleship and stowed in cars/buses by 9:00 A.M.
8:55 a.m.	"The Pearl Harbor Experience" presentation - recreates the sights and sounds of the surprise attack on December 7, 1941.
4:30 p.m.	DEPARTURE: All overnight groups depart by this hour.

# Food Service

The catering staff will do its best to make your overnight stay a rewarding experience. Vegetarian meals are available with 24 hour notice. The following is a summary of the food service:

- DINNER:** Served at 5:30 p.m. (served at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays) breaded chicken filet with mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered corn, and cranberry sauce. Served with rolls and butter, milk, coffee and chocolate pudding.
- BREAKFAST:** Served at 7:30 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, seasonal fruit, and stuffed breakfast potato. Served with milk, orange juice, and coffee.
- COFFEE AREA:** Coffee service is located forward of the rest rooms. Coffee will be available for the adult overnighters from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at dinner time and from 6:00-8:00 a.m. at breakfast.
- SNACK BAR:** Located in the Wardroom aboard the battleship. Serves a variety of quality food items, such as burgers and french fries, at reasonable prices. The Snack Bar will open after dinner (for attendance of 100 or more), serving ice cream, soda, pizza, popcorn, hot dogs, and hamburgers.

## \* \* \* Specials \* \* \*

Enjoy lunch in the Officer's Wardroom aboard the Battleship  
"Great Food" - "Great Prices" - "Daily Specials"

**Lunch Special (Groups of 10 or more):** hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries, beverage  
\$5.25 tax incl.

Beverages: Soda, Lemonade, Milk, Coffee

A great deal for groups arriving early who wish to have lunch aboard the Battleship. When the group leader arrives he/she should proceed to the Wardroom Snack Bar to make payment for the entire group and arrange for a convenient lunchtime. Note: The group leader must collect payments from camper for lunch special prior to visiting snack bar.

Is someone having a birthday during your overnight stay at the battleship? Why not celebrate it onboard a World War II battleship?

**Birthday Cake: \$4.25 per person**

Birthday cake w/ice cream, candles, paper plates, napkins, forks, soft drink or coffee  
10 person minimum. Reserve 2 business days before arrival.

# Safety Rules

Please brief your group on the following rules and regulations before they begin touring the ships. Our wish is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all involved.

1. **NO RUNNING.** Running is not permitted aboard any of the ships.
2. **NO CLIMBING.** For your safety, restricted areas are clearly marked. Climbing on the gun barrels or into restricted areas on the superstructure may result in injury.
3. The weather (outdoor) decks are off limits after dark unless the camper(s) is accompanied by an adult. No one is allowed on the upper levels after dark.
4. No leaning over the sides of the ships or through the lifelines.
5. **NO SMOKING.** The ships and buildings at Battleship Cove are designated as non-smoking areas.
6. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.**
7. **VANDALISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Vandalism will result in the removal of guilty parties from the Cove and possible prosecution. Many artifacts at Battleship Cove are irreplaceable. Please help us by reporting any suspicious activity during your visit.
8. **NO EATING OR DRINKING IN UNDESIGNATED AREAS ABOARD THE SHIPS.** Any food purchased or brought on board must be consumed in the Wardroom/Cafeteria or in the Student Orientation Center during the 9:00 p.m. film. Please do not eat/store food in the bunking areas.
9. **LEADERS AND CHAPERONES MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR GROUPS DURING THEIR STAY!** Please do not leave the Battleship Cove complex unless there is an emergency, in which case we ask that you contact a staff member.
10. **BE CAUTIOUS WHEN TOURING THE SHIPS.** Be aware of low ceilings and overhead obstructions. Be extremely careful when traveling up and down ladders aboard the ships; move in single file, grip handrails firmly, go slowly, and be alert. Note: Ship ladders are steeper than conventional stairways.

## **Please Note:**

\*First Aid is available to injured campers. Please contact an Overnight Staff member for assistance. For injuries more serious than minor cuts and scrapes, we send the camper to a local hospital for treatment.

\*The Overnight Staff will assist you with any problems that you may have. If you are unable to locate an Overnight Staff member, please ask someone at the snack bar in the Wardroom/cafeteria to page the staff for you. Access to the public address system is available through the Overnight Staff. Instruct your group to listen to all announcements; they will inform you of upcoming events and provide you with important instructions.



## **DIRECTIONS TO BATTLESHIP COVE**

### **5 Water St., Fall River, MA 02721**

#### **FROM BOSTON AND POINTS NORTH**

Take Interstate 93 South (Southeastern Expressway) to 128 South; take Route 24 South to Fall River, Massachusetts; take Exit 7 (State Route 79); take Davol Street Exit (2<sup>nd</sup> Exit) and follow the signs (Waterfront, Heritage State Park, or Battleship Cove) along the waterfront to Battleship Cove.

#### **FROM NEW YORK STATE & POINTS NORTH WEST**

Take Massachusetts Turnpike to Route 495 South; take Route 24 South to Fall River and take Exit 7 (State Route 79); take Davol Street Exit (2<sup>nd</sup> Exit) and follow the signs (Waterfront, Heritage State Park, or Battleship Cove) along the waterfront to Battleship Cove. Or Take Mass. Turnpike to 146 South to 95 South; From 95 South take 195 East to Mass.; take Exit 5 from the Braga Bridge in Fall River. Bear left at the fork in the road, bear left at the stop sign and left again at the first traffic light onto Central St.; Proceed down the hill into the parking lot.

#### **FROM PROVIDENCE, RI & POINTS SOUTH & WEST**

Take Interstate 95N to 195 East; follow 195 East for approximately 14 miles, (do not take exit 5 in Rhode Island-proceed into Mass); take Exit 5 from the Braga Bridge in Fall River, MA. Bear left at the fork in the road, turn left at the stop sign and left again at the first traffic light onto Central Street. Proceed down the hill into the parking lot.

#### **FROM CAPE COD AND POINTS EAST**

Take Interstate 195 West to Fall River, MA; take Exit 5 (before the Braga Bridge); bear right at the first two forks in the road and then take your first left under the overpass onto Davol St.; follow Davol St. to Battleship Cove. [If you miss the first left onto Davol St., just proceed straight ahead and take a left at the traffic light and take another immediate (next traffic light) left onto Davol St.]. Follow Davol St. to Battleship Cove.

#### **FROM THE NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND AREA**

Take State Route 114 North or 138 North to Route 24 North. Take Interstate 195 West to Fall River, MA. Take Exit 5 before the Braga Bridge, bear right at the first two forks in the road and take your first left under the overpass onto Davol St. Follow Davol St. to Battleship Cove. [If you miss the first left onto Davol St., just proceed straight ahead and take a left at the traffic light and take another immediate (next traffic light) left onto Davol St.]. Follow Davol St. to Battleship Cove.

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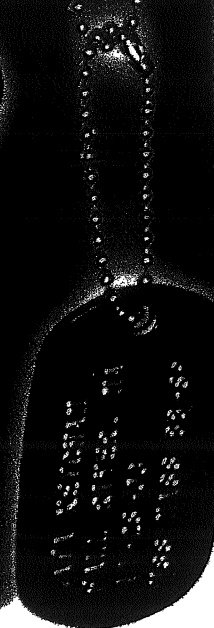
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# Attention Group Leader!!

Tell your hometown about your trip to Battleship Cove and  
receive a complimentary  
Family Four Pack\*.

(Good towards 4 admissions to Battleship Cove.)

Complete the information on the attached form and submit it, along with a photo of your group at Battleship Cove, to your local paper. Watch for the story to appear. When it does, send the original clipping along with the date and name of newspaper, to:

Paula Hague  
Group Sales Manager  
Battleship Cove  
P.O. Box 111  
Fall River, MA 02722

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\* One Family Four Pack per group.

**For Immediate Release**

## **Scouts Visit Battleship Cove**

(Pack or Troop) \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ (town or city) recently made a trip to Battleship Cove, in Fall River, Massachusetts, to explore the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. After touring the battleship *Massachusetts*, destroyer *Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.*, submarine *Lionfish*, PT Boats 617 & 796, and the Russian missile corvette *Hiddensee*, the scouts, their parents, and adult leaders spent the night of (mm/dd) \_\_\_\_\_ on board the famous \_\_\_\_\_ (name of ship where you slept).

Battleship Cove's Nautical Nights program included a knot tying class, storyteller, living history presenter, major motion pictures, and Morse Code class. The trip has enabled the scouts to better understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by veterans of all military branches in all wars.

(Please add your own comment)

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\_\_\_\_\_” says \_\_\_\_\_

Battleship Cove serves as the Commonwealth's official memorial for Massachusetts citizens of all military branches who lost their lives in World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf conflicts, and most recently, the Commonwealth's victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Preserving five National Historic Landmark naval vessels, Battleship Cove also delivers educational programs that expose a national audience of 60,000 youths to a mission that promotes duty, honor and country.

Battleship Cove is open all day, 362 days each year. Free parking. Wardroom Grille. Gift Shop. Battleship Cove also offers educational workshops, a summer boating program, and all-inclusive birthday, banquet, conference, and reunion catering packages.

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