WHAT IS MYSTIC SEAPORT MUSEUM?

Mystic Seaport Museum is the nation’s leading maritime museum located in Mystic, Connecticut. Our 19-acre outdoor campus features a seaport village and historic vessels on the banks of the Mystic River. As part of the Anchor Watch program, you’ll explore vessels, old buildings, and learn how people lived, worked, and played on America’s waterways.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

Please make sure you have completed a Health Form and notified your leader about any food allergies.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

When you arrive, you will carry your luggage about \( \frac{3}{4} \) mile from the parking lot to the ship, regardless of the weather. Wrap your gear in plastic if you expect rain! Personal vehicles are not permitted on the grounds. Pack only what you can carry!

Pack your gear in durable, easy to move bags. You will be moving aboard a 19th-century ship with small hatchways. Please do not bring rolling-luggage; small wheels do not fare well on gangways, stairs, and dirt roads. Bring old clothes and dress for the weather! You will be outdoors and might encounter rain, mud, soot, and ink.

PACKING LIST:

- A change of clothes (Shirt, pants, socks, etc.)
- Lace-up shoes (closed-toed shoes are required for the Rigging Climb Activity)
- Sweater or sweatshirt
- Pajamas
- Sleeping bag/bedding and Pillow
- Toiletries and Towel
- Flashlight
- Camera

IF THERE IS FOUL OR COLD WEATHER:

- Heavy Coat or Jacket
- Raincoat and Boots
- Hat and gloves or mittens
- Long underwear

THINGS TO NOT BRING:

- Food or Snacks – No food is allowed aboard the Joseph Conrad as this would attract bugs or animals. If you need to bring food due to an allergy, please notify the Anchor Watch program manager and arrangements will be made
- Sandals/Flip-flops – are not safe footwear for our activities. You must wear lace-up shoes or sneakers while here.
- Valuable and Treasured Belongings – Mystic Seaport Museum is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.
- Electronic Appliances – Due to fire regulations, we do not plug any appliances into the outlets on the ship. If you have special equipment for medical reasons, let the program
WHEN AND HOW DO WE CHECK IN?
Please meet our staff promptly at 6 p.m. in the South Parking Lot. There might be other groups arriving and leaving, so please keep your children together while in the parking lot. We cannot start the program until all troops/groups have arrived, so please be punctual. If your group is running late, please call our Security office at 860.572.5310.

Your program fee includes two days admission to Mystic Seaport Museum. You may check in at the main gate at any time on the first day of your program. On the second day, your group will be on their own to explore the grounds after 10 a.m. Balance due must be paid two weeks prior to arrival.

WHERE WILL WE SLEEP?
You will be sleeping aboard the Joseph Conrad, a full-rigged ship built in 1882 that is afloat, but permanently moored. Down below, the iron hull of the ship encases two large cabins for your group to share. If you are visiting with multiple troops, your leaders will decide where each group is sleeping. Each cabin has at least 25 bunks, which hang from the ceiling on chains in sets of three. There are mattresses, but you'll need to bring your own bedding. Each cabin has a bathroom with showers, sinks, and toilets. Even though the ship is old, it has been modernized to provide heat, hot water, and lights.

WILL I GET SEASICK?
No one has ever become seasick during our program! The Joseph Conrad is firmly tied to the dock and is too heavy to move easily.

WHAT’S THE FOOD LIKE?
We will provide a variety of healthy snack options for your Scouts in the evening. A hot breakfast will be served buffet-style at the Galley Restaurant. Please notify Museum staff of any dietary restrictions at least two weeks prior to your visit.

WHAT’S THE WEATHER LIKE?
Most of our activities will be outdoors, so please dress for the weather, rain or shine! Mystic Seaport Museum is close to the ocean and the weather can change quickly. It is usually windier here than it is inland. If it’s going to rain during your trip a raincoat is necessary. You’ll be happiest if you are as dry and warm as possible.

WHAT MEDICAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?
Museum Security and personnel are trained in First Aid and CPR. A fully equipped First Aid Station is located in the Sailing Center, next to the Joseph Conrad. A staff member will be sleeping on board in case of emergencies. A stateroom on the Joseph Conrad is reserved as a sick bay. For additional care, an emergency medical center is minutes away, and two hospitals are located within 10 miles.

DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?
Call or email the Anchor Watch Program Manager at: anchor.watch@mysticseaport.org or 860.572.0711 ext. 5119