Come spend the night with Mystic Seaport Museum's Anchor Watch Overnight Program!

Find out what life was like on the New England coast in the 1800s—from sleeping onboard a full-rigged ship built in 1882 to exploring a re-created seaside town. Your group will have special after-hours access to exhibits as well as the opportunity to experience a variety of special hands-on activities.

The program is ideal for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Cub Scouts, as well as youth groups or homeschool groups. We only book one group per overnight program, which means we can tailor the schedule to your group’s specific interests. See inside for some of our most popular options.
ALL AGES

NAVIGATION, MAPS, AND COMPASSES
Learn how sailors made their way across the ocean long before the invention of GPS. We’ll explore how navigators used maps, charts, and the stars to find their way. Includes a private show in our on-site Planetarium.

SEAPORT SAMPLER
An overview of all Mystic Seaport Museum has to offer, this program is a great way to get an idea of what life would have been like in a New England seaport town in the mid-1800s.

SAILOR’S LIFE
Explore the life of sailors in the mid-19th century. We’ll discover how sailors used the stars to navigate in our Planetarium, and then practice a sailor’s skills, such as scrimshaw or basic knots.

SEAPORT SLEUTHS
Travel back in time to solve a mystery on the Museum’s grounds! Use your sleuthing skills to interpret a “crime scene” and then analyze the evidence you gathered to crack the case.

BECOME A SPACE SCIENTIST
Become a Space Science Explorer, Investigator, or Researcher! (Brownie, Junior, and Cadet Girl Scouts) These two-hour programs are specially designed for Girl Scouts to complete their respective Space Science Badge. Each program includes all the materials, knowledge, and support to complete the badge, as well as a specially designed 30-minute Planetarium show.
OLDER CHILDREN

ASTRONOMER’S CHALLENGE
This program for Boy Scouts incorporates activities at our Treworgy Planetarium into an overnight experience aboard the Joseph Conrad. Our Planetarium staff is certified by the Boy Scouts of America to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor for all Astronomy-related merits. Over the course of one overnight session (evening and morning), Boy Scouts can satisfy all of the requirements for an Astronomy Merit Badge.

NEW! ANCHOR WATCH OFFERING
Scouts can build a toy boat souvenir for an evening hands-on! This request must be made at the time of booking.

All of our Anchor Watch programs fulfill a variety of requirements for merits and other scouting achievements. Please contact us for specific information.
SAMPLE SCHEDULE

DAY 1: Evening

5:50– Meet Mystic Seaport Museum
6:00 staff in the South Parking Lot
6:00 Program orientation
6:30 Move on board the Joseph Conrad and practice a fire drill
6:45 Activity Period #1
7:30 Activity Period #2 or Planetarium Show
8:30 Evening Snack (If no Planetarium Show, Evening Snack is at 8:00)
8:45 Activity Period #3
9:30 Formal programming ends for the evening; lights out aboard the Joseph Conrad

DAY 2: Morning

7:00 Reveille, clean ship, stow gear in cars
7:30 Hot buffet breakfast at the Museum’s Galley restaurant
8:30 Activity Period #4: Rigging Climb (weather permitting)
9:30 Daytime tour of Mystic Seaport Museum
10:30 Program ends, enjoy the day exploring Mystic Seaport Museum on your own
DETAILS AND BOOKING INFORMATION

GROUP SIZE
Maximum of 50 participants. A minimum ratio of one adult chaperone to every 10 children is required.

DATES
Programs run Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday. Fall season is generally September – November, Spring season is March – May. Please call 860.572.5322 x1 for latest availability.

WHAT TO BRING
Comfortable outdoor clothing that is suited for weather conditions (including rain gear), a sleeping bag, pillow, necessary toiletries, and medication.

PRICING
Fee's include two-day admission to Mystic Seaport Museum, all activities, evening snacks, overnight accommodation, and hot catered breakfast.

There is a non-refundable deposit due at the time of making your reservation. For current pricing visit mysticseaport.org/anchorwatch

CONTACT US
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