



When you step aboard USS SLATER you are actually stepping back in time. The ship was not designed as a tourist attraction, but as a warship. Every attempt has been made to restore her to original condition.

The USS SLATER is the last floating example out of the 563 Destroyer Escorts that served the Navy in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War. Her renovation since 1993 has been the result of over 250,000 volunteer hours and over two million dollars generously donated by Destroyer Escort Veterans, their families, and other interested citizens. We are pleased to offer this unique experience to your youth group and we ask that you respect the enormous effort that has gone into the ship's restoration.



# USS SLATER

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# OVERNIGHT CAMPING

# ABOARD USS SLATER

## QUESTIONS?

**How many people are needed to participate in an overnight?** 20 people minimum, 60 people max.

**I'm not in cub/boy/girl scouts. Can my group still participate?** Any organized group is welcome to book an overnight, though proof of liability insurance is required.

**Can I book an overnight on a weeknight?** Sure! Weekends fill up quick, so if your group can swing a weeknight we are available!

**What's the plan with food?** Dinner and breakfast are provided for your group by an offsite caterer. You are welcome to pack snacks, in case you want them throughout the evening.

**Do you have souvenirs?** You bet! Prior to your overnight you can order specific overnight dog tags and patches. The ship's store will be in the morning for a wide selection of souvenirs.

**What are the sleeping arrangements?** We have three berthing compartments to attempt to separate genders while sleeping. It is very important to communicate appropriate numbers while booking. There must be at least one adult chaperone in each berthing compartment.

## WHAT HAPPENS ON AN OVERNIGHT?

Overnight groups should plan to arrive at 5 PM on the night of their overnight. After your gear is stowed, we'll help you get your bearings and give you a tour of the ship. After the tour, chow will be served on the mess deck.

Next, will be the educational activity. This activity varies and is dependent on age and interest of the group, allotted time, and weather. The activity will be followed retiring the colors, snack time, and the most popular aspect of the event, free time. Lights out is at 10 PM.

You'll be awoken at 7 AM and served breakfast. You'll raise the colors, pack up all your belongings, and have additional free time should time allow. The Ship's Store will open at 8:30 and you'll need to vacate the ship by 9 AM.

## HOW DO I BOOK AN OVERNIGHT?

1. The first step to book an overnight is to decide with your group at least two dates that would work for you. Next, call our office and see if your dates are available.
2. Once we select a date, we need you to return the Reservation form and \$100 non-refundable deposit. This deposit is what officially reserves your date.
3. Three weeks prior to your overnight your final headcount, full payment, and proof of liability insurance is due.
4. One week prior to your overnight the optional Dog Tag and Patch order forms are due.
5. When you arrive to the overnight every child must turn in a signed Authorization Form.