



OVERNIGHT CAMPING

ABOARD USS SLATER



INFORMATION PACKET

When you step aboard USS SLATER you are actually stepping back in time. During World War II, 563 Destroyer Escorts battled Nazi U-boats on the Atlantic protecting convoys of men and material.

In the Pacific they stood in line to defend naval task forces from Japanese submarines and Kamikaze air attacks. Today, only one of these ships remains afloat in the United States, USS SLATER.





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 show you around 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?

- 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.
- Once a date is selected, we need you to return the Reservation Form and \$100 non-refundable deposit. This deposit is what officially reserves your date and keeps us from booking another group for that night.
- Three weeks prior to your overnight your final headcount, full payment, signed Authorization Forms, and proof of liability insurance is due.
- One week prior to your overnight the optional Dog Tag and Patch order forms are due.





QUESTIONS?

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

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.



REQUIREMENTS

1. A minimum group size of 20 people.
 2. Guests must be at least 5 years old and official members of the group.
 3. One adult chaperone per eight children.
 4. Any organized group can book an overnight as long as they can provide proof of liability insurance.
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PACKING LIST

- Sleeping Bag
 - Pillow
 - Change of weather appropriate clothes
 - Flat rubber soled shoes (sneakers)
 - Spending money for the ship's store
 - Rain Gear (no umbrellas)
 - Toiletries
 - Flashlight
 - Required Medications
 - Prepackaged snack
 - Card/board games (if desired)
 - Charging device (Ship has very few outlets)
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DO NOT PACK LIST

- Alcoholic beverages
- Narcotics
- Chewing gum
- Appliances (hot plates, lanterns, etc.)
- Knives, wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, or other cutting tools
- Items that may cause damage or injury
- Unnecessary valuable or personal items. USS SLATER assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.



RULES OF CONDUCT

1. No running or horseplay is allowed aboard SLATER or on DEHM property.
2. SLATER requires that all children be under the direct supervision of an adult chaperone at all times. The cooperation and support of adults is vital in order to make the experience safe and memorable. As a chaperone, please encourage proper conduct.
3. Do not operate any equipment, turn any switches or open any control panels on the ship.
4. Children must use a “buddy system” and be accompanied at all times.
5. Only use designated bathroom facilities. Not all restrooms on the SLATER are functional.
6. Do not enter any areas marked as restricted. No climbing on vertical ladders.
7. Do not lean on or over the lifelines or run your hands along them.
8. Do not block any ladders, doors or passageways. Keep all gear stowed safely out of the way.
9. Chaperones must sleep in the same compartments as the youth campers.
10. Exercise caution while climbing into and out of the bunks.
11. Do not wear shoes while in the bunks. Shoes are mandatory when not in the bunks.
12. No cooking is allowed on board the ship. All food must be consumed in the Crew’s Mess or in the Briefing Room.
13. The group will clean all areas occupied during the overnight to the standards of the Museum staff, and the ship will be inspected for cleanliness and damage before the group departs.

Failure to comply with the USS SLATER Overnight Program safety regulations may result in corrective action against any individual or group. This includes requesting an individual or group to leave without refund.