

Youth Tour Reservation Form



1. Tours are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. 2 weeks advance notice is preferred.
2. Estimated turnaround time for schedule requests is 3-5 business days.
3. Tours are not confirmed until you receive a confirmation e-mail from NMAS.

Please return your completed reservation form NHHC_NMAS@us.navy.mil or mail to National Museum of the American Sailor, 2531 Sheridan Road, Great Lakes, IL 60088.

Questions? Please contact us at NHHC_NMAS@us.navy.mil or (847) 688-3514.

Group Name _____

Point of Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Group Type _____ Group Size _____

Grade Level _____

Preferred Date _____ Preferred Start Time _____

Alternate Date _____ Alternate Start Time _____

Tours and youth activities may be scheduled between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. In addition to a guided tour, groups may choose one youth activity from the following page.

Activity _____

Please note any special needs considerations, or other useful information about your group:

Requestor's Signature _____ Date _____

By signing above, you confirm that you have read and fully agree to the National Museum of the American Sailor's Tour Group Policies and Procedures.

Staff Use Only:

Confirmation Number _____ Confirmation Date _____

Confirmed By _____ Docent Assigned _____

National Museum of the American Sailor Youth Activities

Thank you for your interest in bringing your students to the National Museum of the American Sailor! In addition to a guided or self-guided tour, youth groups may add an additional activity to their visit. Please see below for the activities currently available. Activities are divided by recommended age group.

Pre-K

For our littlest sailors, Navy-themed **coloring pages** are available, along with crayons and colored pencils.

Lower Elementary (K-2)

Explore the “Sails Unfurled: The Dawn of the U.S. Navy” exhibit with a **scavenger hunt**. Scavenger hunts invite students to look closely at the artifacts and images on display in the museum’s exhibit about the Navy’s earliest days. For pre-readers, a picture scavenger hunt is available.

Upper Elementary (Grades 3-6)

Option 1: Take an **Inquisitive Tour** of the “Sails Unfurled: The Dawn of the U.S. Navy” exhibit. Using artifacts from the museum’s education collection, compare and contrast them to the artifacts on display in the exhibit. Are these artifacts from the Revolutionary War or later? What may they have been used for?

Option 2: Become pen pals with sailors from the past with **In Their Own Words**. Read two Civil War era letters and then choose one person to write a letter back to.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Become museum curators with an **Object Exploration**. Working in teams with artifacts from the museum’s education collection, students can infer and hypothesize the use and story behind an artifact. After presenting their findings to the group, the museum educator shares the real story behind each artifact.

High School

Option 1: High school students can opt for an additional presentation from our **Speaker’s Bureau program**. Topics include The Battle of Midway, Pearl Harbor, and local Naval Station Great Lakes history. This option is particularly popular for classes learning about a particular era in social studies or history courses. Browse the full list of topics at <https://www.history.navy.mil/nmas/education/speakers-bureau>

Option 2: Instead of the standard gallery tour, high school groups may wish to book the **Active Duty Military Tour**. Although this tour was designed for active duty military, the themes it focuses on are also appropriate for high school students. This tour focuses on the values of honor, courage, commitment, leadership, and teamwork. Each value is shared through the story of a particular sailor or group of sailors.