THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY'S
Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center
Group Visit Form

Thank you for your interest in the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's visitor center! Please complete the information below and return in advance to: thunderbay@noaa.gov. If you have further questions, call the Heritage Center at (989) 356-8805. ***All programs subject to availability. **Groups are always welcome to visit the museum exhibits and theater anytime without reservation as part of the general visiting public****

MAY through OCTOBER consider adding a glass-bottom boat CRUISE to your visit! See reverse for details.

Group Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If there will be a group leader - Name: _____Mobile Phone: _____

Number in Group:_____

1st Choice Date: _____ 2nd Choice Date: _____

Preferred Activities (check all that apply, free unless otherwise noted):

__ Self-guided tour of the *Shipwreck Century* exhibits (plan for 45 min to 1 hour to fully tour the exhibits)

__ Reserve Heritage Hunt early literacy booklet for groups with young children

__ Reserve a movie in the theater (please see reverse for movie list and indicate selection with check mark)

__ Staff-led tour of the *Shipwreck Century* exhibits with dive-gear / maritime archaeology demonstration (1.5 hrs) **- $50**
(25 maximum per group)

__ "ROV in a Bag" underwater robotics program (about 2 hours) - **$10 per person**
($60 minimum charge if less than six in group, maximum 30 people per session.
Groups with more than 10 participants will work in teams of 2 to 3 people)

__ Science on a Sphere® staff-led program using 6-foot diameter animated globe – (about 30 minutes) - **$50**
(50 person maximum each session, please circle preferred program)
a) climate change b) land, atmosphere, oceans, & astronomy

Does your group plan to eat lunch during your visit? (please circle one) Yes No
***Please see reverse for lunch details**

Visitor Center hours are:
10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily Monday-Saturday (2nd Monday in October through Memorial Day)
9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Sunday (Memorial Day Weekend through 2nd Sunday in October)
Open late in July & August until 7:00 pm

Estimated Arrival Time: _____Estimated Lunch Time (if applicable):_____ Estimated Departure Time: _____

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Movies available for reservation (please indicate selection with check mark):

__ ***Tragedies in the Mist*** (not rated) 30 min. Documentary film about Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (2003)

__ ***Riddle in a Bottle*** (not rated), 30 min. Award winning children-of-all-ages film about water-related ecosystems (2010)

__ ***Great Lakes Shipwrecks*** (not rated), 45 min. This special from the Science Channel follows a Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary deep-water expedition to shed light on the forces that are catalysts for the Wrecks (2005)

__ ***Deep Sea Detectives: Great Lakes Ghost Ship*** (not rated), 50 min. A pristine wreck found in the "wrong" Great Lake raises new questions about a fabled 19th-century sinking. History Channel production (2006)

__ ***Project Shiphunt*** (not rated), 45 min. Documentary film about five Saginaw, Michigan high school students that journey to Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and participate in an expedition (2011)

__ ***Lake Invaders*** (not rated) 56 min. Emmy-winning documentary that tells the history of exotic species invasions in Lake Huron (2009)

__ ***November Requiem*** (not rated) 56 min. Emmy-winning film that tells the story of a small northern Michigan community that faced an overwhelming maritime tragedy, when the freighter, Carl D. Bradley carrying 23 of her sons went down in a fierce Lake Michigan storm (2009)

Additional information about eating lunch at the visitor center

The visitor center's "education room" is a multipurpose space with a sink, a/v system, and seating for up to 72 at tables (up to 20 additional chairs may be added around room perimeter). Groups may reserve the room for their own additional programming, or as a "home base" while at the visitor center site, to eat lunch, etc. Groups may reserve the room at a rate of $100/day, $50/half day, or $25 for a one-hour lunch. Other spaces are also available for rental – see the center's "room reservation form" for more details and to book space.

In season, all groups are invited to eat lunch picnic-style on the center's lawn next to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center's scenic pedestrian trail. Some picnic tables are available for public use in this area. Please be aware there is no picnic shelter in the case of inclement weather.

The center does not have kitchen facilities. If not reserving the education room, groups are invited to use one of two coat-closets at the center to stow coats, coolers, and lunches as needed. Groups may also have food delivered to the center at 500 W. Fletcher St. in Alpena. Go to www.alpenacvb.com for dining option listing.

ALPENA SHIPWRECK TOURS Glass-bottom boat cruise – May through October
Fully narrated cruises occur daily and are 2 hours long. Groups can also charter the boat for a private cruise. Tickets can be purchased online at www.alpenashipwrecktours.com Groups of 20 or more adults get a $5 discount per ticket when booking online!

Sanctuary Gift Store
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