

THUNDER BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY'S  
Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center  
**Student 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](mailto:thunderbay@noaa.gov). If you have further questions, call the Heritage Center at (989) 356-8805. **\*\*All programs subject to availability\*\***

**MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER consider adding a CLASSROOM CRUISE to your visit! See reverse for details.**

School/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number & Grade(s) of students: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of estimated chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 scavenger hunts for group (please circle) **K-2<sup>nd</sup>**      **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**      **6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**      **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**\*6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> have option of a "Selfie" style scavenger hunt. Group must provide their own phones or tablets.**

**\*K-1<sup>st</sup> includes the book, *Busy Boats* that group leader can choose to read aloud before scavenger hunt**

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**  
(30 students maximum in group)

"ROV in a Bag" underwater robotics program - **\$5 per student**  
(About 2 hrs, min 6-max 30 students, if more than 10 students work in teams. \*Available: May, June, September, & October)

"Basics of Water Quality Testing" - **\$5 per student**  
(About 90 minutes, min 6-max 30 students. \*Available: May, June, September, & October)

Combined "ROV in a Bag" and "Basics of Water Quality Testing" - **\$7 per student**  
(About 3 hrs, min 20-max of 60 students. \*Available: May, June, September, & October)

Science on a Sphere® staff-led program using 6-foot diameter animated globe - **\$30**  
(About 30 min., 30 student max., 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**

Would your group like a gift store pricelist (please circle one)      Yes      No

**\*Please see reverse for store details**

**Visitor Center hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily ( May 25 – end of June, 9:00 am opening time )**

Estimated Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Lunch Time (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

For STAFF USE ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved & Entered      Invoice \_\_\_\_\_      Staff Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

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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)
- The Little Mermaid* (rated G), 75 min. Disney animated film
- 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 19<sup>th</sup>-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)
- Paddle to the Sea* (not rated), 30 min. This classic film recounts the adventures of a toy Native American canoe as it makes its way from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean (1966)
- The Shark Riddle* (not rated) 30 min. Award winning, children-of-all-ages film all about sharks (2012)
- The Marvelous Musical Report* (not rated) 10 min. Hilarious, melodious short film shows why marine national monuments are worth protecting for future generations. (2014)
- Once Upon a Tide* (not rated) 10 min. Animated short, educational film that uses storytelling to impart the message that all life, including our own, depends on the ocean (2008)
- Lake Invaders* (not rated) 56 min. Emmy-winning documentary that tells the history of exotic species invasions in Lake Huron (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). September through May (Monday-Friday) K-12 schools (including home-school groups) can reserve the room for one hour to eat lunch during their visit – FREE.

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 as well.

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](http://www.alpenacvb.com) for dining option listing.

**CLASSROOM CRUISES – May, June, September, & October**

Cruises are 1.5 hours and can be booked all day (earliest departure is 8:30 am), bring up to two classes with chaperones (75 person total limit per cruise), cost is \$500 per cruise. [www.alpenashipwrecktours.com](http://www.alpenashipwrecktours.com)

**Sanctuary Gift Store**

Don’t forget to set aside time during your visit to find a souvenir at the Sanctuary Gift Store. The store has a selection of items including books and snacks. A list of suggested items and prices can be sent ahead to teachers and pre-orders can also be made and packed to take with you upon departure. [sanctuarygiftstore@gmail.com](mailto:sanctuarygiftstore@gmail.com)