

This is a preview of the information you will need to complete the [school program request form](#). The questions use skip-logic, so you will only need to respond to questions that are pertinent to your selections. Providing the requested information helps us streamline the booking process. Please use the online form, not this printed form. If you have any questions, contact us at (508) 997-0046 x184 or education@whalingmuseum.org.

Request Your School Program

We look forward to hosting you at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Please use the form below to let us know the details of your visit request. After your form is submitted, we will contact you to discuss your request and confirm your final program details and reservation. We are currently experiencing a high volume of school program requests, but will contact you as soon as possible.

* Indicates required question

1. Email

Group Information

This section will help us get to know your group so we can best accommodate your needs. Please note you will need to supply two firm date options for your visit. We will do our best to accommodate your preferred date.

2. Group Leader's First Name *

3. Group Leaders Last Name *

4. Contact number *

5. School or Organization Name *

6. Street Address of School or Organization *

7. City or Town of School or Organization *

8. State of School or Organization *

9. Zip Code of School or Organization *

10. Tell us About Your Group *

We are a...

- K-12 School Group
- Homeschool Group
- After-School, Camp, or other type of Youth Group
- College Group

11. Grade level(s) *

12. Number of Students *

Please note that the maximum number for guided programs is typically 60 students per day. If you have more than 60 students, we will schedule your group for multiple days.

13. Number of Chaperones *

Please note that we require at least one chaperone for every 10 students for K-12 groups. The required chaperones will receive complimentary admission. Additional chaperones are welcome for a fee of \$12/additional chaperone. Please include teachers and parents/other adults in this count.

14. Number of 1-1 Aides/Nurses/Translators

Required school personnel receive complimentary admission

15. Names of all teachers who will be bringing students on this trip.

16. Email addresses of all teachers who will be bringing students on this trip.

17. The Museum strives to be inclusive to all students. Please tell us a little bit about your group.

- My group includes people who use wheelchairs, crutches or a walker.
- My group includes people who are non-verbal.
- My group includes people who are non-English-speaking or are English learners.
- My group includes people who might be sensory sensitive.
- My group includes people with vision loss.
- My group includes people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.
- My group includes people with intellectual disabilities.
- Other: _____

Questions for College Groups

College groups can choose between self-guided or general guided tours. General guided tours are usually available Tuesday-Friday in the morning. Self-guided programs are available during all open hours.

Guided college groups - \$15 per student

Self-guided college groups - \$18 per student

One free chaperone per 10 students | \$12 each additional chaperone

18. Which type of program would you like to schedule for your college group?

- Self-Guided Program
- General Guided Tour

Questions for K-12 School Groups, Homeschool Groups, and After-School, Camp, or other type of Youth Groups

Groups may choose between self-guided or guided programs. Please select your type of program below.

For more information on the types of programs, please go to the Museum's website at

<https://www.whalingmuseum.org/learn/educators/field-trips/>

Guided programs are generally available Tuesday-Friday in the mornings. Self-guided programs are available during all open hours.

Guided groups - \$10 per student

Self-guided groups - \$9 per student

One free chaperone per 10 students | \$12 each additional chaperone

19. Which type of program would you like to schedule for your K-12, Homeschool, or After-School, Camp or other type of Youth Group? *

- Self-Guided Program
- Guided Tour Selection

Questions for groups requesting Self-Guided Tours

Groups can explore the Whaling Museum's art, history, science and culture content through a self-guided visit to the museum. Self-guided visits offer groups the opportunity to explore the museum at their own pace.

20. Are you interested in our Whales Today self-guide pamphlet?

This pamphlet covers the same science-based themes as our Whales Today guided program and can help guide your visit.

21. Are you interested in our History on the Hill self-guide pamphlet?

This pamphlet covers much of the same historical content as our History on the Hill guided program and can help guide your visit.

Questions for groups requesting Guided Tours

The Museum's guided tour program offers K-12 school, homeschool, after-school, camp and other youth groups an opportunity to explore the museum's art, history, science and culture content while engaging in thought-provoking, hands-on activities.

22. Which Guided program are you interested in? *

More information can be found on the Museum's website at <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/learn/educators/field-trips/>

- A Day at the Museum
- Whales Today
- History on the Hill

Questions about Extended Learning Programs

Enhance your visit with these additional opportunities. Please note that these options may have limited availability.

23. Are you interested in seeing the 3D movie?

The Museum is now showing a 3D movie in our theater. School groups can reserve tickets to see this 25-minute-long film for \$4 per person (including teachers and chaperones) for a regularly scheduled movie. You can find more information about the movie at <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/visit/big-blue-pictures/>

- I am interested in seeing the 3D movie.

24. Are you interested in going below deck on the *Lagoda* whaling ship?

Groups can schedule a time to explore an additional section of the *Lagoda* whaling ship that is usually closed to the public. There is an additional fee of \$50 per group of 30 students. Larger groups will be scheduled and charged for additional time slots. Time slots will be scheduled in 30-minute increments. Unfortunately, this space is not accessible for students with mobility needs.

- I am interested in scheduling a visit below deck

25. Are you interested in going inside an inflatable humpback whale?

Groups can schedule a time to climb inside an inflatable whale that is only available at select times. There is an additional fee of \$250 per group with no group maximum. Time slots will be scheduled in 60-minute increments. Unfortunately, the inflatable whale is not accessible for students with mobility needs.

- I am interested in scheduling time with the inflatable whale.

26. Are you interested in meeting with a curator?

Curators can lead a tour of a special exhibit or talk with students about their work. Recommended for high school or college students. Curator visits usually last 60 minutes. There is an additional fee of \$7 per student. All groups will be charged for a minimum of 15 students. Groups larger than 30 will be split into multiple groups.

- I am interested in scheduling a curator visit.

27. Are you interested in visiting our Research Room?

Groups can visit the Research Room to explore primary sources related to a topic you are studying in class. Recommended for middle school, high school, or college students. Research visits usually last 60 minutes. There is an additional fee of \$7 per student. All groups will be charged for a minimum of 15 students. Groups larger than 20 students will be split into multiple groups.

- I am interested in scheduling a Research Room visit.

28. Are you interested in doing a Squid Dissection program?

In this hour-long hands-on program, students learn to dissect a squid. Recommended for grades 3 and up. There is an additional fee of \$7 per student. All groups will be charged for a minimum of 15 students. Groups larger than 25 students will be split into multiple groups.

- I am interested in scheduling a Squid Dissection.

Allergy Notice:

The Squid Dissection program includes close interaction with squid, including, but not limited to: handling squid with gloves, interacting with squid fluids in a classroom setting, and being in a room where the smell of seafood is apparent. Squid are considered shellfish. Participants who have a shellfish allergy should be aware of this type of interaction.

29. How many classes/groups will be participating in a Squid Dissection? *

Classes can be up to 25 students.

30. Do any of your students have a shellfish allergy? *

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Schedule Information

Guided visits are generally available Tuesday-Friday in the morning. Self-guided visits are available during all open hours. If your requested dates are not available, we will contact you with additional options.

Please provide two weeks' notice to allow time to book and prepare for your program.

31. **First** Preferred Program Date *

32. Preferred Start Time on this Date *

33. Preferred Departure Time on this Date *

34. **Second** Preferred Program Date *

35. Preferred Start Time on this Date *

36. Preferred Departure Time on this Date *

37. **Third** Preferred Program Date

38. Preferred Start Time on this Date

39. Preferred Departure Time on this Date

40. Is your group interested in having lunch at the Museum?

We do not provide food but do offer a private space to eat bagged lunches. There is a flat \$50 lunch fee for groups.

Payment Information

Full payment in the form of cash, credit card, debit card, or check is due the day of your program. We suggest paying the day of your visit to avoid any reimbursements or additional payments in case your group's numbers change. Groups are required to pay as one single transaction to receive the Museum's group discount. Groups that are planning multiple visits will need to pay for each day individually. Arrangements must be made with the Museum Learning Department prior to your visit if you will need to be invoiced after your visit.

If you need to cancel a program, please contact the Museum Learning Department promptly. Failure to cancel a program at least 1 week in advance may result in a cancellation fee.

Please note that in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the New Bedford Whaling Museum may be required to change or cancel field trip reservations. In the case of a field trip change or cancellation, your group will be contacted as soon as possible to recommend an alternate field trip option or to reschedule.

41. School groups from New Bedford, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Westport, Fall River, or Boston may be eligible for free admission through various grants. Do you have a need for this funding? (Funds are limited.)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not Applicable

42. We are also able to offer limited bus funding to some of our grant-eligible school groups on a first-come, first-serve basis. Are you interested in being considered for bus funding? (Please see the above question to determine if you are a grant-eligible school group.)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not Applicable

43. If you are requesting grant-funding, which of the qualifying towns is your group from?

- New Bedford
- Acushnet
- Dartmouth
- Fairhaven
- Westport
- Fall River
- Boston

44. What will be the best form of payment for your group? *

- Payment the day of the program with cash, check or credit card
- Invoice
- N/A – grant funded program

45. Is there any additional information you would like us to know before your visit.