

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 [learning@whalingmuseum.org](mailto:learning@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. We suggest including two date options that would work with your schedule. We will try to accommodate your preferred date, but some dates may be unavailable.

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 100 students per day. If you have more than 100 students, we will schedule your group for multiple days.

13. Number of Classes

14. Number of Teachers \*

Teachers receive complimentary admission.

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

Required school personnel receive complimentary admission

16. Number of Additional Chaperones

Please note that we require at least one chaperone for every 10 students for K-12 groups. The required chaperones will receive complementary admission. Additional chaperones are welcome for a fee of \$12/additional chaperone. Please do not include teachers or required school personnel in this count.

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

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

19. The Museum strives to be inclusive to all students. Please tell us about your group and any accommodations that may help support your students during the visit.

## **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. 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

20. 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 youth 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.

21. The Museum can supply printed copies of a focusing question sheet to help structure and enhance your visit. Are you interested in using these question sheets?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- We will bring our own questions sheets
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for youth 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 Then & Now
- Story of New Bedford
- All About Whaling
- The World of Moby-Dick
- Taking a Stand
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for College Groups

College groups can choose between self-guided or general guided tours. Guided tours are more readily available Tuesday-Friday. 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

23. Which type of program would you like to schedule for your college group? \*

- Self-Guided Program
- Guided Tour
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. Which Guided Tour are you interested in? \*

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

- Highlights of the Museum
- The World of Moby-Dick
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions about Extended Learning Programs for All Groups

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

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

The Museum shows ocean-themed 3D movies in the theater. School groups can reserve tickets to see this 30-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.

26. Are you interested in doing a Squid Dissection lab?

In this 45 minute-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 sections.

- I am interested in scheduling a Squid Dissection.

27. Are you interested in the STEM Design Challenge activity?

In this 45 minute-long hands-on program, students will design mitigation strategies for sea level rise. 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 sections.

- I am interested in scheduling the STEM Design Challenge.

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

Groups can schedule 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. The inflatable whale is not accessible for some students with mobility needs.

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

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

Groups can schedule 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 50 students. Larger groups will be scheduled and charged for additional time slots. Time slots will be scheduled in 30-minute increments. This space is not accessible for some students with mobility needs.

- I am interested in scheduling a visit below deck

30. 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.

31. Are you interested in visiting the 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.

32. Are you interested in visiting the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park?

Groups can walk up the block to visit the National Historical Park Visitor Center. Visits usually last 30-60 minutes. Available Wednesday-Saturday. There is no additional admission fee for the Visitor Center. Please note this involves going outside to another building.

- I am interested in scheduling a visit to the National Historical Park Visitor Center

### For groups that said Yes to 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.

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

Classes can be up to 25 students.

34. Do any of your students have a shellfish allergy?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

### Schedule Information

Guided visits are generally available Tuesday-Friday. 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.

35. **First** Preferred Program Date \*

36. Preferred Start Time on this Date \*

37. Preferred Departure Time on this Date \*

38. **Second** Preferred Program Date

39. Preferred Start Time on this Date

40. Preferred Departure Time on this Date
41. **Third** Preferred Program Date
42. Preferred Start Time on this Date
43. Preferred Departure Time on this Date
44. 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.

- Yes
- No

#### **For groups that said Yes to Lunch at the Museum**

45. What time do your students usually eat lunch at school?
46. Would you be interested in scheduling time for a snack at the beginning of your students' visit to the Museum?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Maybe
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Payment Information**

Full payment in the form of cash, credit card, debit card, or check is due the day of your program. Credit card payments can be accepted online or by phone with prior notice. Payment by purchase order or invoice must be arranged in advance. Groups are required to pay in one lump sum to receive the group discount. Please confirm the final count, including students and chaperones, one week in advance. **There are no refunds for decreased attendance on the day of the 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.

47. The Museum may have limited grant funding to subsidize the admission fees for local students from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Do you **require** this funding to bring your group to the Museum? (Funds are limited and may not cover all requests.)

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not Applicable

48. The Museum may be able to offer limited bus funding to some school groups on a first-come, first-served basis. Does your group **require** transportation funding to visit the museum?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable

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

- New Bedford
- Acushnet
- Dartmouth
- Fairhaven
- Westport
- Fall River
- Boston
- Other
- Rhode Island

50. What is the best form of payment for your group? \*

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

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