



## Encampments

Spring encampment season starts the first weekend in April through the second weekend in June. The Fall season starts mid September through the weekend before Thanksgiving. Arrival at the Naval Park for encampments should be between 3:30 and 4:30 PM, to ensure adequate time for check-in, payment of program dues and escort onboard and berthing assignments. Campers sleep onboard the USS Little Rock with a capacity of 250.

Reservations are taken by telephone only, please call: 716-847-1773, ext. 10. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Parking is located on Erie Boulevard at the north end of Marine Drive (we share the lot with the Miss Buffalo cruise boat customers).

## Encampment Night Planning

### **What to bring:**

Sleeping compartments are CO-ED, and each visitor is responsible for bringing his or her own sleeping items (bag, blanket, pillow, etc.), the bunks onboard do not have sheets or blankets. Also campers are advised to dress appropriately for the outside weather, during the winter layers are advised. **See note (7) in "Code of Conduct" section.** Remember storage space is limited onboard the USS Little Rock, so pack minimally for your overnight stay. It is also recommended that you bring:

1. Personal toiletries.
2. Appropriate clothing. We recommend no high heels or flip-flops (remember the shipboard ladders are steep and during bad weather can get slippery).
3. Camera, film and batteries.
4. Specific Special Dietary needs.
5. Card or board games, if desired.
6. First Aid Kit, the Naval and Military Park Staff will not dispense any medications or first aid supplies.

Please remember this is a public museum and park facility. Any garbage generated by the encampment group must be disposed of in the proper containers provided, adopt a "Clean as you go" policy. The Buffalo Naval and Military Park should be left in the same condition as it was found upon the group's arrival.

### **What not to bring:**

None of the below are allowed at the Naval Park during an encampment:

1. Alcoholic beverages.
2. Coolers (unless authorized by Duty Officer).
3. Snacks, Chewing gum, etc.
4. Drugs other than those prescribed for the individual by a medical doctor or over-the-counter medication.
5. Knives, Tools or Cutting implements.
6. Appliances, including coffee makers (Coffee and Tea is available on the USS Little Rock) hot plates, stoves, fueled lanterns.
7. Pets (guide animals are the only exceptions).
8. Items that may cause damage or injury.

If you have a question if an item is allowed call: 716-847-1773, ext. 10.

### **Responsibility:**

The *Duty Officer* has final say so on all safety-related issues at the Naval Park. Failure to comply with posted rules, directions, or special instructions by any member of an Encampment Group could lead to expulsion of the entire party and forfeiture of the program fees.

### **Safety:**

Please keep in mind several points, USS Little Rock, USS The Sullivans and USS Croaker are naval vessels that were built to defend the United States and were operated by highly trained Naval and Marine Corps personnel. They are not "Cruise Ships" and therefor have many areas that are not "user-friendly". USS The Sullivans is a National Historic Landmark, and USS Croaker has recently been placed on the National Historic Register and should be respected as such, but safety should always be the priority while visiting the Buffalo Naval and Military Park. See note (7) in "Code of Conduct" section.



## PLAN OF THE DAY

- 1600 - Arrival of Scouts, Troops muster in Exhibit Building (adjacent to Museum). Troop Leader pays balance due in Museum, receives and distributes wristbands to all overnight encampment members.
- 1730 - Assemble for orientation and **Safety** lecture in designated areas, either in **Movie Room** in aft of ship or forward in **Officers Wardroom**.
- 1800 - After briefing assemble in assigned berthing areas.
- 1815 - **FIRE DRILL**, muster at designated Fire Drill Stations on **Main Deck**, either on the **Bow** (Front of Ship) or on the **Fantail** (Back of Ship). Mess attendants will be chosen during drill – 5 for Dinner; 5 for Breakfast.
- 1830 - Evening Meal (Chow), Motion Simulator, Exhibit Building (also Artifact Display Yard) and Museum (including Ships Store for Souvenirs, Dog Tags to order, etc.).
- 1930 - **Geedunk**/Snack Bar (Located by Movie Room) will be open for snacks (Popcorn, Candy and Fountain Drinks). Also “Hands On” Military Exhibits in Exhibit Room located below **Geedunk** will Open.
- 1945 - Museum (including Ships Store), Exhibit Building (including Motion Simulator) and Artifact Display Yard **Closed! ALL PERSONNEL RETURN TO THE USS LITTLE ROCK!** Note: All of the above will reopen in the morning at **0800**.
- 1945 - Chow Line Tagged (Closed).
- 2000 - **All Encampment personnel**, including Scouts and Adult Troop members need to be **ONBOARD**. The Gangway on the USS The Sullivans will be **SECURED**.
- 2015 - **Movie Call**; 2 Different movies will be playing. One in the **Movie Room**, the other in the **Officers Wardroom** and a documentary will be in the **First Class Petty Officers Mess**.
- 2230 - **TAPS, TAPS** Lights Out, Maintain Silence about the decks.
- 0630 - **Reveille, Reveille** All hands Up and About. Move Gear to Bunks and Square Away (Clean) Berthing areas. Duty Officer will Inspect and Release you to Chow. **DO NOT START FORMING CHOW LINE UNTIL RELEASED BY THE DUTY OFFICER TO DO SO!**
- 0730 - Breakfast (Morning Chow), Mess Attendants report to Galley at 0725.
- 0830 – Self-Guided Tour. Please complete and deposit comment sheets in box provided on Mess Deck. Feel free to stay as long as you would like. Note Park will be open to the Public at 1000. All Personal gear should be removed to cars prior to 1000.

**Ship's Store Hours:** Evenings: 1600 – 1700 and 1830 – 1955. Mornings: 0800

## SAFETY RULES/RULES OF CONDUCT

### SAFETY RULES

1. No running or pushing
2. Discipline of encampment young people is the responsibility of adult leaders
3. Adults will accompany young people while touring the ships. It is paramount that encampment personnel stay on the tour route and in designated spaces/areas.
4. Refrain from touching switches, valves, buttons and electrical equipment.
5. Do not lean against life lines.
6. Adult encampment personnel will be required to assist in standing fire/security watches between taps and reveille.
7. Encampment personnel, other than adults, will not be permitted on deck after taps.

### RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the Park during encampments. Persons who violate this rule will be asked to leave the Park and not permitted to return.
2. Smoking is not permitted except on Park grounds and on the main deck of USS Little Rock.
3. Encampment personnel are not permitted to leave the Park except in an emergency situation and then only with the permission of the Encampment Duty Officer.
4. Encampment personnel are required to maintain silence in berthing spaces after taps.

## **Safety Brief:**

The Duty Officer will give a Safety Brief explaining the “Do’s and Don’ts”, basic park and schedule information at 1730. Locations will be announced.

## **Emergency Fire Drill:**

An emergency Fire Drill will be conducted immediately after the Safety Briefing and participation is mandatory for all overnight en-campers.

Smoke detectors are located in each berthing area and in all “common spaces” (heads, mess deck, etc.) and passageways. And are not to be tampered with in any way. If any alarm sounds, follow the procedures listed below:

1. Exit the interior of the ship in a quick, quiet and orderly manner, follow the “Red Lines” (painted on the decks and ladders) up to the main deck and muster in the designated areas by group for head count and evacuation from ship.
2. Do not close any doors or hatches on the ship.
3. Follow all instructions issued by Naval Park Staff; Duty Officer will call 911.

Remember the adult chaperones in each group spending the night must have control of the overnight encampment younger visitors within their group.

## **Note:**

Violation of ANY Safety procedures will be grounds for ejection from the park. The Buffalo Naval and Military Park staff is not responsible for any expense of a person or group associated with ejection or voluntary departure from the Park.

## Code of Conduct and Safety Rules:

Safety is paramount during overnight encampments, all campers will abide by the following rules, and the visiting group must provide adequate supervision at all times.

1. No running, pushing or "horse play" allowed at the Naval Park.
2. Discipline is the responsibility of the individual group chaperones.
3. Adults who leave the Park premises without prior authorization from the Duty Officer will not be permitted to return.
4. Do not turn switches or valves, open electrical control boxes or operate any equipment.
5. Respect all barriers, do not go outside authorized areas or enter restricted spaces without prior approval from the Duty Officer.
6. Do not lean against Lifelines.
7. **Adult encampment chaperones are required to stand fire/security watches between Taps and Reveille in occupied berthing compartments.**
8. Encampment personnel, other than adults, will not be permitted on deck after Taps.
9. Do not block any passageways or ladders to access hatches or doors with personal gear, boxes, bags, etc. Stow all gear safely out of the way.
10. Exercise caution climbing in and out of bunks. Be attentive especially in the upper bunks, of piping, valves, beams and light fixtures in the Overhead.
11. Do not wear shoes while in the bunks. Shoes are mandatory whenever en-campers are not in their bunks.
12. Do not turn OFF or ON any lights unless instructed to do so by Park Staff.
13. All food must be consumed in the Crew's Mess. Food and drinks are not allowed in the berthing compartments.
14. An adult must accompany all children in the Weapons Display Compartment on board the USS Little Rock, and in the Museum Gift Shop.
15. **NO SMOKING** is permitted except on Park Grounds and on the Main Deck of the USS Little Rock.

Anyone caught damaging, defacing or stealing any item or exhibit on board ship or on Naval Park grounds will be ejected from the premises, and will be prosecuted. Groups responsible for damage will pay for ALL REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT, and/or RESTORATION of damaged items.