



USS HORNET SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

Night Ops: Live-Aboard Overnight Adventure

Parent Packing List

To wear to the ship:

- Scouting uniform encouraged
- Closed toed shoes
- Jacket/sweatshirt

Clothing to pack:

- 1 change of clothes for morning
- Sleeping attire

Bedding:

- Fitted or Flat twin sheet
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag

Extras:

- Toiletries
- 1-2 Sealed Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Ear Plugs
- Flashlight

Not Recommended:

- Skirts/Dresses
- Rolling bags or hard-shelled suitcases (backpacks preferred due to steep ladders)
- The Scouting 6 Essentials

Do NOT pack:

- Any weapons, explosive devices, flammable items, fireworks
- Open Toed Shoes
- Any hair dryers, straighteners, curlers, trimmers, razors
- Electronic devices such as handheld games or tablets
- Absolutely no open food or drink containers
- **Absolutely NO alcohol**

Do's and Don'ts:

- **Don't** bring open food or drinks that cannot be resealed (example, an apple is not allowed, but an apple in a Ziploc bag is okay). *There is no eating allowed in your berthing compartments or tour areas.*
- **Don't** overpack! Carrying large or heavy bags up and down ladders is physically strenuous.
- **Don't** bring any extra activities or games, our tours are guaranteed to wear you out.
- **Don't** expect hotel-style accommodations. We are a WWII era ship that was not built for luxury and comfort.
- **Do** bring small bills if you would like to purchase any late-night snacks from the vending machines.
- **Do** turn your phone on airplane mode while onboard. There is no cell signal onboard, and your battery will drain. We have very few plugs available for the public and cannot guarantee a place to recharge your phone.
- **Do** strive to leave your berthing compartment cleaner than you found it. Please check around your bunk for any personal items or litter left behind.

Prior to arrival:

- Turn in your dinner preference to your group leader at least two weeks before the event
- Go online and sign our [HORNET RELEASE OF LIABILITY](#). *YOU CANNOT BOARD THE SHIP WITHOUT FILLING OUT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.*

Schedule of Events

Please note that the schedule below only applies to Saturday nights and does not include Friday nights, Scout Service Restoration, or Scavenger Hunt for the Grey Ghost overnights

4:30 PM – Arrival on the pier. Meet your group by the entrance stairs to the ship. Do NOT assemble by the anchor at the bow of the ship

5:00 PM – Boarding the ship and taking your gear to your berthing compartment

5:30 PM – Mandatory Safety Orientation

5:45 PM – Chow Call

6:30 – 9:30 PM – Ship tours

9:45 PM – Ghost Stories OR free time in the hanger bay. You may eat your snacks in the hanger bay only. There is NO eating allowed in your berthing compartments.

10:00 PM – Lights out. Guests are required to stay in their berthing compartments until reveille.

7:00 AM – Reveille. Pack up your gear and take it out to your vehicle (weather permitting).

7:45 AM – Chow call. Vegetarian breakfast burritos (egg, cheese, and potato) or cold cereal are available upon request. Coffee and orange juice are offered with breakfast.

8:15 AM – Flight Deck Tour (weather permitting) OR any tour space you missed the night before that you want to view.

10:00 AM – Overnight program over. You are welcome to stay onboard the ship until the museum closes at 5:00PM. Self-guided tours are open for the Hanger Bay, 2nd Deck, and Flight Deck. Paid docent tours for the Bridge, 3rd Deck (including Catapult/Brig), and Engineering Spaces (for ages 12 and up) can be purchased at the ship's admission counter.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can I arrive late? Or leave early?**
 - Yes. We recommend arriving before tours begin at 6:30. Please enter the ship on the "exit only" ladder and check in at the security desk. If you need to leave early, take your gear to the ship exit and our security team will unlock the gate for you.
- **Do I need to bring a sheet?**
 - Yes. You will be sleeping on restored crew berthing, that either have a cotton cover or are bare foam. You will need a sheet under your sleeping bag.
- **Do males and females sleep in separate quarters?**
 - Your group will sleep in a single compartment all together unless gender separated berthing is specifically requested
- **Can you accommodate CPAP machines?**
 - Yes. Please let your group leader know if you require an outlet.
- **What's for dinner?**
 - The menu is entirely at our caterer's discretion. We can accommodate vegetarians but all other food restrictions, including allergies, should provide their own food. We have a refrigerator and microwave available for use.
- **More questions? Email Natalie.Leighton@USS-Hornet.org**