



USS *Cobia* "The Nation's Most Completely Restored WWII Submarine" Overnight Education Program

PLANNING AHEAD

What to Bring

Each visitor is responsible for bringing his or her own **sleeping bag/blanket** and **pillow**, since the bunks on board the submarine do not have sheets or blankets. The submarine is now outfitted with heat and air conditioning, however, participants are advised to dress appropriately for the outside weather; layers are suggested. Participants are advised to pack minimally as space on board is **Very** limited, some gear can also be left in the museum. It is also recommended that you bring:

1. Personal toiletries
2. Appropriate clothing (layers are suggested)
 - For your safety, full shoes are strongly recommended, *Cobia* is 1526 tons of non-childproofed steel, your toes are not.
 - Roller Shoes are not allowed on the premises.
3. Flashlight, however, the sub will always have lights on to some degree at all times.
4. Camera and film (batteries), NO video photography.
5. Card or board games, if desired
6. **FIRST AID KIT**, including motion sickness medication (The Wisconsin Maritime Museum staff will not dispense any medication or first aid supplies)
7. Trash bags

Groups are permitted to eat snacks in the Crew's Mess on board the submarine. Each group is responsible for their own snacks, which will be eaten during the Program's scheduled Mess Break. Dry snacks, as well as bottled water or juice, are recommended. Please be advised that no cooking is allowed aboard the submarine. Eating space is available in the Crew's Mess of the submarine where there are four tables and bench seats, or near your gear in the museum. However, as was the case on board all World War II submarines, eating space is limited. Therefore, all participants will be assigned times to eat snacks in the Crew's Mess. When selecting snack foods to bring, please consider ease of clean up, as you will be responsible for any spills. If you bring food, you will also need to provide your own paper plates, cups, flatware, napkins, etc. Be sure to bring a cooler for perishables. Because of time limitations, participants should eat dinner prior to arrival for the Overnight Program. Groups wishing to visit a restaurant for breakfast prior to viewing the Museum exhibits in the morning are welcome to return after their meal to explore the galleries.

Any garbage generated by the group must leave the premises with the group at the conclusion of the Program, as the Museum does not have large-scale garbage disposal facilities. Groups should bring trash bags for this purpose. Each group is responsible for cleaning the areas of the submarine used during the course of the Overnight. The USS *Cobia* should be left in the same condition as she was found upon a group's arrival (Outdoor Code for BSA groups applies). In general, adopting a "clean as you go" policy will lessen the amount of cleaning necessary before a group's departure. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum provides the cleaning supplies necessary to maintain *Cobia's* cleanliness (except garbage bags) and will inspect the submarine prior to a group's departure.

Cell phones are allowed on the *Cobia* only so long as they do not distract from the shipboard experience, but outlets are not available. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum staff has the right to end use of any electronic devices at their discretion. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of any personal items. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum has the right to conduct a gear inspection at the beginning of your stay.

What NOT to Bring

None of the following are permitted during your stay:

1. Alcoholic beverages (either on or off premises)
2. Tobacco products of any kind, including lighters
3. Portable electronics: Radios, music players (CD/MP3/IPOD) , game systems, televisions
4. Chewing gum
5. Drugs other than those prescribed for the individual by a medical doctor or over-the-counter medication
6. Knives, wrenches, screw drivers, pliers, or other tools or cutting implements
7. Appliances, including coffee makers, hot plates, gas stoves, lanterns, etc.
8. Pets (guide animals are an exception)

9. Items that are unlawful to possess in the City of Manitowoc
10. Items that may cause damage or injury

Any of the above listed items will be considered contraband and will be confiscated and not returned. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum staff will make all decisions regarding the legality of items. If you have a question as to the legality of an item, don't bring it. This is done for the safety of your group as well as for the submarine.

Safety Brief

To ensure your safety during your visit, review the following information with the members of your group prior to your visit.

Safe Conduct

Please remember two important points about the USS *Cobia*: **First, the *Cobia* is a naval vessel that was built with the intention that it be operated by specially-trained Navy personnel; and second, the *Cobia* is now a museum vessel and an irreplaceable National Historic Landmark.** Both of these points dictate that safe conduct be exercised by each and every member of your group. The design and construction of the submarine mandates that special care must be taken while on board for your personal safety.

Violation of ANY safety procedures will be grounds for ejection from the boat. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum or its staff is not responsible for any expenses of the person or group associated with ejection or voluntary departure from the submarine.

During the USS *Cobia* Overnight Education Program, the Museum telephone system is set to "night mode," which means no one is available to answer incoming calls. If you need to contact someone after hours, you must enter ext. 122 to reach the Tour Guide Desk. The Overnight Staff also carries a staff cell phone. This phone number is (920) 973-2434. Please keep in mind cell reception on the submarine is not guaranteed.

Safety Equipment

- Telephone – Located in Forward Torpedo Room – FOR EMERGENCY ONLY (You must dial "8" to get an outside line.) Overnight Program Education staff also carry a cellular telephone at all times.
- First Aid Kit – Each group is required to bring their own.
- Life Rings and Rescue Pole – Located on the deck forward and aft of the Conning Tower.

Fire Emergency Drill

An emergency fire drill will be held to familiarize the group with emergency evacuation procedures. Participation by all members of the Overnight group is mandatory.

Smoke detectors are located in each substantial compartment. If an alarm sounds, follow the procedures listed below.

- Exit the boat in a quick and orderly manner, moving in the opposite direction of the source of the alarm or smoke if present.
- Do not close any doors on the submarine.
- Inform Wisconsin Maritime Museum Overnight staff immediately and call 911.

USS *Cobia* Emergency Evacuation Plan

If it becomes necessary to evacuate the *Cobia* for any reason, move in an orderly fashion toward the nearest exit, as follows:

- From the Crew's Mess Forward, the nearest exit is the Forward Torpedo Room.
- From the Crew's Quarters Aft, the nearest exit is the After Torpedo Room.

If there is a fire aboard the submarine, proceed to the exit that is furthest from the fire. If there is fire between you and both exits, use one of the hatches in the following compartments:

- Control Room/Conning Tower
- Crew's Mess
- Aft Engine Room

If using the Control Room exit, proceed up the ladder to the Conning Tower, then out the hatch onto the Bridge. Once on the Bridge, head toward the stern (while on the ladder this will be to your right), and then proceed to the 20 mm gun and down either ladder or around the 40mm gun and down the ladder on the starboard side of the boat. Proceed across the deck.