

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM



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About the Museum

USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS *Constitution*. We seek to create a positive, memorable, experience for both children and adults through hands-on, minds-on experiences. The USS Constitution Museum is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, across the pier from USS *Constitution*, the nation's Ship of State. We are open daily (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day). For directions, parking information and hours, visit us at www.usconstitutionmuseum.org



The Museum Online

www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

Our website has complete information about planning your visit, the exhibits you can see, information and images from our extensive collection, and an opportunity to shop for *Constitution*-related wares. Friend us on Facebook or Twitter to learn more about the happenings at the Museum!

Today at the Museum

There's always something exciting happening at the USS Constitution Museum! Daily programs led by talented Educators feature hands-on learning, crafting, and fun designed for all ages. To see what's happening today, visit www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/visit/calendar-of-events

A Sailor's Life for Me

www.asailorslifeforme.org

Before your visit or to continue the fun, don't miss our award-winning online game and teacher resource, *A Sailor's Life for Me!* Try your hand at scrubbing the deck, get promoted, read a sailor's journal, and explore every nook and cranny of the Ship in 1812!

1 "This is one of the coolest places I've visited" – Young Museum visitor

Planning your Visit

Making a Reservation

Groups of 10 or more require a reservation to visit the USS Constitution Museum. Requests must be made at least one week in advance.

www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/visit/group-reservations OR 617-426-1812 x186

Touring USS *Constitution*

A visit to the USS Constitution Museum does NOT include a tour on board USS *Constitution*. The Ship is operated by the United States Navy and tours are given on a first come, first serve basis. Groups planning on visiting the Ship should allow at least an additional hour to do so.

Individuals over the age of 18 must have a government issued photo ID with them. Please note their daily operating schedule and hours on their website, www.history.navy.mil/usconstitution

Funding Information

Public school visits to the Museum are **FREE with reservations!**

The USS Constitution Museum thanks Liberty Mutual Insurance for underwriting all public school visits to the Museum during the War of 1812's Bicentennial (Fall 2012 – Spring 2015). If you teach at a public school, call us now to reserve your free visit to the Museum!

Are you a teacher in a community with a Cambridge Savings Bank branch? Public or private schools in these communities are entitled to a free program and money towards transportation. Contact us for more information.

If you teach at any K-12 school in Massachusetts and need funding for transportation, the Massachusetts Cultural Council's *Big Yellow School Bus Program* may be able to help. www.massculturalcouncil.org



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"The entire trip was VERY interesting. It was one of the BEST field trips ever!"
– 4th grade student

K-12 School Programs

Brave Little Sailors

How did sailors make it through battle? Bravery, of course! Introduce your preschoolers to a sailor's adventurous life with an educator's guidance. Listen to a story about life on the high seas, become a sailor in our hands-on galleries, and leave with a fun craft to wear and continue the adventure.

Preschool-K | 45 minutes | \$5/student | 10-15 students



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Community and Courage

Constitution's courageous crew worked together as a team to successfully operate the Ship. In this hands-on program, students role-play jobs, discover sailors' food, explore courage and community through story-telling, and participate in a team-building activity while singing a sea chantey.

K-2 | 60 minutes | \$6/student | 10-30 students

Simple Machines & USS *Constitution*

Come see simple machines in action in 1812! Students scour the galleries to test simple machines at work and apply their knowledge in an invention factory. Can they simplify the life of a 19th-century sailor using only the lever, inclined plane, screw, wedge, pulley, and wheel & axle?

3-5 | 90 minutes | \$8/student | 10-30 students

History tells a Story - the War of 1812

Turn your students into historians and story tellers! With an educator, students uncover the connections between artifacts and *Constitution's* crew in the War of 1812. They will decode primary sources, investigate the hands-on galleries, and creatively retell the stories of these brave men in their own words.

3-5 | 90 minutes | \$8/student | 10-30 students

For outreach programs at your school, see page 10!

"When students see what I've been talking about in the classroom in real life – it's like the light bulb in their head turns on!" – 5th grade teacher

Join the Mess - Life at Sea

In this simulation game, students take on the roles of fully researched individuals from *Constitution's* War of 1812 crew. Competing against each other in teams, they complete a series of hands-on challenges like those the crew faced at sea. Students come to understand that ordinary and diverse individuals were thrown together in extraordinary times and collectively accomplished great things for their nation in a time of need.

5-8 | 90 minutes | \$8/student | 10-30 students

War of 1812 - Why Fight?

Take a close and critical look at the tensions leading to the War of 1812 and assume the role of an 1812 Congressman or resident of the nation. By investigating primary source documents and other resources, students work in teams to defend or challenge the idea that the nation should declare war in a simulated congressional debate.

9-12 | 90 minutes | \$8/student | 10-30 students

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"This program hit exactly what I'm teaching right now and reinforced those concepts. Plus, the students had a ton of fun!" – 3rd grade teacher

Teacher Resources

Teacher Workshops

Spend time with our award-winning K-12 interdisciplinary curriculums and come away with concrete tools and ideas to use in your classroom with primary source documents and the stories and history of “Old Ironsides.” Workshops are available at the Museum or the location of your choice. The Museum is an authorized PDP provider in the state of Massachusetts.

K-12 | Workshops begin at \$200 | 10-60 teachers

Curriculums

The Museum is proud to offer two curriculums – *All Hands on Deck: Learning Adventures Aboard “Old Ironsides”* (1997) and *A Sailor’s Life for Me* (2011). Both are available online free of charge to teachers and other educators and include interdisciplinary K-12 lessons and downloadable activities.

All Hands on Deck

All Hands on Deck focuses on the basics of USS *Constitution* – her construction and design, life at sea in the age of sail, and some of her major victories and cruises.

www.allhandsondeck.org

A Sailor’s Life for Me

A Sailor’s Life for Me spotlights the Ship’s involvement in the War of 1812 and the men who served aboard her. The Educator Resources accompany “Sail to Victory,” an online interactive game, “Meet Your Shipmates,” a window into the Ship’s crew, and “Explore Old Ironsides,” an in-depth view of the spaces and people who populated USS *Constitution*. With over 120 lessons, activities, games, and primary sources, the K-12 interdisciplinary curriculum is sure to be a hit with your students.

www.asailorslifeforme.org

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“I learned in depth knowledge that I can pay forward to students. I would encourage any teacher to take advantage of these opportunities.” – Teacher Workshop participant

Group Visits

Self Guided Group Visits

Around every corner of the Museum your group will find interactive, hands-on activities and unique objects that interest and engage all ages!

After a welcome and orientation, your group can enjoy self-guided exploration of the exhibits or shop in the Museum Store. Reservations are required.

All Ages | 60 minutes | \$50 | 10-50 people



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Hands-on History

Engage your group in a 20-minute hands-on program with a skilled Educator. Provide your group with an in-depth interpretation that engages learners of all ages. A great way to enhance a self-guided visit! Presentations are followed by 40 minutes of self-guided exploration.

All in a Day's Work: Running a ship like *Constitution* is tough work. Through the study of artifacts, your group will discover what jobs and tools were necessary to make *Constitution* run effectively and efficiently.

A Sailor's Life for Me?: Discover details about life at sea for new recruits aboard USS *Constitution* in the early years of the Navy – the good and the bad. At the end of the program, ask yourself, “Is a sailor’s life for me?”

Constructing “Old Ironsides”: USS *Constitution* earned the nickname “Old Ironsides,” but do you know what gives her that incredible strength? Find out how a unique design, American materials, and hundreds of craftsmen built a national symbol.

Unfurl the Past: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a detective? Your group will use primary sources to uncover the story of *Constitution*'s greatest battles during the War of 1812.

All Ages | 60 minutes | \$100 | 10-50 people

Customized Programs & Guided Tours

Don't see what you're looking for? Contact us to customize a program for your group's individual needs. Set up private talks or presentations on any topic related to “Old Ironsides” history.

Adults | 10-25 people | Customized programs begin at \$150

“I saw how people on the ship lived. I even saw what they wore. It must have been a really hard life, I realize that now.” – 10 year old visitor

Scout Visits

Daisy Scouts

Let us help your Daisy troop complete a petal requirement in a fun and engaging setting! Museum Educators will lead the girls in gallery exploration and two activities designed to complete badges based on the *Daisy Girl Scout Handbook*. Your troop could learn a simple knot, tell *Constitution* stories, make a ship-related craft, and much more! Programs available to complete the Sunny Petal: Friendly and Helpful; Tula Petal: Courageous and Strong; and Gerri Petal: Respect Authority. Badges are not provided.

Daisy Scouts | 60 minutes | \$5/scout | 10-30 scouts

Brownie Scouts

The Museum is proud to offer programs designed to fulfill all the necessary requirements for badges from the *Brownie Girl Scout Handbook*. Girls will be engaged in a variety of activities and explore the galleries with a Museum Educator. Badges are not provided.



Citizen: Celebrating Community Badge: Your troop will learn to march like an 1812 Marine, hear patriotic songs from Constitution's past, decode signal flags, and learn to fold the American flag. Allow time to visit USS *Constitution* to complete the badge! Ship available November-May on Thursday-Sunday and April-October on Tuesday-Sunday.



Innovation: Inventor Badge: Put on your inventor caps and join a Museum Educator to help solve sailors' 1812 problems. How could sailors move their lunch from one deck to another? Design machines to roll a sailor's hammock as fast as possible by creating lists, brainstorming together, and building prototypes!

Brownie Scouts | 90 minutes | \$7/scout | 10-30 scouts

Cub Scouts

By the end of their visit, your cub scout troop will have earned a belt loop with these programs! Using the *Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program Handbook*, the Museum has designed these programs to allow Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelo Cub Scouts to learn about “Old Ironsides” while earning their belt loops. Belt loops are not provided.

Communicating Belt Loop: Boys in your troop will learn and tell stories of *Constitution’s* past, imagine themselves as sailors in the War of 1812, and create art that reflects their visit to the Museum.

Map and Compass Belt Loop: Naval navigation relied heavily on maps and compasses. In this program, scouts learn to orient a map, make a sextant, and draw their own maps to learn how sailors sailed the seas.

Cub Scouts | 60 minutes | \$7/scout | 10-30 scouts

Scout Days

Throughout the year, the Museum will be offering Scout Days featuring a variety of programs designed to help young and old scouts complete badge requirements. All ages are welcome and the program changes each time. See our website for more details and the schedule for upcoming Scout Days. www.usconstitutionmuseum.org/visit/calendar-of-events



Upcoming Events

School Vacation Weeks

December | February | April

Be sure to visit the Museum during Massachusetts school vacation weeks for special activities and programs. Seasonal programming offers fun for the whole family. See our website for details and hours.

www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild Ship Model Show

February - March

Don't miss this annual favorite! The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild celebrates the masters of model making by exhibiting handcrafted models of all sizes, types, and materials. Marvel at the intricate detail and dedication to the craft. Talk to model makers, take up a scavenger hunt, and build your own paper models!

A Tea Party with your American Girl® Doll

Spring

Join us for our annual Tea Party – dress up, bring your dolls, and enjoy an 1812 afternoon tea! Steep yourself in American history and learn how American Girl®'s newest historical character, Caroline Abbott, exemplified heroism in an extraordinary time. See our website in early spring for more details! www.usconstitutionmuseum.org



Bicentennial Lecture Series

Fall | Ideal for adult audiences

Immerse yourself in the history of “Old Ironsides” with a series of guest lecturers throughout the Fall 2013 season. Learn about *Constitution's* history and the War of 1812 through drink, song, and primary sources! Programs begin at 6:00 and are followed by a light reception. See the Calendar of Events on our website for more information.

www.usconstitutionmuseum.org

Programs at Your Site

Launching to Legend - School Program

Learn about the historic conflicts that led to the founding of the United States Navy, how *Constitution* triumphed in the War of 1812, and how the Ship was later saved from neglect by the American people. Handle replica artifacts and period-style uniforms, role-play with primary source quotes, and much more.

Grades 3-5 | 45 minutes | \$200/program | 10-60 students

A Seafaring Adventure - Library or Family Program

Become a young sailor for a day and see if you have what it takes to set sail aboard USS *Constitution* during the War of 1812. Practice your knot tying, hear stories of bravery, become a powder monkey in battle, make a craft, and much more! This program is designed for children PK-4th grade and their families to enjoy together at the setting of your choice – public libraries, family reunions, corporate events, etc.

Families | 60 minutes | \$150/program (plus travel) | 10-25 people



Guest Speaker/Lecturer

Looking to invite a guest speaker or lecturer to your next event? The USS Constitution Museum is pleased to offer experts in a variety of topics related to USS *Constitution* and the War of 1812. Choose from a list of topics or customize your own with the assistance of a Museum staff member. Rates begin at \$150/lecture plus travel. Call 617-426-1812 x136 to discuss and reserve your event.

“This was one of the best programs we’ve brought into the classroom – so hands-on and fun!”
– 5th grade teacher



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