

Wisconsin Maritime Museum

2026 Education Group FAQs

How can I schedule a field trip?

We welcome educational groups year-round for field trips. Both the museum and the submarine are open throughout the winter. You can request a field trip date by submitting the [Inquire About a Trip Form](#) on our website. Once you submit the form, the Education Team will contact you to confirm your visit details.

We require bookings to be made at-minimum four weeks in advance of your requested date to allow for staffing accommodations. You may book as far in-advance as you would like.

How many people do I need to schedule a tour? Is there a maximum number?

Groups must consist of at least 10 people to qualify under our Field Trip Rates. We are able to accommodate groups of up to 100 people. However, due to space and staffing constraints, larger groups will require more time on their visit. If you have concerns about the size of your group, please contact our Education Team.

What can my students and I expect on our visit?

We offer a variety of options to meet your and your students' needs at the museum. Offered with your visit will be a guided tour of the USS *Cobia*, one educational program of your choice led by a member of the Education Team, and options for self-guided time in the museum galleries. Additional educational programs are available upon request, at an extra \$4 per student. Space for lunch is available upon request at no charge.

The duration of your visit is dependent on the size of your group and the number of programs requested. Each program runs approximately 45 minutes and can accommodate 15-20 students at a time; students can be split into rotations. An example educational visit schedule may look like:

10:00am – 10:15am: Arrival & Intro

10:15am – 11:00am: Rotation 1 (Group 1: Submarine / Group 2: ROVs)

11:00am – 11:45am: Rotation 2 (Group 1: ROVs / Group 2: Submarine)

11:45am – 12:15pm: Lunch

12:15pm – 1:00pm: Galleries

1:00pm: Departure

Members of my group have accessibility concerns. Is there anything I should be aware of?

All areas of the museum are accessible by wheelchair and stroller. There are elevators located throughout the museum to enter the Lower Galleries and Roof Deck. Tours through the submarine are limited to 15-20 people due to space constraints.

Because the submarine is still in much the same condition as it was during WWII and a protected National Historic Landmark, it is not accessible by wheelchair or stroller. There are seven watertight doors guests must climb through, as well as two sets of stairs to take you down into the boat and back out. If you have concerns about accessibility and/or are interested in alternative experience options, please reach out to the Education Team.

For guests with sensory, language, or other needs, you can find a full list of available accommodations [on our website](#). If you have concerns about accessibility, please reach out to the Education Team.

Where can I park at the museum?

There are parking lots located to the East and West of the museum building, as well as across the street from the Museum. There is also limited street parking available. There is no charge for parking. Buses may drop participants off directly at the front entrance. Long-term bus parking is available in the East parking lot.

Is there a space to put strollers, bags, lunches, etc.?

There is limited space available to place personal belongings during your field trip. If you plan to eat lunch at the museum, please indicate that you will need space for lunch. Even so, these spaces are not secured and the Wisconsin Maritime Museum is not responsible for any stolen or lost items.

Is there space to eat lunch at the museum?

We are able to accommodate lunch space in the museum's Riverview Room at any point during your visit, but require this request to be made during the booking process. There are no food services available on-site, but students are welcome to bring their own lunches. We do ask that no food or drink enters the galleries or USS *Cobia*.

What are the educational programming options available? Can they be adjusted to fit my classroom's needs?

Our current educational program options are listed [on our website](#), along with suggested age ranges. The Education Team is working toward adapting these programs to a variety of age groups; most programs can be tailored to your curriculum needs, including topics related to history and science. Reach out to our Education Team if you have specific questions or concerns.

What is the pricing?

In 2026, our standard pricing is as follows:

- Students/Youth: \$6
- Manitowoc & Two Rivers Students/Youth: \$3
- Preschool: \$3
- Teachers/Aides: Free
- Chaperones: \$10

There is a \$50 surcharge for field trips scheduled on weekends (Saturday, Sunday). If you would like to participate in more than one educational program during your visit, this is offered at an extra \$4 per student.

I am looking for financial assistance with my field trip costs. What are my options?

We are dedicated to making our educational opportunities accessible to all. Please inquire about our *All Hands on Deck* fund, which is available to groups that may need financial assistance offsetting admission fees and/or transportation costs. Priority is typically given to Title I schools and schools in the Manitowoc County area, but any school looking for financial assistance is encouraged to inquire about available funds. The Education Team will work with you to ensure you get the most out of your visit.

When is our payment due? Can payment be made over the phone?

Payment is due at the time of your group's visit. Payment can be made on the day of your visit via cash, check, or card. You may also mail in a check prior to your visit or request an invoice be sent.

We are not able to take payment information over the phone. If you have concerns about payment methods, please contact our Education Team for assistance.

Have a different question or need more clarification?

Please contact the Education Team at groups@wisconsinmaritime.org or call 920-684-0218.

Ready to request your field trip date?

Fill out the [Inquire About a Trip Form](#) and our Education Team will be in touch with you!