



Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Field Trip Information

Dear Parents,

In conjunction with our studies of the Chesapeake Bay, the fourth grade will be taking a field trip to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, Maryland on **Thursday, May 30, 2019**. Located about 90 minutes from Forcey, students will enjoy an ecology cruise on the Miles River, where they will do hands on water testing and interacting with marine life aboard the *Winnie Estelle*. They will also do a land based program called Crab Cakes, which involves the bay's impact on our economics as well as some STEM applications such as crab biology and marketing applications. I'm very excited about this trip, which is new to us this year.

Please be at Forcey at 7:15 am as we will be leaving at 7:30 sharp. Please make any arrangements with your car pools if necessary. The tour itself is about four hours long. The travel time is about 2 hours each way. Please monitor the weather as the day approaches, dress comfortably and according to the forecast, and plan to do a lot of walking. Weather not withstanding, we will be eating lunch outside. Please bring a bag lunch and a beverage.

→ The museum likes to take pictures and videos of school groups to promote their facility, and have asked me to sign a form giving them permission to do so. If you do NOT want your child in any photos or videos, please LET ME KNOW so I can put their name on a list of non-releases.

→ Due to limited boat space (32 max occupants) only a limited number of chaperones from each class can go on the boat for the ecology cruise. Only the first 3 parents from each class who sign up online may go on the 90 minute cruise. After that, we can take the first 2 parents who sign up thereafter. For those parents who wish to sign up for the ecology tour, you will need to pay an additional \$9.38. We will handle this by check, payable to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, so we can more easily refund anyone who paid after all slots were filled. It also gives us flexibility if a slot becomes available.

In order to return to school between 3:30-4:00pm, we plan to leave St. Michael's around 2:00pm. To leave on time, we will not be able to make any visits to the gift shop

The cost of the trip will be **\$8.00** for all chaperones. Student costs have already been paid via your activity fee. Please login to Smart Tuition by no later than **May 16, 2019** by 4pm. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting trip!

To sign up for the field trip, please purchase a ticket online **under your own homeroom teacher**.

Link: (you will be sent a link as soon as it is generated by our office staff)

If you have any questions about the field trip, please direct them to your own homeroom teacher.

Kind regards,

Steve Shapero

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Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Trip Agenda

7:25 Board bus, leave for St. Michael's, Maryland

9:00 Stop for bathroom break at the Easton Lowes hardware, (501 Glebe Rd., Easton, MD, 21601 410.690.9061 Mgr: Angelina) for students to use restrooms because they have many stalls. We have permission from the store mgr. Store is right on the way and is 17 minutes from the maritime museum.

9:30 Bus arrives at the maritime museum. Students will stay on the bus until we receive further instructions from the tour guides. **Note: no restrooms are on the boat, so students in Group 1 going on the 10:00 ecology cruise MUST use the restrooms at the bathroom stop around 9:00am!** In fact, all students should use the restrooms at this time since there are so few on the museum campus.

10:00-11:30 Group 1 boards the *Winnie Estelle* for a 90 minute ecology cruise
Group 2 engages the Crab Cakes program

11:30-12:00 Lunch time for everyone & use bathrooms if needed. Note: each restroom has only 1 stall and there are only 2 restrooms on campus.

12:00-1:30 Group 2 boards the *Winnie Estelle* for a 90 minute ecology cruise
Group 1 engages the Crab Cakes program

1:30 Board Bus for home.

1:50 Stop at Lowes for bathroom break, same store as coming down.

3:15 – 3:45 Arrive back at Forcey

4th Grade Field Trip Information

Where: **Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum**

When: **Thursday, May 30, 2019**

Times: **Depart from Forcey 7:30am –
Return around 3:15 – 3:45pm**

How: **Bus or chaperone carpools (if bus is suddenly
unavailable)**

What to Bring:

- **Disposable bag lunch with name on the bag**
- **Beverages**

~~*Those ordering hot lunches this quarter will be provided with a bag lunch and a bottle of water. Hot lunch orders are yet to be determined*~~