



USS HORNET LIVE-ABOARD PROGRAM



GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Availability

The Live-Aboard Program is available year round to families and organized groups. There is a 30 person minimum to book a date without other bookings already scheduled--see calendar online for available dates. All participants must be at least 5 years old.

Insurance

Insurance coverage is already included in the price of Family/Small Group Live-Aboard. All general Adult and Youth groups must provide a certificate of insurance naming the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation as an additional named insured. Scouting groups must provide an approved Tour Plan or Permit ahead of their visit. Siblings or other guests are welcome to attend provided that they are also covered by the group's insurance. Otherwise, the Museum will extend coverage to them for an additional fee.

Sleeping Areas

Each group is assigned bunks in the ship's berthing compartments. While we always try to avoid it, you may share a compartment with another group. Female guests may choose to sleep in a separate compartment. Please be aware that your group may experience normal ship noises such as creaks and groans during the night.

Special Needs

Any special needs or requests must be noted in advance on the group's Official Roster. The USS Hornet will make reasonable efforts to accommodate such requests, but makes no guarantees that those requests will be honored. Guests are welcome to bring items such as CPAP machines, and it is recommended that those guests pack an extension cord.

Allergies/Special Diets

The Live-Aboard program always orders 'nut-free' menus, but makes no guarantees on the part of our caterers. Guests with food allergy concerns are strongly encouraged to pack their own meals. The museum will provide a refrigerator and microwave for your use. Vegetarian meals are available by request in advance.

Please note:

Vegan, Gluten-Free, and Kosher meals are unavailable--please plan to pack your own meals.

Cost of Programs

Family/Small Group Live-Aboard:

\$75 each for USS Hornet Museum members, \$100 for non-members.

Adult Group Live-Aboard: \$100 per person, with a 30 person minimum.

Organized Youth/Scouting Groups: We offer a tiered and discounted rate for organized youth groups and their chaperones: \$50 Monday--Thursday nights, \$60 Friday nights, and \$70 Saturday.

All prices include dinner and breakfast in the original crew's mess hall, tours throughout the ship, a ride in our flight simulator, a frame-worthy certificate of participation and coupon for a future daytime visit, as well as a commemorative patch and year rocker for all youth attending the program.

Arrival Time

Please make arrangements for your group to meet on the pier at the same time. The group leader must arrive on time to receive program instructions. Since the check in briefing and safety drill are an important component of your overnight experience, we ask that everyone in your group plan to be present at the time of boarding.

Weekend schedule (Saturday) Plan to arrive on the pier by 1630 (**4:30 pm**) to board at 1700 (5:00 pm).

Weeknight schedule (Monday--Friday) Plan to arrive on the pier by 1730 (**5:30 pm**) to board at 1800 (6:00 pm).

Special arrangements for late arrivals can be made by contacting the Live-Aboard staff at liveaboard@uss-hornet.org.

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Lockers

A limited number of lockers are available to share in the berthing compartments. Guests may bring locks to secure their personal items. The Hornet Museum is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

What to Bring

The berthing compartments are equipped with covered "racks" with foam mattresses. Each guest should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, toiletries, hand towel, and a jacket and hat in cold weather. Showers are unavailable.

What Not To Bring

Please do not bring unnecessary electronic devices, including hairdryers or laser pointers, weapons, knives or open flame devices including lighters or matches, or alcohol.

Group ID

Wristbands will be issued upon arrival and must be worn at all times while on board the USS Hornet. The wristband identifies you as a Live-Aboard guest, and gives you in and out privileges during museum hours on the second day.

Flight Simulator Tickets

A ride in the Ship's flight simulator is included in your fees. Tickets will be given to the group leader at check in. Please safeguard your ticket! Lost tickets cannot be replaced.

Please Note:

The USS Hornet Museum is a very popular venue and many events take place onboard. It is possible that an event, dance, banquet, cocktail reception, or other function may be scheduled during your visit. On such occasions, your group activities will remain separated from the event area and there will be Security in place to prevent any co-mingling.

Accessibility

Due to the historically authentic nature of the ship, wheelchair and stroller access is extremely limited. Please visit www.uss-hornet.org/visit/access for more information.

Safety Orientation

All participants must participate in a mandatory evacuation drill. Educating late arrivals to the safety regulations is the responsibility of the group's leader. Live-Aboard staff will be happy to assist you with any questions regarding ship's safety procedures.

Emergencies

Hornet staff and security will be onsite and available in case of emergency. After hours or emergency contact can be made by calling the Security Desk at the Afterbrow at (510) 521-8448 x 226

Check In

Overnight guests and their gear are not allowed on the ship before 5:00 pm on Saturdays or 6:00 pm on Weeknights. Guests arriving early who wish to visit the ship before their Live-Aboard begins will be required to purchase a day pass at regular admission prices.

The next day's admission is included in the overnight Live-Aboard package. Plenty of free parking is available across the street at the base of the pier. Guests are expected to carry sleeping bags and gear up the pier, as no private vehicles are allowed to drive up. Guests will be greeted by our Live-Aboard staff on the pier and be brought aboard at the appointed time.

The Live-Aboard Program is conducted in a fun-spirited, organized manner; falling in, stowing your gear, and following orders are all part of this unique and memorable experience.

Adult Leader/Camper Ratio

A minimum of one adult leader is required for every 6 youth guests. We ask that groups with children age 9 or younger be accompanied by an adult at a 1:1 ratio whenever possible. Families with siblings attending are an exception to this rule. For their safety, children must be supervised by an adult at all times.



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SAFETY GUIDELINES

Moving safely through the ship:

Do Not Run! Virtually everything on the ship is made of hard steel. A bump that might be of no consequence at home can result in a real injury aboard the ship. Please be careful! Step through watertight doors one leg at a time and hold onto the frame while doing so.

Do not step on the bottom frame of the knee-knockers--you may slip and smack your head on the upper on the upper doorframe. Step through to the deck on the other side. Do not play with the door levers ("dogs"). If left sticking out into doorways, they can cause injury. Doors are very heavy and have operating mechanisms that can crush fingers. Leave door dogs in the upright and clipped position!

Safety Procedures and Equipment:

There will be a safety Orientation and mandatory Emergency Evacuation Drill shortly after coming aboard. Please make your group members aware of the importance of our safety regulations. There will be little tolerance for guests who disregard the rules. Flagrant violators will be required to leave the ship.

We ask that all guests bring a flashlight with them. When sleeping, place your flashlight near the head of your bunk for easy access. Shoes are not allowed on the bunks. Please place them in your gear bag, on the deck, or in a locker.

When using the companionways (ladders and hatches) please face the ladder and use the handrails if you are not comfortable going down as you would normally descend stairs. Do not climb on anything, including aircraft, and/or maintenance stands, under any circumstances.

Do not run at any time. In the event of an emergency evacuation, walk quickly as directed by those in charge. Our crew can easily be identified by their bright yellow uniforms.

Always watch your footing. Always watch out above for "head-knockers," especially when sitting up in your bunk.

In Case of Fire

All berthing spaces are equipped with smoke detectors. In the unlikely event that the alarm sound, exit using the same route followed during the emergency evacuation drill. You may be directed to alternate routes by ship's crew. Stay calm. Do not run, push, or shove at doorways and hatches. The group's adults are responsible to see that the youth guests get safely out of the space in an emergency. Leave no one behind!

Rocks & Shoals: Live-Aboard Rules for Guests While Aboard the USS Hornet:

1. The USS Hornet is a registered National and State Historic Landmark. She must be treated with honor and respect at all times.
2. While aboard, guests will strive to abide by their individual and organization's highest standards of rules & ethics.
3. Certain areas of the ship are closed for your safety. Guests are not authorized to go into areas designated as off-limits for any reason. Anyone found in these areas will be asked to leave the ship immediately.
4. **No running, pushing, or rough play**--remember that steel is unforgiving!
5. **Adult supervision is required at all times** for the duration of the visit. Adults may not leave the ship without their charges at any time.
6. Tampering with fire alarms, switches, valves, handles, ship machinery, and other mechanical or electrical devices is forbidden. This includes museum exhibits and displays.
7. Backpacks and gear bags may be subject to search. All gear must be removed from the ship by 1000 (10:00 am) the following day.
8. Smoking in unauthorized areas, alcohol, or drug use are not allowed while on the ship. Violators will be asked to leave the ship immediately.
9. Quiet is to be maintained about the decks at all times after lights out at 2300 (11:00 pm)
10. Covers (or 'hats') are to be removed on the mess deck when you sit down to eat.
11. Ghost stories are optional. Please use discretion, especially with younger children.
12. Most importantly, **HAVE A GREAT TIME!!!**



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ORDER OF EVENTS

Weekend Arrivals (Saturday) 4:30 pm

Leaders and their groups should be prepared to check in and organize on the pier by 16:30 (4:30 pm).

Weekend activities begin with boarding at 1700 (5:00 pm)

Weekday Arrivals (Mon--Friday) 5:30 pm

Our *weekday* schedule begins one hour later than our weekend schedule to accommodate rush hour traffic. Leaders and their groups should be prepared to check in and organize on the pier by 17:30 (5:30 pm).

Weekday activities begin with boarding at 1800 (6:00 pm)

Please note the difference in evening start times between Weekend and Weekday Live-Aboards!

The following sample schedule is tentative and is subject to change.

Day 1

1630 (4:30 pm) Weekends / 1730 (5:30) Weekdays

Group Leaders--meet with your group on the pier with your gear. Take a head count and be prepared to advise Hornet crew of any changes such as no-shows, late arrivals, etc.

Hornet Crewmembers will meet with Group Leaders to get final head counts, brief your group on the evening's activities, and take questions

1700 (5:00 pm) Weekends / 1800 (6:00 pm) Weekdays

Begin boarding with overnight gear once ship is secured

Crew Introductions, Orientation, Ship Rules

Set up quarters, stow gear in berthing areas

Mandatory Fire/Safety Drill

Chow Call / Dinner

Tours

Evening program includes either guided or self-guided tours of significant areas of the ship, including the CIC, Bridge, Catapult, Brig, Flight Deck, and other activities. Locations not visited during evening tours will be available either by Docent led or Self-Touring the following day when the museum opens at 10:00 am

(Day 1 continued...)

2200 (10:00 pm) Weekends & Weekdays

Guests may choose to participate in Ghost Stories if offered by our staff in the ship's Foc'sle, watch a historical DVD in the ship's orientation area, or prepare to bed down for the night

2300 (11:00 pm) Weekends & Weekdays

Lights out. All guests retire to quarters for the night. No after hours roaming or touring allowed

Day 2

(AM schedule is the same on Weekends and Weekdays)

0700 (7:00 am) Weekends & Weekdays

Reveille (Rise & Shine)

Pack belongings, clean berthing quarters, receive bunk inspection, and take gear to the Hangar Deck.

Breakfast

Muster out ceremony begins with Presentation of Colors. Junior crew receives a certificate and patch. Adults receive a certificate. Please return all gear to vehicle. **No backpacks are to remain on board after museum opens at 1000 (10:00am)**

1000 (10:00 am) Weekends & Weekdays

Live-Aboard program concludes. Ship's Store opens. Once gear has been removed from ship, guests are welcome to stay aboard to continue exploring the ship.

Sundays Only: 1100 (11:00 am) Church Service. Guests are welcome to attend a non-denominational service in our Chapel.



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LEADER CHECKLIST

The aircraft carrier USS Hornet is one of the best known and most highly decorated ships in the history of the United States Navy. A unique State and National Historic Landmark, she served our country from WWII through the Apollo moon missions and beyond. We proudly welcome your group on board for an exciting overnight experience as our guests in the Hornet's fun and educational Live-Aboard Program.

The following checklist is intended to help you plan your group's overnight stay:

☆ **Review Potential Dates With Your Group**

View the Live-Aboard Program calendar embedded within the online application to choose three dates that could suit your group at:

www.uss-hornet.org/groups/overnight/application.shtml

☆ **Submit Application Online**

Visit www.uss-hornet.org and fill out the Live-Aboard Program application

☆ **Make Deposit/Payment for Reservation**

Once your application has been submitted and your date approved, you will receive an invoice for your deposit. Payments can be made securely by credit card online, or by check. Family/Small Group reservations require all fees to be paid at the time of booking. General Adult and Youth/Scout are asked to make a deposit of \$10 per anticipated guest. It is important to provide an accurate estimation of your anticipated headcount, since we may not be able to accept add-ons' after the fact. All funds received as your deposit will be applied to your final balance. Final payment, as well as your roster and insurance, are due three (3) weeks prior to your overnight stay on the USS Hornet.

☆ **Forward Live-Aboard General Information Packet to Group Members**

Leaders should forward the Live-Aboard Participation Packet to the entire group so that everyone is aware of the rules, schedules, general information, and has a copy of the Dog Tag pre-order forms.

☆ **Dog Tag Order Form (Due at least 1 week before Event for processing by arrival)**

Forward Dog Tag pre-order form to group for processing ahead of time. Pre-ordered Dog Tags will be available for pick during your group's stay. Dog Tags ordered late or during your visit may have to be mailed at the guests' expense.

☆ **Final Payment (Due 3 weeks out)**

An invoice will be emailed to you for your final payment. Payment may be made securely online, or by check made out to 'Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation' or "ACHF" and mailed to the Live-Aboard department at POB 460 Alameda CA 95401. Payment, along with proof of insurance and the group's roster, are due at least three weeks prior to your overnight stay on the USS Hornet.

☆ **Prepare Group Roster (Due 3 weeks out)**

Fill out and return the Official Group Roster. Accurate counts are of great importance when berthing spaces are assigned, and in placing orders with our caterers.

Youth/Scout Group leaders-- Please make sure that you have enough chaperones for your visit. (Whenever possible, a 1:1 adult to child ratio is expected in groups with children ages 5--9, and a 1:6 adult to child ratio for groups with children ages 10+.)

Rosters, along with proof of insurance and final payment, are due at least three weeks prior to your overnight stay on the USS Hornet.

☆ **Liability Insurance (Due 3 weeks out)**

Insurance for Family/Small Groups is included in the price of the Live-Aboard program. Other groups must provide a copy of their Certificate of Insurance. The certificate must list the Aircraft Carrier Hornet Foundation as an additional named insured in the amount of \$1,000,000. We cannot permit your group on board without this certificate. Scouting groups must apply for a tour plan or permit through their council.

☆ **Arrival**

Plan to arrive on the pier as a group by 1630 (4:30 pm) for the weekend (Saturday) itinerary, or by 1730 (5:30 pm) for the weekday (Monday--Friday) itinerary. While your group is getting organized on the pier, take a final head count and be prepared to confirm the number of participants and whether any members of the group will be arriving late. You will then receive a wristband and flight simulator ticket for each of your