

Patriots' Point and the USS Yorktown: Cub Scout Pack 352 Presidents Day Weekend (Feb 18-20, 2006)



<http://www.patriotspoint.org>

- **Mustering at the Patriots' Point Security Gatehouse is on Saturday February 18th at 1730 hours (5:30 PM) – your family is to FIRST check in with Pack 352 trip leader upon arrival. Once everyone is checked in, the trip leader will notify the Public Safety Officer to initiate the process of our group boarding the USS Yorktown. PER PATRIOTS' POINT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES, ALL PACK 352 PERSONNEL MUST UNDERGO THE ORIENTATION PROGRAM AS ONE GROUP, SO ALL MUST BE CHECK IN WITH THE TRIP LEADER BETWEEN 5:30 PM and 5:55 PM.**

- **Make sure to have three documents with you at all times:**
 1. This document
 2. The Pack 352 roster, just so you know who else in our Pack is traveling and attending,
 3. The Patriots' Point "Plan Of The Day" (available at www.patriotspoint.org on Friday); this document tells you EVERYTHING you need to know about where to be for what from the time you arrive until the time you leave.

- **Shore liberty & crew dismissal on Monday February 20th at 0900 hours (9:00 AM)**

DIRECTIONS TO PATRIOTS' POINT FROM Raleigh, NC:

1. I-40 SOUTH about 40 miles to I-95 SOUTH
2. I-95 SOUTH about 200 miles to I-26 EAST
3. I-26 EAST about 50 miles to Charleston
4. I-26 is a major artery flowing into the Charleston area; look for signage leading to Mt. Pleasant, crossing Charleston Harbor on the Cooper River Bridges.
5. Once on the bridges, watch for orange colored signs guiding you to the exit lane for Patriots Point. The exit lane leads to Coleman Boulevard. Shortly after exiting the Cooper River Bridges look for large Patriots Point sign on your right hand side. Turn right onto Patriots Point Boulevard.

You should do your own calculations on how long it will take to get there; mileage appears to be about 296 miles (from Leesville/I-540 to Patriots' Point).

IMPORTANT POINTS for Pack 352 campers:

- **All scouts are to wear Class A uniforms (normal uniforms) while traveling** from Raleigh to Charleston and on the way back. Class B uniforms (i.e., any official "scout" wear like sweatshirts or t-shirts that have scout logos, scout event logos, or "Pack 352") are appropriate at all other times.
- **Any snacks you bring on the car ride cannot be brought onto the Yorktown.**
- **Most of the weekend will consist of your scout & family doing your own thing;** all of the ships have self-guided tours, and there are other scheduled activities on the ship that are optional to attend. Our pack will eat meals together at the same time (three meals are served on board on Sunday, plus breakfast on Monday), and will go on the Sunday excursion at the same time.
- **On Sunday our pack will take an excursion to the South Carolina Aquarium;** this cost for this is included in the \$75 per person trip cost. (<http://www.scaquarium.org/>) Refer to the Patriots' Point "PLAN OF THE DAY" as to what time our excursion will take place; listen at time of boarding regarding instructions for gaining admission to the aquarium.
 - **DIRECTIONS FROM PATRIOTS' POINT TO THE AQUARIUM:** Take the Highway 17/Cooper River bridge (Hwy 17 South) over to Charleston; take the East Bay Street exit, and turn left onto East Bay Street. Turn left at Calhoun Street. The Aquarium parking garage is on the left.
 - **DIRECTIONS BACK TO PATRIOTS' POINT:** Head out west / away from the river on Calhoun Street; turn right on Meeting Street. Follow signs for Highway 17 North/Cooper River bridge. Once on the bridges, watch for orange colored signs guiding you to the exit lane for Patriots Point. The exit lane leads to Coleman Boulevard. Shortly after exiting the Cooper River Bridges look for large Patriots Point sign on your right hand side. Turn right onto Patriots Point Boulevard.

Patriots' Point personnel recommend the following:

Sleeping Bag [some opt for sheets, blankets, etc.], pillow, soap, towel and other personal items
Bring a lock to secure personal items during the day.

Electronic devices are not permitted on board the ship (walkmans, games, etc; adult cellphones are OK). This type of equipment will have to be secured in your locker. No weapons, knives or concealed weapons. Pack 352 is not responsible for any loss or stolen personal belongings, so please bring a lock to secure your personal items.

Numbers at the Yorktown: Camping Office **1-800-248-3508**, Emergency after hours **[843] 860-2345**

MORE PATRIOTS' POINT INFORMATION:

1. Don't forget to check out the Patriots' Point website to orient yourself prior to the trip and to get the "Plan Of The Day." <http://www.patriotspoint.org>
2. All campers are assigned specific berthing quarters and are requested to respect the privacy of other campers by not entering any other berthing quarters. The berthing quarters are heated and air-conditioned. Due to the volume of campers onboard, we cannot guarantee a specific berthing area to any group. We will make every effort to assign your group to an area that will adequately accommodate it. ****PLEASE NOTE-DUE TO THE CONFIGURATION OF OUR BERTHING COMPARTMENTS AND THE NATURE OF OUR PROGRAM, THERE ARE NO MULTI-GENDER CAMPING AREAS. MALES MUST CAMP IN THE AREAS ASSIGNED FOR THEIR MALE CAMPERS AND FEMALES MUST CAMP IN THE AREAS ASSIGNED TO THEIR FEMALE CAMPERS-NO EXCEPTIONS.**
3. The program is open to organized youth groups: scouts, church, school, YMCA, etc.
4. Meals are served "Navy" fashion in the Chief Petty Officers' Mess.
5. No carry-on food or drinks will be allowed. A snack bar and vending machines are available in addition to scheduled meals.
6. Because of the fire code and as stated in a letter received from the State Fire Marshal's office,..."It is required that all persons sleeping onboard participate in a fire drill and physically traverse the escape route"...prior to the first night of their visit. To meet these requirements, all campers and adults must be onboard by 9:00 p.m., with no exceptions. We regret that those individuals who cannot meet these requirements may not camp onboard.
7. You are responsible for your own transportation to all events.
8. Please note that you must adhere to our set program schedule. If you would like to visit other area attractions, you should do so prior to arrival or after departure from Patriots Point.
9. Patriots Point Camp Safety policy restricts campers to ages six and above. Campers 6-10 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Campers 11-17 must have a group adult leader and one chaperone per every 10 campers. Female leaders must be responsible for female participants and male leaders for male participants.
10. Patriots Point has 24-hour security.
11. Due to other activities (banquets, ceremonies) taking place, it is quite possible that your group will be asked to stay clear of an area.
12. If you should need clarification or have further questions, please call toll free 1-800-248-3508 Monday-Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM or E-mail: ppcamping@infoave.net. Visit our Web page at www.PatriotsPoint.org. For more information about reservation [CLICK HERE](#).

Scout and Youth Camping Program

Information at a Glance:

Most frequently asked question: What do we bring with us? Patriots Point provides a bare mattress on the bunk. You provide for your sleeping and personal hygiene needs beyond that. Patriots Points will not provide sleeping gear. Also remember to dress for the weather!! Each person must bring a sleeping bag, pillow, soap, towel, and all other necessary personal effects. Insect repellent is advisable. **Special Note: The bathing accommodations are not for the modest, if you are bothered by group showers, you may want to wake up early.*

Age requirement for campers: All campers, including any siblings that wish to camp onboard and participate in the camping program, must be at least six years old. There are no complimentary admissions for overnight accommodations.

Arrival: All campers and leaders must be onboard NO LATER THAN 9:00 PM. Upon arrival, the Troop/Group Leader should contact the Public Safety Officer, who will be in or near the Security Gatehouse in front of the larger Gift Shop/Ticket Booth building. The Public Safety Officer will contact the Scout Duty Officer via radio to coordinate your boarding the Yorktown.

Transportation of Gear: Due to very restricted parking spaces on the pier as regulated by the State Fire Marshal, troops are required to carry all luggage from the parking area down the 600-foot pier to the Yorktown. Please pack with this in mind.

Importance of arriving as a group: Everyone in a group should plan to arrive at Patriots Point simultaneously. Due to the nature of our Orientation Program, this is a must.

Berthing Areas: All campers are assigned specific berthing quarters and are requested to respect the privacy of other campers by not entering any other berthing quarters. The berthing quarters are heated and air-conditioned. Due to the volume of campers onboard, we cannot guarantee a specific berthing area to any group. We will make every effort to assign your group to an area that will adequately accommodate it.

Orientation Program: The Orientation Program will be conducted by the Scout Duty Officer upon arrival onboard the Yorktown. The rules of conduct, the importance of the Fire Drill, and other standards of behavior are explained.

Regular and Emergency Phone Numbers: The main Patriots Point number is (843) 884-2727. The Camping Office number is 1-800-248-3508 (M-F, 8-4:30). Emergency or after-hours is (843) 860-2345. This is a cellular phone and is answered 24 hours a day by a Public Safety Officer.

Fire Drill: A Fire Drill is mandated by the State Fire Marshal and is held during the evening of your first night onboard. Everyone who camps MUST participate in order to sleep onboard with NO EXCEPTIONS.

Handicapped Persons: The State Fire Marshal has ruled that due to impediments to egress, persons who are physically or mentally handicapped cannot be permitted to sleep overnight on the Yorktown. Please call our Camping Office for more details.

Camping Conduct and Responsibility of Leaders: In general, we are very pleased with the conduct of our visiting camping groups. However, we have had a few isolated cases of willful destruction of property and theft. Such behavior will not be tolerated and violators, along with group leaders, will be held fully accountable for unacceptable conduct and resultant damage. Any individuals caught violating these rules will be asked to leave the ship.

Refund of Money due to overpayment: Troops/groups will be assessed a processing fee of \$10.00 per person for any camper that has paid in full and does not attend.

No carry-on food or drink will be allowed: A Snack Bar and Vending machines are available.

Additional events may be occurring during your stay: As Patriots Point is a nonprofit, non-appropriated enterprise, it is necessary for us to also cater events onboard in order to produce the revenues necessary to sustain the Overnight Camping program. Due to this, it is quite possible that a function, such as a banquet, dinner/dance, cocktails, etc. may take place during your visit. Your group would be asked to stay clear of this area. Please contact the office if this presents a problem.

Plan of the Day: A "Plan of the Day" (POD) can be downloaded from our Web site after 12:00 PM (Noon) on the Thursday prior to your visit. Please note that the mid-week "POD" will vary slightly from the weekend "POD".

For more information: Web site: www.PatriotsPoint.org; E-mail: ppcamping@infoave.net; phone 1-800-248-3508