

Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum, Inc.

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Welcome Aboard!!

The USCG *Mackinaw* WAGB 83 is a 290' Icebreaker that will give your students an educational experience like no other. Let us show you why our ship was such an important part of Michigan's history and the mission of the United States Coast Guard. Her motto is "We Move Ships When No One Else Can"; she truly is an amazing vessel!

Our Educational Tours are specifically designed for all school-age children 3rd grade to secondary level. We offer hands-on activities at various stations aboard the ship where the participants will learn about many aspects of life and work aboard an icebreaking ship.

We customize each Educational Tour to fit the group's age, needs, time frame and the weather. Your tour topics are chosen from the following activities:

- Communication (signal flags, semaphore and Morse Code)
- The Icebreaker *Mackinaw* and shipping on the Great Lakes
- Knot tying
- Safety (PFD and water safety)
- Navigation using marine charts
- Look and Learn (a hunt to find answers to ship-related questions)
- Engine Room tour and how the Mackinaw broke ice

The most comprehensive activity is a complete tour of the ship while answering posted questions along the way. This activity requires 1-1.5 hours and is designed for 4th grade and older and also for groups of 50+ participants.

Groups totaling less than 20 participants will tour with a guide who will present activities throughout the tour. This activity requires 1.5 hours and is designed for all ages.

Plan to be aboard approximately 1.5 hours. As the main group will be split into sub-groups and proceed in a round-robin fashion, we ask that chaperones are available to escort each sub-group. Each sub-group will be limited to approximately 12 people.

For more detailed information, please email lisa@themackinaw.org.

We look forward to welcoming your group aboard in 2018!

Mission Statement: The Icebreaker *Mackinaw* Maritime Museum will collect, preserve, protect and interpret the rich maritime and marine history of the Straits of Mackinac and the Great Lakes. The Museum will feature the USCGC *Mackinaw* WAGB-83 and the important historical and present day contributions of the US Coast Guard on the Great Lakes. The Museum will present the unique maritime history, economy and ecology of the Straits of Mackinac, the Great Lakes and the State of Michigan through engaging and entertaining educational programming and interpretive exhibits.