

YORKTOWN Camping Expectations and Need to Know Info

You will be sleeping on the nation's oldest aircraft carriers, so please be respectful of the museum and its exhibits. This is not a playground and should not be treated as such. It is an honor to be able to share what life on a Navy ship would have been like during her service.

As overnight campers, the SC State Fire Marshal requires that you participate in a MANDATORY FIRE DRILL on the night of your arrival. If you do not participate in the drill, you will not sleep on the ship.

MUSEUM HOURS:

- Patriots Point is open from 9 am to 6:30 pm for visitors. The *USS LAFHEY*, *USS CLAMAGORE*, the Vietnam Support Base, and Medal of Honor Museum all close at 6:30 pm. The flight deck closes at Sunset or when Public Safety considers it a safety hazard. The rest of the *YORKTOWN* is open for touring to campers below decks until lights out at 11 pm.
- The Ship's Store Hours are Mon-Fr 9-5, Sat-Sun 8-5.
- There will sometimes be events on board the *USS YORKTOWN* or on the property. Please stay out of the marked event area.

SAFETY ON THE SHIP:

- The *USS YORKTOWN* is constructed of steel. There cannot be any running or horse play. You can fall and sustain serious injury. Please walk everywhere you go while on the ships and the concrete pier.
- There is a fence surrounding the Flight Deck. It is to keep visitors off the catwalks. The catwalks are 65 feet above the water and at high tide there is only 4 feet of water on the Starboard side. No one is to be on the catwalks. Do not play around the planes, climb on top of the planes, or crawl under the planes. They are historic artifacts and deserve to be treated with care.
- Youth campers are not allowed to go anywhere by themselves. You may use the buddy system, but adults and chaperones must know where you are at all times.

BERTHING AREAS:

- Males are to stay in male berthing quarters and females stay in female berthing quarters. Under no circumstance are you to enter into other berthing compartments, especially those of the opposite sex.
- There is a height requirement for campers sleeping on the top bunks.
- You are assigned a specific section of the berthing quarters. Please do not spread out into an area not assigned to you. Make sure to clean up after yourself. This includes throwing trash away at meal times, leaving your berthing compartment the way you found it, and not leaving your belongings throughout the ship.
- Quiet Hours on the ship are from 11 pm to Reveille. We ask that you refrain from showering during these hours and turn lights off out of respect for the other campers on board.
- Absolutely no food is allowed in the berthing areas. Please keep doors to berthing areas secured at all times. Please leave "Do Not Enter" chains up during ship's operational hours (9:00-6:30pm).

Box Lunches are to be picked up in the area adjacent to the fantail between 10 am and 2 pm. You will need to coordinate as a group on a meeting location and time to pick up lunches. Seating for lunch is limited; you may want to consider the picnic tables in the grassy lot landside or the Wardroom on Tour 5 when the weather is bad.

ALL educational programs will meet in Hangar Bay 1, outside of the Smokey Stover Theater – where the word *YORKTOWN* is painted in yellow. Attend your scheduled programs. Staff members have come to the ship specifically to teach programs, so please be there and be on time.

Formation for Breakfast and Supper will take place in Hangar Bay 3 or as directed by Camping Staff. For these meals, you will be taken down to the Chief Petty Officer's Galley and seated. Meals are served at prompt times; do not be late for your scheduled time.

YOUR ENTIRE GROUP WILL BE EXPECTED TO KNOW THIS INFORMATION UPON ARRIVAL AND WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS CONTENTS. The Camping Office is located on the Starboard side/Hangar Deck level. The Camping Staff is excited to have you on board and is available to answer any questions that might come up.