



## Encampments

Spring encampment season starts the first weekend in April through the second weekend in June. The fall season starts mid-September through the weekend before Thanksgiving. Arrival at the Naval Park for encampments should be between 4:00 and 4:30 PM, to ensure adequate time for check-in, payment of program fees and escort onboard and berthing assignments. Campers sleep onboard the USS Little Rock with a capacity of 250.

Reservations are taken by telephone, please call: 716-847-1773, ext. 27. My email is [Leslie@buffalonaivalpark.org](mailto:Leslie@buffalonaivalpark.org). Cost is \$55.00 per person regardless of age. The \$55.00 buys dinner, breakfast, the overnight, a tour of the Park and Museum. Parking is located on Erie Boulevard at the north end of Marine Drive (we share the lot with the Miss Buffalo cruise boat customers).

### Encampment Night Planning

#### **What to bring:**

Sleeping compartments are CO-ED, and each visitor is responsible for bringing his or her own sleeping items (bag, blanket, pillow, etc.), the bunks onboard do not have sheets or blankets. Also, campers are advised to dress appropriately for the outside weather, during the winter layers are advised. **See note (7) in “Code of Conduct” section.** Remember storage space is limited onboard the USS Little Rock, so pack minimally for your overnight stay. It is also recommended that you bring:

1. Personal toiletries.
2. Appropriate clothing. We recommend no high heels or flip-flops (remember the shipboard ladders are steep and during bad weather can get slippery).
3. Camera, film, and batteries.
4. Specific Special Dietary needs.
5. First Aid Kit, the Naval and Military Park Staff will not dispense any medications or first aid supplies.

*Please remember this is a public museum and park facility. Any garbage generated by the encampment group must be disposed of in the proper containers provided, adopt a “Clean as you go” policy. The Buffalo Naval and Military Park should be left in the same condition as it was found upon the group’s arrival.*

#### **What not to bring:**

None of the below are allowed at the Naval Park during an encampment:

1. Alcoholic beverages.
2. Coolers (unless authorized by Duty Officer).
3. Snacks, chewing gum, etc.
4. Drugs other than those prescribed for the individual by a medical doctor or over-the-counter medication.
5. Knives, Tools or Cutting implements.
6. Appliances, including coffee makers (Coffee and Tea is available on the USS Little Rock) hot plates, stoves, fueled lanterns.
7. Pets
8. Items that may cause damage or injury.



## **Responsibility:**

The ***Duty Officer*** has final say so on all safety-related issues at the Naval Park. Failure to comply with posted rules, directions, or special instructions by any member of an Encampment Group could lead to expulsion of the entire party and forfeiture of the program fees.

## **Safety:**

Please keep in mind several points, USS Little Rock, USS The Sullivans and USS Croaker are naval vessels that were built to defend the United States and were operated by highly trained Naval and Marine Corps personnel. They are not “Cruise Ships” and therefore have many areas that are not “user-friendly”. USS The Sullivans is a National Historic Landmark, and USS Croaker has recently been placed on the National Historic Register and should be respected as such, but ***safety*** should always be the priority while visiting the Buffalo Naval and Military Park. **See note (7) in “Code of Conduct” section.**

## **Safety Brief:**

The Duty Officer will give a Safety Brief explaining the “Do’s and Don’ts”, Basic Park and schedule information at 1730. Locations will be announced.

## **Emergency Fire Drill:**

An emergency Fire Drill will be conducted immediately after the Safety Briefing and participation is mandatory for all overnight encampers.

Smoke detectors are located in each berthing area and in all “common spaces” (heads, mess deck, etc.) and passageways. And are not to be tampered with in any way. If any alarm sounds, follow the procedures listed below:

1. Exit the interior of the ship in a quick, quiet and orderly manner, follow the “Red Lines” (painted on the decks and ladders) up to the main deck and muster in the designated areas by group for head count and evacuation from ship.
2. Do not close any doors or hatches on the ship.
3. Follow all instructions issued by Naval Park Staff; Duty Officer will call 911.

**Remember the adult chaperones in each group spending the night must have control of the overnight encampment younger visitors within their group.**

## **Note:**

***Violation of ANY Safety procedures will be grounds for ejection from the park. The Buffalo Naval and Military Park staff is not responsible for any expense of a person or group associated with ejection or voluntary departure from the Park.***