



USS Pampanito

Overnight Program

When she left Portsmouth, New Hampshire in 1943, the USS Pampanito was a marvel of naval ingenuity--top secret and deadly. The crew who took her West into the Pacific in 1944 represents some of the bravest and most highly skilled men the U.S. Navy has ever known. Tonight, you fill their shoes...

Let us make you and your group the honorary crew of the USS Pampanito for an evening. Rarely does such a rich educational opportunity come in such an exciting package. The Pampanito Overnight Program provides an unforgettable hands-on experience of the remarkable life lived by the men of the Silent Service in WWII.

The dedicated Education Staff will lead dynamic discussions of the science and history of the boat, explaining torpedo technology, submarine navigation and the Pampanito's mission while the group examines related artifacts in and around her. We pride ourselves not only on our dedication to Pampanito preservation and education but on our flexibility and individualized attention to the needs of each group—teenagers and first graders alike will experience a presentation spontaneously crafted to their specific level of understanding. Furthermore, leaders and parents will have access to a wealth of information from staff before and after the program—everyone who spends the night can go away with new insights.

But it is over the course of the evening inside the boat—climbing a vertical ladder into the conning tower or slipping sideways into one of the 36 bunks stacked three high in the After Battery Compartment—that the crew will begin to really feel how life at sea must have been during the Pacific Campaign. You'll step carefully through tiny watertight doors between compartments while the voices of Pampanito veterans describe life and work in each one; you'll set your sights on Fisherman's Wharf and Alcatraz through the crosshairs of a Target Bearing Transmitter on the gun deck; you'll examine torpedo tubes, deck guns, diesel engines and sonar equipment—all up close and personal. And when you've had enough of hands-on experience, the group can enjoy some cocoa in the crew's mess or head forward to enjoy submarine videos (we set out documentaries and blockbusters alike—your choice).

So come down to Pier 45 and show your group that history is more than just endless words and grainy pictures. Words like "courage," "sacrifice" and "ingenuity" seem to crystallize and clarify in the presence of the Pampanito and all she represents. We cordially invite you and yours aboard!

Details

There is a **25 participant minimum** (smaller groups must pay for 25). There are **48 bunks available** on the sub. **We require one adult chaperone for every six children with a minimum of seven adults for any group.**

For 2008, the cost of the program is **\$26 per participant** on Fridays and Saturdays, \$20 per participant on Sundays thru Thursdays. We require a \$300, non-refundable deposit.

Financial aid is available; please inquire.

The program hours are **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.**, although we ask that groups **check in by 7:30 p.m.** to organize parking, paperwork and gear.

Each participant must bring a **sleeping bag and pillow**. The group must provide **snacks and breakfast** for participants, to be eaten in the crew's mess aboard the sub.

Group members must hold a night watch, broken into one-hour shifts—at least one adult must be awake at all times.

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