



Group and Field Trip Suggestions and Guidelines April 20 – 22, 2018

Tall Ships are sailing! We're looking forward to having your group come down to Woldenberg Riverfront Park at the [Audubon Aquarium of the Americas](#). Organized group dates are Friday, April 20, 10am – 12N and Saturday, April 21, 10am – 12N. Here are some guidelines and instructions to help you make the most of your trip:

- 1. Rain or Shine and Rubber-Shoed Shoes:** It took a lot for us to come to New Orleans for the Tricentennial. Please be prepared for alternative weather. That means extreme heat as well. Umbrellas are not allowed to be open on board the ships.
- 2. Event Entrances:** Off Bienville Street or Canal Street. If you are on foot (no bus), enter at either location.
- 3. Group Drop-off location:** From Decatur Street, turn towards the Mississippi River at Bienville Street. Proceed to Front Street to the Audubon Security Booth. Drop-offs only. No parking.
- 4. Parking:** Finding a place to park in New Orleans can be challenging. The closest lots to the event site are listed here: [Premium Parking](#). Also – [City Parking Tips](#). A reserved space in advance is a good idea, but please consider public transportation or ride-share services such as Lyft and Uber.
- 5. Please arrive 30 minutes ahead of your time if you are part of a pre-arranged group.** The waterfront will be a busy place. We will start groups as early as we can.
- 6. Learn about the ships before you arrive:** The ships visiting New Orleans are amazing and they have come a long way so you can see them. You can follow them through the [Hancock Whitney Bank Ship Tracker](#). They are living classrooms, sharing their long histories. The crews will lovingly tell you – if you take care of the ship, the ship will take care of you. A reminder that these ships are also someone's home. Feel free to ask the crews questions. They love to tell their stories. And download the [Teacher Resource Guide](#) for activities.

The oldest ship in the fleet, [Elissa](#) was built in 1877. She spent many years sailing the world's oceans, only to fall into disrepair. Today, she proudly represents the Texas Seaport Museum.

Originally a trawler, the [Picton Castle](#) is now a traditionally-rigged sailing ship known for her long, adventurous voyages. She will embark on her 7th circumnavigation around the world from New Orleans.

Named after the famous commander from the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie, the [Oliver Hazard Perry](#) is the first ocean-going full-rigged ship to be built in the US in 110 years. She is designed to serve both the able and disabled. And her cargo is students of all ages willing to learn about life at sea.

Young at just over 100 years, [Oosterschelde](#) is a three-masted topsail schooner. She is the last remaining representative of the large fleet of schooners that sailed under the Dutch flag at the beginning of the 20th century, a monument to Dutch shipbuilding and maritime navigation under sail.

- 7. How you can help:** The Picton Castle visits schools wherever she goes delivering much needed classroom supplies. She has a very large cargo hold. If you or your group would like to assist, they are accepting everything from pens, pencils, staplers, crayons, rulers, glue, markers, and art supplies.
- 8. Looking for something else to do while on the waterfront?** If you've never been or haven't been lately, now is a good time to visit the [Audubon Aquarium of the Americas](#). *Say hello to the Southern Sea Otters!*
- 9. Plans Change:** If you are part of a pre-arranged group and you cannot make your assigned time, no need to call us. The ships are open to the general public Friday and Saturday, April 21 & 22, 12N – 5pm and on Sunday, April 22, 10am-5pm. Come down another time during the weekend. Messaging available at mail@tallshipsnola2018.com.

See you in April! Fair Winds!