



Santa Maria Crew For A Day Program



Sign on to be part of the Santa Maria Crew For a Day! The Columbus Santa Maria is now offering a 6 hour educational program for groups numbering ten to fifteen. Imagine that you have signed on to be part of Christopher Columbus' crew and it is your job to learn about the Santa Maria and prepare her for her voyage! Learn basic historical sailing skills such as sail and small craft handling, climbing, and preparing an authentic 15th century sailor's meal while wearing 15th century sailor's garb (provided by the Santa Maria). Team work, a spirit of adventure, and a willingness to work hard like a sailor are a must for any participant. This program is for crew members age ten to adult! Groups with students under 18 must have an adult remain on the premiss. Cost is \$20.00 per crew member. Call the Santa Maria Office at 614-645-8760 for more information!

This program is offered Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
11am-5pm with a lunch and snack provided.
Also offered on Saturday and Sunday noon to 6pm with a snack
and dinner provided.



Education Goals and Philosophy:

Your visit to the Santa Maria will include a variety of experiences intended to offer a taste of life aboard a square-rigged ship during the Age of Exploration. We hope to make history come alive for our guests. Life was not easy for sailors on board ship. We strive to guide our guests in restructuring their viewpoint to accept greater challenges and to demand more of themselves. The experiential aspects of the program are emphasized. Teamwork is a necessity. Crews will find that they have to work together and cooperate if they are going to succeed.

We seek to merge living history with hands on education. We combine maritime lore, hard work, discipline and fun into an adventure your crew will never forget.

Sample Itinerary

*11am Orientation tour

11:45 Dress the part! receive costumes for the day

12pm Meet your captain and receive your orders

*12:15 Prepare and enjoy authentic 15th century ship lunch

1:15 Learn about and use sails

2:00 Learn about and use small craft for loading ship cargo

3:00 Quick snack then back to work matey!

3:15 Learn about the ship's rigging up close as you climb aloft: harnesses provided by Santa Maria

4:30 Captain's inspection of ship, review of ship knowledge

4:45 Return to the 21st century (return costumes)

5pm Disembark

*Please note that weekend programs start at noon, end at 6pm, and prepare a dinner instead of a lunch *



Weather Policy

The Santa Maria is an outdoor facility and all activities with this program are done on ship, outside! This means that weather will impact your program. Prepare yourselves as best as possible.

Rescheduling/Cancellation Due to Weather

Weather is a serious threat to our programming. In the situation of extreme weather forecasted for the day of your program, the director, camp coordinator and group leader (Boy Scout, Girl Scout or other) will discuss the weather 24 hours prior to your program. At that time, a decision will be made to proceed or cancel. Cancellation 24 hours before the program will result in a full refund or the choice to reschedule within the current season. In the case of scattered showers, a decision will be made on continuation the morning of your program. If the director, camp coordinator and the group leader make the decision to proceed, the provisions (food) for the program will be acquired and the program will take place. If, after the provisions are purchased and the program is in progress and the weather turns bad, the camp leader and the group leader will make a joint decision on whether to proceed or abort. If the camp is aborted during the first half of the day (within the first 3 hours), 50% of the cost of the day camp will be kept as necessary damages (cost of staffing, food and materials,) and the remainder will be refunded. If cancellation takes place in the last half of the day (last 3 hours), then no refund will be awarded.

Permission/Emergency Contact Forms

All students and adults participating in the program must have their signed Santa Maria permission forms completed before beginning the program. These are to be handed to the Santa Maria Staff upon arrival. No person can participate in the program without one. The forms are available on our website or by request from the Santa Maria Office. Please mention to Santa Maria Staff any nut, bee or dairy allergies before the program begins. All of these things can be found on board.



Adult Participation/Supervision



For programs that include students under the age of 18, an adult from the group must remain at the ship site during the program. The river front is a pleasant place to pass an afternoon. Bring a book, or spend some time getting to know the Santa Maria staff. Adults are welcome to be part of the crew, though they must pay for the program like the rest of the crew and will be treated as just another part of the crew.

What to Wear

You will receive a 15th century style sailor's shirt to wear during your stay at the ship. In addition to this, you will need to wear a plain, image and text free light colored t-shirt or turtleneck shirt, as well as sweat pants or capri length pants that you can get messy. Foot wear must be tie on shoes, **NO** crocs, flip flops or slide on shoes! Depending on the weather, you may need to bring sunblock for warm sunny weather, or warm clothes to wear under your costume for cold weather!



What Not to Wear or Bring



Jewelry

Toys

Weapons: real or toy

Gum, candy, soda pop, etc.

Anything electrical/battery operated: MP3 players, phones, etc. (adults may bring phones, but if they are participating in the program, they need to be turned off)

Watches (sailors did not have them, and they tend to break at the ship)

Sandals, flip flops, crocs, any shoes that does not tie tight to your foot!



Directions to the Columbus Santa Maria

We are located in Battelle Park at the intersection of West Broad Street and Marconi Blvd. We suggest parking for this program at the public parking lot at Veteran's Memorial on West Broad Street north of COSI or public garages at the corner of Spring and Marconi or at the corner of Front and Gay. For more information call the Santa Maria office at 614-645-8760.

