

Frequently Asked Questions

How many people can a Petersburg boat hold?

Our boats can hold a maximum of 49 passengers based on **Coast Guard Regulations**

Is there a size limit for groups?

We work to accommodate groups of all sizes. Large groups are divided into groups of 49 people to ride boats. Groups are organized so that some of the students are visiting the center while others are riding the boat. They will then switch so that everyone can enjoy both the center and the boat. Some very large groups divide their visit into two consecutive days.

How long is the field trip?

One subject field trips (Social Studies or Science) generally last between 2 to 2 ½ hours (including lunchtime). Multiple subject or combo field trips last about 45 minutes to 1 hour longer.

Can we eat lunch at the Augusta Canal?

We have a covered area in the courtyard with benches for students to bring sack lunches. We have a cart available for large coolers and boxes for your convenience. We also carry small snacks, candy, and drinks in the gift shop. Some groups choose to order delivery pizza or boxed lunches from local restaurants. Fat Man’s Mill Café is on campus and can be found at www.fatmans.com.

How much notice do I have to give before I plan to come?

We book field trips all year around. Prime dates fill up quickly so we recommend reservations made 3-6 months in advance. However, we do our best to accommodate even last minute requests.

How much does it cost?

Social Studies with Boat	\$8 per student
Science with Boat	\$8 per student
Social Studies & Science. with Boat	\$12 per student
Social Studies without Boat	\$4 per student
Science without Boat	\$4 per student
Social Studies & Science. without Boat	\$7 per student

What time can we come?

We recommend arriving between 9:30 and 9:45 to promptly begin field trip. However, these times are not absolute; we realize the difficulties of scheduling. We will work with you to best suit your needs.

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If I schedule a certain number of students and then add more, what should I do?

No problem! Just call and update us as changes occur. We must know in advance so we can accommodate your group on the boat(s).

Do I have to pay in advance?

No. You pay on the day of your visit. Once you arrive with your group, the head teacher or chaperone will pay at the front desk. Of course, you do have the option to pay in advance. We do not bill. We take cash, check, or credit cards. Check should be made out to "The Augusta Canal".

Is the boat covered?

No. Our boats are designed to resemble the original Petersburg Boats and do not have covers. We do have umbrellas available but still advise sunscreen and weather appropriate clothing.

What happens if it rains?

Our boats cast off rain or shine. However, if there is thunder and lightening, we will reschedule your trip for a later date.

Do the students have to wear life jackets?

No, the United States Coast Guard deems our boats so safe children are not required to wear life jackets. We do have them available on the boats in adult and child sizes and we are required to demonstrate how to use them in case of emergency before casting off.

Make your reservation today!!!!

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