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Camp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Port \_\_\_\_\_

Dear 'Sailor-For-A-Day' Camper and Family,

Welcome aboard our Sailor-For-A-Day camp! This letter contains important information to help you prepare for this sail.

Enclosed are important documents; Enrollment form, Medical Info & Release form, and an Information & Permission Slip, which must be completed, signed and brought with you to this camp. If you do not bring these with you, you will not be able to board the ship. Do NOT mail these documents to the boat or our office in advance of the camp. You must bring them with you on the day of camp.

Camp begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. so please arrive by 8:45 a.m. so that we can board everyone and be off the dock by 9:00 a.m. A ship must keep to its schedule so if you are only a few minutes late, you may be left behind. The ship will return to the same dock that it departed from at 4:00 p.m.

We have a traditional ship's head (restroom) on the boat with a small holding tank. To minimize use of this facility, please take advantage of a shore-based restroom just before boarding.

#### WHAT TO BRING

- Bring a brown bag lunch. Be sure to bring a water bottle with you as well. We have water coolers onboard to refill your individual bottle but we do not provide cups for drinking.
- Bring a jacket, sweater or sweatshirt even if you think you won't need it. It is almost always colder on the water than on land.
- Also bring a rain coat or poncho of some kind. We will be out all day – rain or shine.
- Be prepared for hot, sunny weather too. Bring sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses.
- Wear comfortable shoes or sandals with heel straps – no leather soles and no flip-flops as they are dangerous on deck.
- You are welcome to bring binoculars and/or cameras if you wish.

We have a small souvenir shop onboard so if you are interested in purchasing something, you will need to bring some money with you. Our souvenirs range in price from \$.50 to \$18.

**The A. J. Meerwald is a very stable ship. Seasickness is rare and we do not recommend seasickness medications. However, if you feel otherwise, you will need to consult with your doctor or pharmacist for such medications. With the exception of general first aid, we will not provide medication to campers. Please also note that seasickness medications must be taken at the proper time (often prior to going out on the water) in order to be effective. Read all directions on your medication carefully.**

The crew of the A.J. MEERWALD is eagerly awaiting this camp. We look forward to sailing with you soon!

Fair Winds,

*Shipboard Program Coordinator*

Enclosures: Enrollment form, Medical Information & Release form  
Information & Permission form



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**Sailor-For-A-Day Enrollment Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Can your child swim? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, at what level? Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Expert \_\_\_\_\_

**Who is authorized (other than legal guardian) to drop off or pick up your child?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information**

**1<sup>st</sup> Contact**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Contact**

Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Name
Relationship To Child	Relationship to Child
Home Address	Home Address
Home Phone	Home Phone
Cell Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Work Phone

## Medical Information and Release Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

### **1<sup>st</sup> Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No(s). \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Health Insurance Information**

Name of Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ Group No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Primary Insured \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any food allergies? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical allergies? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently taking any medications? (Include when, how much, and indication(s) for taking.) Medications must be stored in their original prescription container. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special needs or conditions that may affect your child's participation in the program we should be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent/Guardian Signature Required**

In case of emergency, I authorize the staff of the Bayshore Discovery Project to arrange emergency medical treatment for the above named child at the closest medical facility. I understand that the Bayshore Discovery Project will attempt to contact me prior to any medical treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



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## **Sailor-For-A-Day Information and Permission Form**

**Welcome Aboard!** You will soon be boarding the award-winning Schooner *A.J. MEERWALD*, New Jersey's Official Tall Ship. We wish to acquaint you with our education programs and provide you with the information you will need to have a safe, enjoyable and educational sailing trip. During your time on the schooner, if you have any questions about the boat or something you see, please ask a crewmember. They are there for your safety, education and to make sure you have the best time possible.

**About the Schooner** – The *A.J. Meerwald* is a historic oyster schooner, built specifically for oystering on the Delaware Bay. She was built in 1928 at Charles Stowman & Sons Shipyard in Dorchester, NJ on the Maurice River. The Maurice River Cove, where the Maurice River meets the Delaware Bay, was the center of the prosperous South Jersey oyster industry for many years; at one time as many as 500 boats and 4,000 people oystered on the Bay.

The schooner served as a U.S. Coast Guard fireboat on the Delaware during World War II. After the oyster industry collapsed in the late 1950's, she was converted to clamming. By 1979, she was idle. In April 1996, after an eight-year historically accurate restoration, she began a new career as a sailing classroom on the Delaware Estuary and throughout the region. In 1998, the schooner was designated as New Jersey's Official Tall Ship.

**Safety** – The schooner is equipped with all safety equipment required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the crew is fully trained in its use. The Captain will give a short safety talk before leaving the dock; you **MUST** pay close attention for everyone's safety. There are life jackets onboard for everyone. The Captain will show you where they are and how to wear them.

### **For safety, please obey these rules:**

1. Follow all instructions of the Captain and crew.
2. No running on the schooner docks or anywhere else on the property.
3. Speak quietly and pay attention to what's going on around you. Be especially quiet when the boat is leaving or coming in to the dock.
4. Do not litter! Trash, especially plastic, is dangerous to many animals; birds, fish and turtles can be hurt or killed by it. It is also ugly. We have a "carry in, carry out" policy; please take all of your trash with you when you leave.
5. No gum chewing or smoking onboard.
6. If you break or lose something, don't worry about anyone getting upset however, please report it to a crewmember so it can be fixed or replaced.
7. Do not go below decks except with a crewmember; that space is crew living quarters.

**DO NOT BRING!**  
**Chewing gum - Cigarettes - Illegal drugs - Alcohol**  
**iPods - CD Players - Weapons of any kind, including knives**

**Bayshore Discovery Project Parent/Guardian Permission Form**

I hereby grant permission for (name of minor) \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_ to board the *A.J. MEERWALD* and take part in an educational expedition on the Delaware Estuary and/or its tributaries, other coastal rivers and/or the Atlantic Ocean sponsored by the **Bayshore Discovery Project, Inc.** I agree to release and forever discharge the **Bayshore Discovery Project, Inc.**, their Officers, Board of Trustees, Employees, Agents and Volunteers, the *A.J. MEERWALD* and its Officers, Crew and Volunteers (herein after “Released Parties”) from any and all liability, damages, claims or causes of action, arising out of or in any way connected with the minor’s boarding, participation in the expedition or any transportation or unnamed visitations.

I acknowledge that the **Bayshore Discovery Project, Inc.** and/or a third party approved by the **Bayshore Discovery Project, Inc.** reserves the right to videotape, photograph or record any activity associated with this educational trip for documentary or promotional use.

I further agree to indemnify and hold forever harmless liability, damages, claims or causes of action made or brought by the said minor or by anyone on behalf of the minor as a result of or in any way connected with the minor’s boarding or participation in the expedition. In using Bayshore Discovery Project, Inc. equipment, facilities and activities, the undersigned recognizes and accepts such dangers and assumes full responsibility for such risks and hold(s) Bayshore Discovery Project, Inc. and or their Officers, Employees, or Agents harmless against any and all bodily injury and or property damages resulting from such risks.

**Parent/Guardian Signature Required**

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_