



World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument



Field Trip FAQs

- ✓ **How far in advance do I need to make a reservation?** In order to allow adequate time to prepare a quality visit, we ask that reservations be made at least two weeks in advance. However, if your group doesn't have that much time, we will still do our best to accommodate you. Just let us know ASAP! Education reservations can be made no more than six months in advance.
- ✓ **What days are available?** We have school groups come visit the site nearly every day. The first program begins at 8:00 am, and the final program begins at 3:00 pm. Programs are free of charge when booked via nps_valr_education@nps.gov for the 10:00 am or 1:00 pm programs on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays.

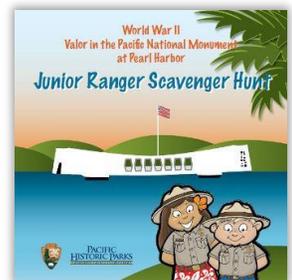
If you'd like a time outside of these six options, you may go to www.Recreation.gov to reserve your tickets (and pay a \$1.50 per ticket convenience fee), or you may try the walk-up option on the day you're planning to attend. If you choose the walk-up option, arrive as early as possible, as tickets are first-come, first-served. If you choose to reserve group tickets online, look for the "Group Sales!" link on the left-hand side of the screen (pictured here at right). This is the only way to reserve up to 65 tickets in one transaction.

Group Sales!



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- ✓ **What's the cost?**
The program tickets themselves have no cost, however, if you reserve them via www.Recreation.gov, you will pay a \$1.50 per ticket convenience fee, as mentioned above. Walk-up tickets or tickets reserved via nps_valr_education@nps.gov are free.
- ✓ **When and where do I pick up our tickets?**
All tickets, whether made via email or www.Recreation.gov, should be picked up at the NPS Tickets and Information Desk at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center at least one hour prior to your program's start time.
- ✓ **Is there a specific education program for my students' grade level?** Not just yet. We are currently developing curricula for both 5th and 10th grades. These curricula will eventually be adapted for 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grades as well. You may also be interested in having your students complete our newly-developed [Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunt](#), designed for students ages 7-12. These should be accessed under the "[For Kids](#)" section of our website and printed before arrival if you plan to use them during your visit. If you have developed your own Pearl Harbor curriculum and would like to share it with us and other teachers, we'd be happy to post it on our site! Contact the NPS Education Coordinator for more details.
- ✓ **How many people can be in a group?** For our dedicated MWF education programs, we can book up to the full capacity of 150 people, depending on availability. For programs available online, up to 65 tickets can be reserved, also depending on availability. Programs may be scheduled 15-20 minutes apart, depending on the day.
- ✓ **How many chaperones will we need?** We recommend a student-to-chaperone ratio of 10:1 or less. The closer you can get to that ratio, the better. All chaperones are expected to closely monitor student behavior, as this is a site that calls for respect and quiet reflection from all visitors, regardless of age.



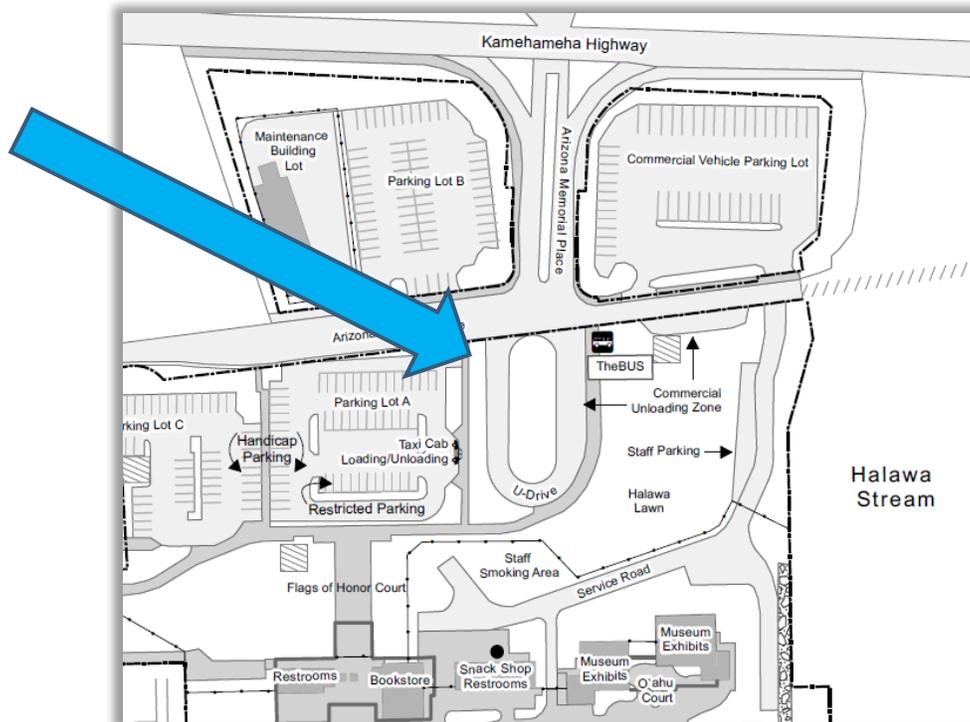
- ✓ **When should we arrive?** Field trips to the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center typically last about two and a half hours, not including lunch or time in the bookstore. It's imperative that you arrive one full hour before your actual program begins. This will allow adequate time to tour the exhibit galleries before your program, which is ideal.
- ✓ **What will we do once we arrive?**

Sample 2.5-Hour Visit Timeline (for the 10:00 am program)

9:00	Students and chaperones arrive, take lunches to Education Building for storage, take any teacher or chaperone bags to be checked and tagged by security
9:05-9:15	Welcome and opening session by NPS Staff* (Lanai behind EDU building)
9:15-9:45	Students look through exhibit galleries, completing Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunts if desired
9:45-9:55	Last-chance restroom and water break
9:55	Line up at theater
10:00	Enter theater (seating available in the first 2-3 rows), program begins – watch film and visit USS Arizona Memorial, completing Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunts if desired
11:15	Return to visitor center, meet at Remembrance Circle for closing session
11:15-11:30	Closing session with NPS Staff* (Remembrance Circle)
11:30	Group breaks for lunch on lanai behind Education Building and/or heads back to the buses for the return trip

**NPS Staff will not always be available, but we will be glad to facilitate opening and closing sessions when possible! You are welcome to use these recommended spaces for your own opening and closings.*

- ✓ **Where do we park and/or load and unload buses?** Please unload (and load) buses at the main U-drive, located directly across from the stop light on Kamehameha Highway once you turn onto Arizona Memorial Place. (See map below.)



- ✓ **What should we bring?** Bags are not permitted in the visitor center, but we understand that school groups may have special needs. Teachers and chaperones may bring bags for emergency medical needs (inhalers, epi pens, etc.), but they will need to be inspected and tagged by security upon arrival, before the actual visit begins.

- ✓ **What about lunch?** We have coolers available in our education building that can be used to store sack lunches while you're exploring the site. Lunch bags are all subject to inspection upon arrival, so clear lunch bags are preferred. Please ask a ranger at the front desk for access to the building for storage.
 - ✓ **What should we *not* bring?** While cameras are encouraged, out of respect, the use of cell phones and MP3 players is not permitted during the USS *Arizona* Memorial tour. It's best to ask students to leave those items at home.
 - ✓ **What should we wear?** Students should dress for the weather. Sunscreen and comfortable (yet appropriate) clothing is recommended. Closed-toe shoes are easiest for all the walking involved, but they are not required.
 - ✓ **May we visit the bookstore?** The field trip timeline does not include time spent shopping in the bookstore, but you are welcome to do so! If your school has allotted extra time after the field trip activities are completed, students may visit the bookstore. Please make sure that each group of children is accompanied by an adult.
 - ✓ **What are the rules?** Please review the following with your students (and chaperones) before your visit:
 - Listen when the ranger, teacher, or chaperone is speaking.
 - Always stay with your group.
 - Avoid injuries: do not run or climb on any exhibits at any time.
 - Do not feed the birds. Human food can make birds sick and cause them to forget to find their own food. They can bite you, and feeding them often turns them into pests for other visitors.
- Most importantly...
- **Be respectful of the site and other visitors around you.** While we understand that students are excited to be out and about on a field trip, students should be reminded that visiting the USS *Arizona* Memorial is no different than visiting Punchbowl or another national cemetery. This is a site where over 900 men are considered to be entombed, and talking at the Memorial should be kept to a minimum. There should be no running or shouting at any time during the visit. Depending on the nature of your group, you may even choose to ask students to not speak during the tour, unless they're asking a question related to the site. Then, when they get back to the visitor center, they can get back to their regularly-scheduled programming. 😊
- ✓ **Who do I contact for more information?** Please feel free to email NPS Education Coordinators at nps_valr_education@nps.gov with any questions or concerns you may have. We will be glad to help you!