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Lighthouse Overnight Adventure reservations now accepted

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD is now accepting reservations for its spring Lighthouse Overnight Adventures program.

Under the guidance of a museum educator, youth group participants experience the rustic life of a lighthouse keeper while spending the night in the historic 1879 Hooper Strait Lighthouse, located on the museum's 18-acre campus along the St. Michaels Harbor.

The program is offered Fridays and Saturdays, April through June and again in the fall, with advanced reservations recommended. Up to 12 children and their chaperones can participate in the program.

Kids ages 8-12 travel back through time to explore the adventurous, exciting, and sometimes dangerous life of a late 19th-century lighthouse keeper.

Through educator-led activities, participants try their hand at the keeper's traditional duties, listen to stories, and discover facts and clues about living in a lighthouse, navigation, and Bay history through games and puzzles.



Built in 1879, the screwpile, cottage-style lighthouse once lit the way past Hooper Strait, nearly 39 miles south of St. Michaels. Slated for demolition in 1966, the museum purchased the building and moved it to its current location—opening it to the public in 1967. The lighthouse is one of only three still in existence on the Chesapeake.

The program fee is \$40 per participant, with 12 children and three adult chaperones participating, or \$600 as a flat fee for any group size. Fee includes a dedicated museum facilitator, the cost of program activities, two days admission to the museum, a souvenir patch, and a scenic river cruise aboard the museum's replica buyboat, *Mister Jim*.

Space is limited, with early, on-line registration encouraged at http://www.cbmm.org/1_families.htm or by calling the museum at 410-745-2916.

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