

Your Kid's Summer Camp Could Visit Sheffield Island Lighthouse

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New this summer, the Norwalk Seaport Association is now welcoming regional organizations that offer summer camps for children to come and visit Sheffield Island and Sheffield Island Lighthouse for an unparalleled maritime excursion.

— *an announcement from the Norwalk Seaport Association*

Preservation of the island and lighthouse as well as offering educational opportunities for children are two of the founding principles that the Norwalk Seaport Association has been founded on.

If organizations and summer camps are looking for a new camp activity that will delight and engage kids of all ages, they should consider renting the Norwalk Seaport Association's vessel the C.J. Toth for an excursion.

The Norwalk Seaport Association has developed two options for camp educators to choose from, both offer an educational and rewarding experience at affordable price points.

A two-hour harbor cruise is scenic, educational, and fun. The vessel will take children out into the outer Norwalk Harbor passing three historic lighthouses and Norwalk's necklace of islands.

The Seaport Association will provide information on each lighthouse as an aide to educators as well as historical information on the area. Cruises can also be narrated by request. On the cruise, children will also see sea birds and oyster boats that will round out this educational eco- experience.

The second option is a cruise to Sheffield Island Lighthouse. Here, children will delve into local history as they explore the island, visit the ten-room lighthouse, and walk the trails of the adjoining National Wildlife

Refuge where they will have the chance to learn about the environment and birdlife of Long Island Sound.

Camp counselors will be provided with historical information on the lighthouse to make for a more engaging experience and tours will be offered. In addition, activities on the island planned by educators could include a picnic, scavenger hunt, or a variety of summer lawn games.

The Norwalk Seaport Association's vessel can carry up to 45 socially distanced passengers and is available for summer and educational camp charters on Mondays and Tuesdays, during the day.

The two-hour harbor cruise is \$500, and the three-and-a-half-hour cruise to Sheffield Island is \$750. To book call the Norwalk Seaport Association at 203-838-9444.

About the Norwalk Seaport Association

The Norwalk Seaport Association was founded in 1978 by a group of local citizens who had the vision to revitalize South Norwalk and preserve Norwalk's maritime heritage. The Seaport Association offers a cultural, environmental, and historical journey to the Norwalk Islands.

The Sheffield Island Lighthouse and the Light Keeper's Cottage provide a unique historical and educational venue that strives to increase awareness, appreciation, and consideration for the environment and how the preservation of historic buildings contributes to our quality of life.

The combination of the Lighthouse and the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge offers an unparalleled opportunity to educate children of all ages and adults about the importance of preserving Long Island Sound, our environment, and our maritime heritage.