



**BROWNIE PROGRAM:  
“Wonders of Water” & “Maryland, My Maryland”**

**The 74-foot, Schooner Woodwind, offers programs for Brownies to work toward their badge requirements while sailing on the Chesapeake Bay**

**Goal:** To educate the girls about the “Wonders of Water” and sailing using an interactive approach while cruising the Chesapeake Bay.

**Availability:** This program is available Monday through Friday during the day and on weekend mornings. If you can fill the entire boat with 48 people, the program is available any time. You must book a Group Sail to be guaranteed the Brownie Program. To qualify for a Group Sail, you will need a minimum of 18 people to reserve your tickets (in advance of the normal 6 days that the general public is allowed) and to do the program. You can include siblings and parents or combine with another Brownie Troop to reach 18 people



**Weekday Daytime:** \$52 Adults, \$49 Students (12-17 yrs.), \$37 Children (11 & under)  
**Weekend Mornings:** \$55 Adults, \$53 Students (12-17 yrs.), \$37 Children (11 & under)  
Rates include soda, snack, tax and gratuity.

**Child & Student Tickets include Schooner Woodwind Participation Patch**



**We sail rain or shine.  
There are no refunds or exchanges  
unless the captain cancels the cruise due to unsafe conditions.**

**How We Teach:** We take an interactive approach in educating the girls about sailing during their two hour cruise aboard the Schooner Woodwind. As with all of our Girl Scout programs, we have the girls break into smaller groups (around eight girls each) to work directly with our crew members. After the safety speech, the scouts will help to raise the sails. Our crew will educate the girls using a questions/answer format. This enables our crew to disperse fun facts and find out the level of interest and knowledge in a fun and interactive way. The girls will cycle through different learning stations and end with the captain who will quiz them on their new found knowledge. The captain will ask a question about the information they just learned and when a girl raises her

hand and gives a correct answer, she will take a turn helming (steering) the boat. It is our intent to offer every girl a turn at the "helm".

### Curriculum:

- **Permission to Board:** We will have the girls ask permission to come aboard the boat. We will tell them where to stow their belongings and what to expect aboard.
- **Staying Afloat:** We will have one of the girls demonstrate to the whole boat how to correctly put on a life jacket and adjust it for their size.
- **All Hands On Deck:** During our safety speech, before we leave the dock, we discuss personal safety, what to do if someone falls overboard, if there is a fire aboard, and how to work the boat systems safely.
- **Hoist the Sails:** The girls will have the chance to raise the sails (all four sails, weather permitting).
- **Wonders of Water:**
  - Why does the water have ripples and waves on it?
  - Where does the water in the Chesapeake Bay come from?
  - Why does the Bay look muddy?
  - What lives in the water we are sailing in?
  - Does the water level always stay the same? Why or why not?



### Sailing ON the water:

- How does a sailboat move without an engine pushing it?
- Why does the boat "lean" from one side to another?
- What are the names of the sails?
- **Maryland, My Maryland:** The girls will learn all about Maryland. This includes the state flag, a brief history of the state, 5 other important symbols of the state and some cool info about the State House.
- **Steering the Schooner:** Each girl will have a short chance to "helm" the boat.

There is so much to see as we sail past the United States Naval Academy into the Chesapeake Bay. Along the way, we point out the interesting sights to everyone aboard.

**Great info to give to the girls before their arrival:** "Parts of the Boat" & "Terms Used by Sailors" which you can find on our website.

**What to Wear:** Since we sail rain or shine, bring gear so you are prepared for the conditions that are predicted ON the water. We recommend layered clothing and *require* soft soled shoes.

**Life Jacket Policy:** According to the Girl Scout USA Safety Checkpoints, they want all girl scouts, adults, and other children aboard a "girl scout" cruise to be outfitted in life jackets. We have purchased Type III lifejackets which are more comfortable for non-emergency use.