

About The Schooner *Sultana*

Built in Chestertown, Maryland, and launched in 2001, *Sultana* is a full-scale replica of a vessel used historically by the British Royal Navy to enforce the hated “tea taxes” in the American colonies between 1768 and 1772. The modern vessel functions as an outdoor classroom and laboratory where students participate in a wide range of hands-on activities, focusing on colonial/maritime history and environmental science. Standing on the deck of this magnificent ship, passengers work alongside *Sultana*’s professional crew members to raise and lower the sails, steer at the tiller, and navigate the vessel’s course with 18th-century instruments. They also venture ashore in the ship’s “cutter” to explore the environment—both natural and historic—of the Chesapeake region. For students interested in history, *Sultana* represents one of the most authentically documented 18th century ships in North America. All of the logs kept by the colonial vessel’s commanding officers have survived to the present day, providing a unique window into life aboard ship on the eve of the Revolutionary War. The C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience. This trip is sponsored and run by the C.V. Starr Center, one of Washington College’s three “centers of excellence,” which is dedicated to exploring our nation’s history—and particularly the legacy of its Founding era—in innovative, cross disciplinary ways. From its base in the circa-1746 Custom House along Chestertown’s colonial waterfront, the Center serves as a portal onto a world of opportunities for Washington College students. Special events and free weekend road trips to historic sites around the region draw participants from



many parts of the College, the surrounding community, and beyond. Competitive fellowship programs award students thousands of dollars annually in grant money for independent research, travel, and writing, on topics that have ranged from colonial history in Maryland to expatriate writers in 1920s Paris.



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*Sail the Sultana,
“History on the Water”*

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

This program is limited to the first six participants, first come, first-served. Cost is \$250 (covers meals, accommodations, transportation, and all activities).

On a voyage aboard the 18th-century schooner *Sultana*, students will explore the rich history of the Chesapeake Bay region—from the Native Americans who once fished and hunted along its waterways, to the men and women whose Underground Railroad routes to freedom crossed these woods and marshes. Participants will try their hand at the ship’s tiller, meet a genuine pirate, and face off against each other in a climactic naval battle. In the evenings, *Sultana* will dock at two private residences on the Chester River waterfront for cookouts and games with Washington College upperclassmen and faculty members, sunset canoe expeditions, and opportunities for swimming and relaxing. Participants will sleep in the vessel’s historic crew quarters or—weather permitting—up on deck under the stars. The program is geared toward students with an interest in History or American Studies, although all are welcome to participate.



Sunday, August 17

Shoreline Expedition, Conquest Beach
Town ball Match
Eastern Shore Ghost Stories

Monday, August 18

Sail Training
Meet a Pirate
Fishing and Cookout at “The Reward” (circa 1744)
Night Paddle/Water Fight on Langford Creek

Tuesday, August 19

Sail Chester River
Adventures in History & American Studies
Writing on the Water
Return to Washington College

This is a preliminary, partial schedule and may be subject to change.

The *Sultana* Center

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The Sultana Center is home to one of only a few public, brackish water aquariums on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Sultana’s state-of-the-art aquarium system is home to creatures from the Chester River including perch, rockfish, oysters, catfish, snapping turtles, Atlantic blue crabs and more!

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The Sultana Center is located at 107 South Cross Street in Chestertown and is open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 10am-4pm.