

2017 Thurtell Reunion Activities by the Day

The survey top choices are listed below. You are welcome to do any of the other activities we had in the survey on your own. We will be happy to help you make arrangements.

Monday

US Nautilus Submarine Tour and Museum (morning) (1 hour visit)

Essex Steam Boat and Train Ride at 2 PM – 4:30 PM

Lobster/Clambake (non-seafood options, too) 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Mystic Seaport (10 AM - all day if you'd like)

Thimble Island Cruise (late morning or early afternoon)

Mohegan Sun Casino (bus will pick up from hotel at 5 PM and return to hotel at approximately 11 PM)

Wednesday

NY Yankees (all day)

Mystic Aquarium (morning)

Wineries (afternoon)

Thursday

Hammonasset Beach State Park (morning – stay as long as you like)

Visit a couple of Breweries (afternoon)

Overnight at Camp for Kids who'd like to spend the night in a tent (Adults are needed to help out, too. Children under 7 years old will need an adult family member to join them.)

Throughout the week we will offer games, cards, hiking, letterboxing, campfires with s'mores, and other fun at the Girl Scout Camp.

Scheduled Activity Descriptions – taken from their websites

Monday

USS Nautilus Submarine Tour and Submarine Force Museum

<http://www.ussnautilus.org>

Free

20 minutes away

Go aboard the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine. The Submarine Force Museum, located on the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut, maintains the world's finest collection of submarine artifacts. It is the only submarine museum operated by the United States Navy, and as such is the primary repository for artifacts, documents and photographs relating to U.S. Submarine Force history. The museum traces the development of the "Silent Service" from David Bushnell's Turtle, used in the Revolutionary War, to the Ohio and Virginia class submarines.

Essex Steam Train & Riverboat

<http://essexsteamtrain.com/the-train-boat/>

\$22 adult \$14 child 2- 11 years (under 2 free) – need 20 for group rate 20 minutes away

Since 1971, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat has been escorting thousands of visitors through 13 miles of the scenic beauty of the Connecticut River. The melodic sound of the steam train whistle was once a common occurrence throughout America. Now, there are fewer than 100 steam locomotives in scheduled service in the United States. Two of these "iron horses" operate eight months of the year here at Essex...which is why travelers world-wide consider us one of the most popular attractions in New England. While the living history of our steam train and riverboat, surrounded by the wonder of nature, is enough to complete any visit, there's even more!

Tuesday

Mystic Seaport

<http://www.mysticseaport.org>

\$22 adult \$14 child 6-17 years (under 5 free) – need 10 for group rate. 25 minutes away

The Museum of America and the Sea in Mystic, Connecticut is the largest maritime museum in the world. It is notable for its collection of sailing ships and boats, and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of an entire 19th-century seafaring village. It consists of more than 60 original historic buildings, most of them rare commercial structures moved to the 19-acre site and meticulously restored.

Boat Tour of Thimble Islands

<http://thimbleislands.com/daily-tours/>

\$19 adults \$6 child \$12 Senior (reservations accepted for groups of 10 +). 45 minutes away

Thimble Islands (named for the prolific Thimble Berry, not their size)—a collection of over a hundred islands of various dimensions (only twenty-five inhabited) – some no bigger than a breadbox, others large enough for 32 houses. President Taft summered on Elton's Island and at the height of his popularity, Tom Thumb courted a woman on Cut-In-Two Island. The most popular way to view the islands up close is by tour boat.

Mohegan Sun Casino<https://mohegansun.com>

Transportation = \$35.

20 minutes away

We have reserved a 24 passenger bus. Depart from hotel at 5 PM. Return about 11 PM.

Since we will be arrive by bus and will be there for 5 hours, we will each receive a Mohegan Sun Incentive Package. When we arrive we sign up for the Momentum Card and we get Buffet Voucher (\$25 Value) and a \$15 free bet table games. So, you will end up getting back all but \$5 of your fee.

A world at play and a world to its own, Mohegan Sun, created in 1996 by the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, is one of the world's most amazing destinations with some of New England's finest dining, hotel accommodations, retail shopping, live entertainment and sporting events. Boasting three world-class casinos. More than 300,000 square feet of gaming excitement within three casinos - Casino of the Earth, Sky & Wind, including smoke-free areas. Over 40 restaurants, bars and lounges. The Shops at Mohegan Sun, a 130,000 square-foot retail shopping experience.

Wednesday**New York Yankees**<http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com/>

Ticket price - \$51 per person

114 miles - over two-hour drive

New York Yankees vs. Detroit Tigers. The game begins at 1:05 PM. We will drive to the game. We will carpool and you are responsible for parking fee. If you plan to attend, please email by June 5th to ThurtellReunion@gmail.com as we are buying the tickets now. You can pay by June 30th.

Mystic Aquarium<http://www.mysticaquarium.org>

\$23 adult \$18 child (under 2 free) – need 10 for group rate.

25 minutes away

Mystic Aquarium is an aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut. The Aquarium is one of three U.S. facilities holding Steller sea lions and it has one of the largest, outdoor Beluga whale exhibits in the United States. Special exhibits include a ray and shark touch pool, an African penguin exhibit, and a jelly gallery.

Wineries

30 minutes away

\$12-\$15 per winery – pay winery directly

We will plan our winery tour to hit nearby wineries: Jonathan Edwards, Stonington, Saltwater Farms

Thursday**Hammonasset Beach State Park**<http://www.stateparks.com/hammonasset.html>

\$15/car - pay at beach

25 minutes away

We can visit the beach and swim in the Long Island Sound. Connecticut's largest shoreline park offers over 2 miles of beach to enjoy swimming, strolling along the boardwalk, or just relaxing in the sun and surf.

Breweries

30 minutes away

Varies for samplers/flights \$10-\$15 – pay brewery directly.

We will plan our brewery tour to visit area breweries. Several options, the group can decide.