



## WINDWARD BOUND 2021 APPLICATION

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### INTRODUCTION:

Sail to some of the most beautiful places on the Great Lakes! Learn about the unique freshwater environment of the largest body of freshwater in the world. Character building, confidence boosting, and learning, are three reasons why our programs attract students from around the Midwest.

Windward Bound is a co-ed, live-aboard voyaging experience for teens ages 14 to 18. The teens sail aboard the 85-foot schooner *Appledore IV* or the 65-foot schooner *Appledore V*. During the voyages, we focus on seamanship and freshwater science, which means learning the art of traditional sailing and studying the ecology of the lakes you are sailing on.

As the ships sail between ports, participants stand a regular watch while learning every aspect of running the ships, from navigation to engine checks to meal preparation. Each voyage takes participants on a unique experience determined in part by the destination and the amount of time it takes to reach each destination port.

Students should arrive with an eagerness to learn, a good attitude, and excitement to experience an awesome voyage! They can expect to depart with a new sense of accomplishment, adventure, and some great stories.

*Appledore IV* and *V* are owned and operated by BaySail, a nonprofit organization based in Bay City, MI. BaySail has provided educational experiences aboard its tall ships to more than 48,000 students since 1998. The vessels are inspected and licensed by the United States Coast Guard and meet or exceed the requirements of a traveling camp licensed by the State of Michigan.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The **Windward Bound** program is available to high school students ages 14-18. Applicants should demonstrate a strong interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and enjoyment and experience outdoors and on the water (camping, boating, kayaking, etc).

Applicants should be comfortable making friends, working in small groups and living in a small space. They should be physically and mentally fit, able to swim 50 yards and tread water for 5 minutes. Sailing experience is not required but being comfortable aboard a boat is necessary.

### PROGRAM COST:

*Thanks to the generosity of a small group of benefactors, scholarship funding has been made available for students to participate in a Windward Bound voyage this season.*

Applications will be evaluated on merit and short answer responses. Please ensure to indicate if you have been on board for Windward Bound before or if you have applied to the program before.

## COVID19 PROCEDURES:

BaySail has followed and will continue to follow all CDC guidelines. The crew is isolated together and considered one household. When passengers come aboard for daysails they are required to wear masks and socially distance each household. High trafficked areas, such as ladders, handrails, and heads (bathrooms) are cleaned and sanitized after each trip and every day. Guidelines are constantly evolving and BaySail will as well.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Applications available online at <a href="http://www.baysailbaycity.org">www.baysailbaycity.org</a>
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Applications are due by midnight
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Applicants notified of acceptance status
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trainee Orientation Day, 12:00-3:00 PM
July 18 – 22	Voyage 1 (Bay City, Tawas, Alpena)
July 25 – 29	Voyage 2 (Bay City, Tawas, Alpena)
October TBD	Windward Bound Reunion (Bay City), Time & Date still TBD Downrigging Appledore IV (some students will be able to assist with winterizing the ship)

## TRIP DESCRIPTION:

This year, each of our Windward Bound Trips will be between Bay City, Tawas, and Alpena. Students will quite literally learn the ropes of sailing and can expect to work together to sail the ship to her destinations. While in Tawas students will experience anchoring procedures, sailing our smallboat “Duckslayer”, and even a swim call in beautiful Tawas Bay. Once the ship sails to Alpena, we will dock in the Thunder Bay River alongside the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center for the students to explore. For each voyage we hope to spend one evening of the trip sailing so that students can experience sailing at night and celestial navigation. During the trip, students will participate in every aspect of sailing a ship, which includes swabbing the deck, cooking (with some assistance), and even cleaning the heads. All aspects of the trip are weather permitting, including destinations, anchoring, and sailing at night.

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### SUMMER 2021

Student Name (first & last): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronoun: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a Windward Bound program before? Have you applied to a Windward Bound program before? If so, when?

Please indicate how confident you are in your ability to perform the following tasks or level of interest by ranking yourself on a 5-point scale choosing one answer from: 1 (Not at all confident), 2 (Somewhat confident), 3 (Confident), 4 (Very confident), or 5 (Extremely confident):

<b>Tell us about your abilities:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Personal communication skills (oral and written text)					
Introverted personality					
Extroverted personality					
Setting short term and long-term goals					
Scheduling time for daily tasks and completion of goals					
Swimming in deep water					
Working in small or confined spaces					
Interest in Great Lakes ecology					
Comfort with physical capabilities					
Climbing to tall heights					
Motion Sickness (1 – never, 5 - have it all the time)					

<b>Rank your voyage preferences:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Voyage 1 July 18 – 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Voyage 2 July 25 – 29 <sup>th</sup>		

To help us learn more about you, please answer each question.

1. List any current or previous group involvement and how long you were involved (volunteering, clubs, work experience, sports, outdoor experience, sailing experience, etc.). **Note:** sailing experience is not required to be considered for Windward Bound.
2. Please describe any past leadership experience you have. **Note:** leadership experience is not a requirement for Windward Bound.
3. If you have traveled in the past without a parent/guardian, please describe your experience.
4. What are you most looking forward to and why?
5. What are you least looking forward to and why?
6. Do you have any hobbies or anything that inspires you?

7. What Harry Potter house would you be in? Why?

8. If you could be any animal, what animal would you be and why?

**If you are selected to participate in the Windward Bound program in 2021, you must do the following:**

- Complete a medical information form (must be certified by a physician)
- Attend trainee orientation day on May 1st, 2019 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Provide your own transportation to the trainee orientation day
- Provide your own transportation to Bay City on Voyage Day 1 at time 4pm.
- Provide your own transportation, pick up from Tawas on Voyage Day 5 at time 6-9pm.
- Sign a photo release document
- Attend the Windward Bound reunion event in October

I understand the requirements to apply for this program and certify that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby attest that my child/ward has my permission to participate in the summer 2021 **Windward Bound** program if they are selected.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please be advised that completing and submitting this application does not automatically guarantee applicant will be selected to participate in the Windward Bound program for summer 2021.*

For information about BaySail and its voyaging programs or any questions, please contact:

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**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY, APRIL 21st, 2021.** Send your completed application to **Windward Bound Program**, c/o BaySail at 107 Fifth Street, Upper Floor, Bay City, MI 48708 or by email to [info@baysailbaycity.org](mailto:info@baysailbaycity.org). We would prefer to receive them by email.