

The Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society

Operations and Fee Policy

At the February 9, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors the Board reviewed and adopted the following policy regarding the lighthouse facility consisting of a lighthouse and museum:

A. Operation Season (normal):

1. Facility is open to the Public: See our WEB site at www.geneseelighthouse.org for current times.
2. Dates Open – See our WEB site for current dates.
3. Fee - None on these days however donations will be appreciated.
4. Staff – All Volunteer

B. Operations during Weekdays (except Monday):

Since the facility is not open to the public in this time period it is necessary that arrangements are made to enlist the help of volunteers to accommodate you. Therefore the following procedures are effective immediately.

1. **Groups** ideally shall consist of at least 10 people.
2. **Students:**
 - a. No fee
 - b. May be limited in climbing the tower (See Part C).
3. **Senior Adult Groups:**
 - a. No fee
 - b. May be limited on climbing the tower at the discretion of the tower guide (see Part C)
4. **Teacher Groups:** For teacher groups who are visiting the facility to determine its value as a field trip there will be no fee.
5. **Local Adult Groups and Clubs:**
Fee-\$3.00 per person payable at the time of reservation. The fee will be refunded if the tour is cancelled two (2) weeks before the reservation date.
6. **Non Local Groups** (Such as Elderhostel):
Fee-\$3.00 per person payable at the time of reservation. The fee will be refunded if the tour is cancelled two (2) weeks before the tour reservation date.
7. **Bus Tours and other Commercial Tours:**
Fee -\$3.00 per person payable and is non refundable. A count will be taken when the tour arrives and the tour company fee will be charged to reflect the extra tour members.

C. Facility Rules:

1. Lighthouse Keeper's House (Museum)
 - a. Museum is open to visitors
 - b. 2nd floor closed to visitors (Private Residence)
 - c. Basement closed to visitors
 - d. The lighthouse keeper's house (museum) is NOT wheelchair accessible.
2. Tower:

- a. The tower guide is responsible for the safety of visitors; therefore the tower guide is empowered to either close the tower or deny a visitor the opportunity to visit the tower.
- b. Tower shall be closed during periods of wet weather and also when thunder and lightning are present.
- c. Children must be:
 - (1) At least 7 years of age
 - (2) Over 4 ft. tall
 - (3) Must be accompanied by a responsible adult
- d. Persons not wearing shoes or unsafe shoes, such as flip-flops, shall not be allowed to climb the tower.
- e. Persons with physical infirmities, health issues or fear of heights are encouraged not to climb the tower.

The tower guide has discretionary power to allow some accommodations regarding the rules. If the rules are not followed the Lighthouse Association may be assuming a greater responsibility in the event of an accident.

NOTE:

- 1. The society's tour booking agent has full discretionary power to adjust fees and visitation rules.
- 2. The Board of Directors will review this policy periodically.

Approved by the Board of Directors on February 9, 2006,
Revised 8/4/10 (opening dates/times)