

40 Mile Point Lighthouse Museum Application for Keeper's Program

Thank you for your interest in the Keeper's Program at the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse. Following is a description of the expectations and responsibilities associated with your participation in the program. These guidelines have been established to ensure the smooth operation of the Lighthouse during a very busy season, as well as, to ensure that everyone has a positive experience. Please read the entire form carefully to be sure that this program is right for you.

Few, if any, lighthouses have a program that offers an on location RV campsite where Guest Keepers have the advantage of being able to use their own personal living quarters while, at the same time, experiencing an opportunity to work and live at a historic lighthouse. Keepers will thoroughly enjoy their time spent here, make new friends and have lots of fun but there are many responsibilities that go hand-in-hand with becoming a Guest Keeper.

These responsibilities, such as greeting visitors, operating and managing the gift shop, tower duty and having a general knowledge of the history of 40 Mile Point Lighthouse are more fully explained in the Keeper's Handbook.

The Museum is located within Presque Isle County's Lighthouse Park. The park is open to the public year around, seven days a week from daylight to dusk. Many individuals use the park and the Pavilion for various activities throughout the year. It is common to have school groups, adult organizations, high school reunion parties, birthday parties and wedding parties reserving a time slot to use the park's many facilities. A groundskeeper employed by the county is responsible for the ground maintenance and scheduling the use of the facilities for these various social events. It is not the responsibility of the Guests Lighthouse Keeper.

The Lighthouse museum, gift shop, Glawe School and the Calcite Pilot House are operated and maintained by the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society and are open to the public as follows:

Memorial Day Weekend to Mid-October each year

Tuesday - Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday - Noon to 4 pm

Closed Monday

Mission Statement

The Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and interpretation of Forty (40) Mile Point Light Station. The station is defined as the Lighthouse and its outbuildings, the Calcite Pilot House, the Joseph S. Fay shipwreck, Glawe School and the grounds. Our goal is to create and maintain a nautical museum and to educate individuals or groups about Forty (40) Mile Point Lighthouse and the role that lighthouses in general had in local, maritime and nautical history and other pertinent nautical information.

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Tours of Duty

Ideally four keepers are on duty at all times during operating hours. We request a two week minimum stay. A Society member, or member, will fill in if sufficient help is not available or in case of an emergency situation. All Keepers receive one day off during a week of duty plus the closed day Monday. On occasion, Keepers may be asked to work extra hours to cover a special event. Monday is a change over day for leaving and arriving Keepers.

Orientation Program

All Keepers who are accepted into the program are required to attend an orientation prior to assuming their duties. On the first Tuesday of your tour, all Keepers must arrive for orientation at 9:00 am.

Living Quarters

All Keepers will supply their own self contained RV. There are four (4) fully equipped RV parking spaces located just south of the Pavilion. Personal vehicles are parked with your RV. **If you do not have an RV but have living arrangements in the area, you may be eligible to apply. Please contact us prior to applying.**

Rules and Regulations

Access to Lighthouse Park is from US 23. The entrance to the park is gated and is closed from dusk to 8:00 am. The groundskeeper is responsible for the gate. The gate is not locked. The Lighthouse museum, pilot house, Glawe School and the gift shop are the responsibility of the Keeper. There is a security system which must be deactivated each morning and reactivated at closing each day. You will be given a special code and instructed on the proper use of the security system.

Pets are allowed if they are kept on a 6' leash. It is the Keepers responsibility to clean up after their pet(s) promptly. Pets are not allowed in the museum, gift shop or pilot house.

Smoking is not allowed inside any of the buildings. Excessive use of alcoholic beverages is not allowed in the park.

Campfires

Campfires are allowed in the provided fire rings only. No fires will be allowed if the local fire danger is high (Provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources).

Overnight Guests

You may have overnight guests if you can accommodate them in your RV. Please notify a Society Board Member if your guest(s) will be staying more than one night.

Tents

No tents or additional RV's will be allowed during your stay.

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Application Procedure

Pages 3 & 4 must be filled out completely, signed and returned with the following information:

1. A brief summary listing any experiences you have had working with the public, either as an employee, volunteer or manager.
2. Two personal letters of reference.
3. A telephone interview may be required and will be scheduled upon receipt of application.
4. A \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is required for all Guest Keeper's, new and returning. Two people per application fee. Please make check payable to:

40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society.

Check is to be included when sending the application.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand this entire application, including the Tours of Duty and the Rules and Regulation sections. I understand there is no compensation for this position and also fully understand that, if accepted, I am agreeing to work at the Lighthouse on the days and dates assigned to me for six hours each day. I also understand that I may be required to work extra hours during special, scheduled activities such as the Memorial Day Weekend Open House, the Rogers City Nautical Festival and the Great lakes Lighthouse Festival.

I further understand that some aspects of the responsibilities, particularly providing tower tours, requires good health and the ability to deal with the public and to handle unexpected emergencies. I understand that my duties will include working in the gift shop and performing routine cleaning of the museum, gift shop, Glawe School and the pilot house.

I agree to a personal telephone interview (if required) and to attend the required orientation session. I also agree to work all hours assigned to me if I am selected to be a Guest Keeper.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

This application MUST be signed. Both applicants must sign. Please complete pages 3 & 4 and mail to: 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society, PO Box 205, Rogers City, MI 49779 or Email to 40mkeepers@gmail.com Any questions contact Patrick Williams 907-830-5371 or backup, Leonard Lohman 989-372-6090

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Applicants must have a fully self contained RV. If you have living accommodations in the area, you may be eligible to apply.

PLEASE LIST ALL APPLICANTS. All Guest Lighthouse Keepers must be 18 years of age or older. Children 12 years of age or older may be eligible to accompany their parents or guardians. Please contact us prior to applying.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

PRESENT OCCUPATION _____

RV YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/LICENSE/LENGTH

AUTO YEAR/MAKE/MODEL/LICENSE

REQUESTED RESERVATION DATES:

Two Week Minimum Stay Beginning and Ending on Mondays:

First Choice

Start Date from _____ to _____

Second Choice:

Start Date from _____ to _____