

DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society
2017 Photography Workshop and Lighthouse Keeper Program

Sunday, July 16 through Tuesday, July 18

Information and Application

Could there be a neater place to shoot pictures than from atop a lighthouse to hone your photography skills?

Learn how to capture great images and improve you techniques to make your memories come to life.

Julie Covert will be the instructor for this workshop. She is an award winning and published photographer who lives on Drummond Island, MI. Her award winning photography coffee table book “Art of Winter” has received rave reviews.

The workshop is designed for beginning to intermediate photographers and will give you a better understanding of your camera and how to take great photos that are really meaningful.

With over seven hours of instruction, topics covered will include:

- It does SO much – review your camera's general functions
- Blurry photos? - learn different ways to focus your camera to get sharp images
- How make a photo more interesting and how to get the photo your eye sees
- Too bright? Too dark? Find the right light and color balance
- Julie's “Top Ten Suggestions” for great photographs
- Photo review session – bring 10 images (good and yucky) and we'll discuss why an image works (or not) and how to make it more interesting and worthy of framing.

During this workshop the learning doesn't stop at the end of the lecture. Lots of time will be available for you to practice the discussed topics during your visit. Julie will also be available during your entire stay to answer your questions.

Items to bring are:

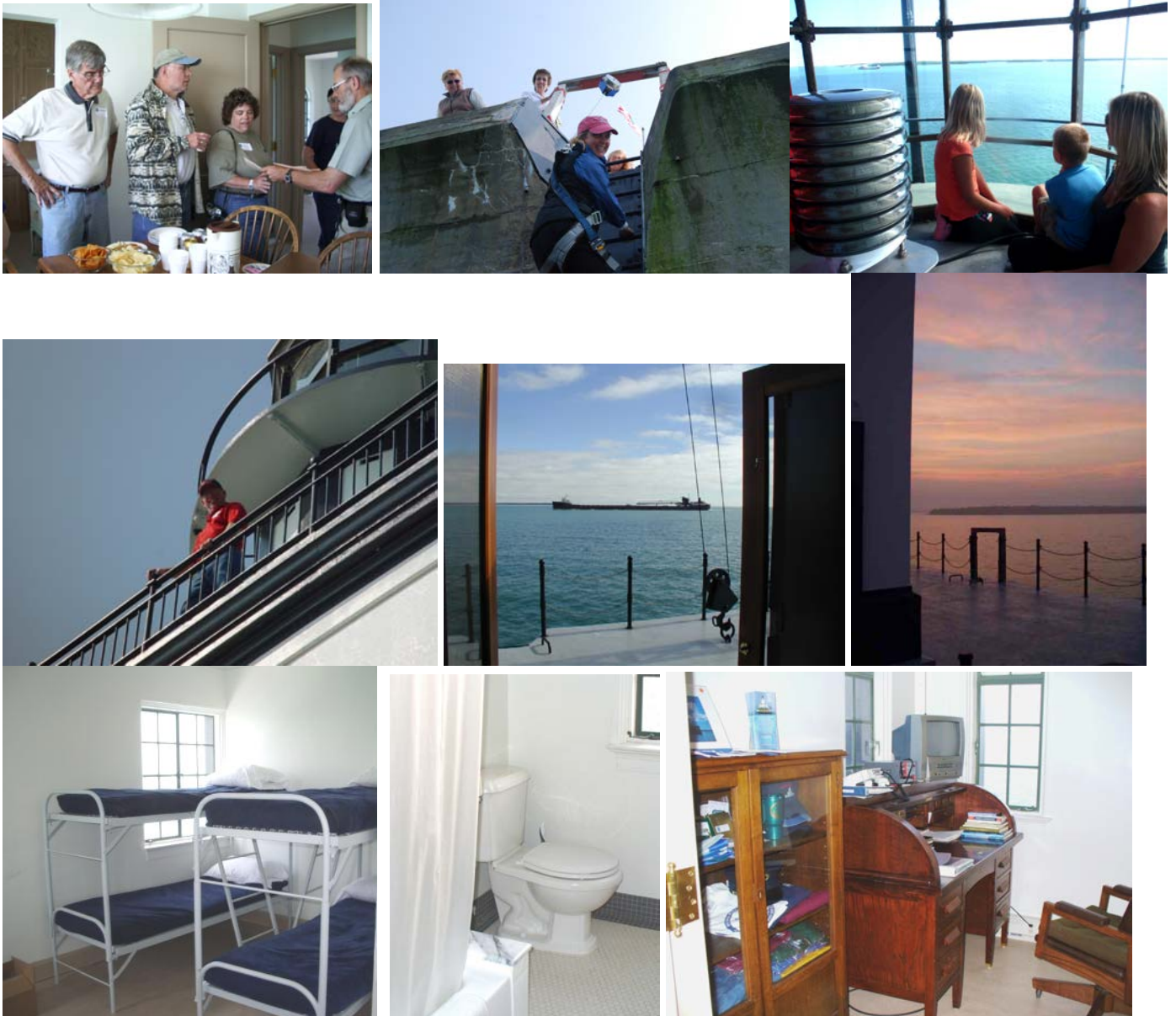
- camera (point and shoot or DSLR),
- camera manual (if available),
- extra batteries, charger,
- extra memory cards,
- tripod, and laptop or iPad (optional).

The group will plan their meals, each sharing in either a meal or a portion of a meal for the group. The exact time of departure on Sunday, July 16th will depend on the Keepers already on the Light, most usually there will be an early afternoon departure for the Light from Fort Drummond Marina. We will then switch places with the Keepers who will leave on our boat. As we are technically Keepers on the Light while we are there, Keeper information is included with this application for the Workshop.

To access the Lighthouse participants must be able to climb a 20 foot ladder that is embedded in the side of the Lighthouse crib while using a safety harness.

The primary responsibilities of Keepers are to clean and do housekeeping on the lighthouse, They must be energetic, be in excellent health, and be able to climb and descend with ease the 20-foot vertical ladders on the side of the pier structure. The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society “Keepers Handbook” which provides specific instructions to keepers can also be downloaded from www.drlps.com

Living Quarters



Access to the Lighthouse is by boat and then climbing a 20-foot vertical ladder recessed into the pier wall. Living quarters are on the second level. There are two bedrooms, one with a double bed and one with two bunk beds. It has a modern bath, an office, a dining/common area, and a small kitchen. Water is filtered and sterilized with a UV purification system. Keepers provide and prepare all of their own food. The quarters

are equipped with dishes, cooking utensils, appliances (coffee maker, microwave, toaster, blender, stove, and refrigerator) and paper products. Six folding canvas chairs are provided for use on the decks. A small bar-b-que is also available on the Lighthouse. Keepers provide their own sleeping bag (or sheets and blankets), pillowcases, towels and wash clothes.

Rules

All visitors and keepers must read and sign a “Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk” waiver. Keepers are also required to read and fully understand the DRLPS Keepers Guide. No smoking is permitted within the lighthouse structure. DRLPS members, guests, and visitors are not permitted on the Light except if on the public tour or by the explicit approval of a DRLPS Director. No boats are to secure to the lighthouse as significant damage and injury can result from boats smashing against the lighthouse pier because of boat and freighter wakes. Absolutely no access is permitted to the shelf on the exterior of the lantern. Access to the exterior deck at the watch room level (just below the lantern) will be prohibited during periods of rain and high winds. The Light and living quarters must be cleaned up and all trash removed when Keepers complete their program. Additional rules and requirements are included in the Keepers Guide and should be reviewed as part of your application process.



Keeper Experience

There are few lighthouses that have Keeper programs that offer the participants an opportunity to live in an historic lighthouse and DeTour Reef Light is believed to be the first offshore lighthouse with such a program. Working as a Keeper is a very rewarding experience. The view from the tower is spectacular. All shipping between Lake Superior and the lower Lakes pass DeTour Reef Light as well as a large number of pleasure boats. Although Keepers may thoroughly enjoy the time they spend here, make new friends and walk in the footsteps of past keepers, there are also housekeeping responsibilities.

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Applicants must complete, sign, and return this application (2 pages) and the Release of Liability forms.

Please list the names of the applicant(s). All Lighthouse Keepers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The accompanying parent or legal must sign our assumption of risk and waiver of liability for minors. Specific departure and return information will be provided to all applicants after the application has been received. Applicants are encouraged to lock in their seat in the class with payment of the program cost at time of application.

Name (s) _____

Address

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Telephone (cell) _____

E-Mail _____

(Very important as this is our primary way to communicate with you).

I learned about the Photography Workshop from _____

Photoshop Workshop Cost

Before June 1, the cost for the workshop is \$300 for DRLPS members and \$320 for non-members

After that date the cost for the workshop will be \$340 for DRLPS members and \$360 for non-members.

(Family memberships are available starting at \$30.)

The cost includes transportation to and from the light, instructor fees and Keeper expenses. The number of applicants will be limited to 5 with a minimum of 3 participants. Upon sign up, further information will be sent via e-mail containing information as what to bring.

The cost for the Photography Workshop will be due with the application and is non-refundable unless program cancelled by DRLPS. A portion of this contribution is tax deductible as permitted by law.

Registration must be completed no later than Friday, June 16, 2017.

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My signature below indicates that I have read and understand this entire application, including the explanation of Keepers' responsibilities and guidelines. I understand that 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 and participate in the Photography Workshop, and that I will be resident on the Lighthouse without leaving during my service. I understand that some aspects of the Keepers duties require vigorous health, ascending and descending the pier ladders and tower steps and handling unexpected emergencies. I further understand that duties include performing routine cleaning and light maintenance and that any pictures taken in connection with the workshop and lighthouse keeper program, and provided to DRLPS may be used by DRLPS without additional permission and without compensation of any kind.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Application and Release of Liability MUST be signed by all applicants.

Please mail to:

DRLPS
Lighthouse Keeper Program
P.O. Box 307
Drummond Island, MI 49726

For additional information on the Keeper Program:

Keepers@DRLPS.com
www.DRLPS.com
906-493-6609

For additional information on the Photography Workshop:

Julie McKay Covert
Julie@JulieMCovert.com
906-430-5854

DETOUR REEF LIGHTHOUSE ACCESS

Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk

IN CONSIDERATION of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society ("DRLPS") organizing and sponsoring access to and activities ("access") in connection with the DeTour Reef Light, an offshore light station ("light station"), the undersigned agrees as follows:

I UNDERSTAND there are inherent risks in boat transportation, getting on and off the light station, including but not limited to climbing and descending the light station 20 foot ladder, and participating in activities of any manner during the access. No part of the access is monitored by DRLPS and I will be cautious at all times and act prudently and safely during the entire course of the access. (If signing for a minor or other dependent I will instruct such minor and dependent to be cautious at all times and to act prudently and safely during the entire course of the access.)

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO MEDICATION, NO MEDICAL FACILITY, AND NO MEDICAL TREATMENT AVAILABLE AT THE LIGHT STATION, OR DURING ANY PART OF THE ACCESS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that DRLPS did not design the light station and the condition and fitness of the light station is acceptable AS IS. Lighthouse Keepers acknowledge they have been provided a copy of and fully understand all matters contained in the DRLPS Keepers Handbook.

I ASSUME full responsibility for every risk whatsoever in connection with my and such minor and dependent's participation in the access. Such participation in the access is purely voluntary, I represent that I, and such minor and dependent whose name appears below is physically and mentally able to participate in this access, and I agree to participate (and such minor and dependent may participate) in spite of any risks.

THE UNDERSIGNED for myself, and my heirs, assigns and legal representatives, (and those of any minor in my care, and dependent) release and forever discharge DRLPS and all of its agents (including, but not limited to, all directors and officers), successors, and assigns from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action on account of medical condition, injury or death to me (and to any minor in my care, and dependent named below who participates in the access), or damage to property, which may occur from any cause (including, but not limited to, the negligence of DRLPS, or any of its officers, directors, or other agents) in connection with the access.

THE UNDERSIGNED acknowledges that he or she has read, understood and voluntarily signed this Agreement containing the foregoing release of liability and assumption of risk. The undersigned also acknowledges he or she understands that DRLPS has relied upon the release of liability and assumption of risk by me (and for and on behalf of the child named below, as the parent, legal guardian, or adult in care of such child) in organizing and sponsoring the access.

Names: _____
Please Print

Signatures: _____
Date

Names: _____
Please Print

Signatures: _____
Date

Dependent/Minor Names: _____
Please Print

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Guardian, Adult in Care)

Print Name: _____