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Save the Harbor offers free ferry rides for families



BOSTON - Looking for a fun activity for the whole family this summer??

Since 1986, Save the Harbor has taken tens of thousands of children from South Boston to Spectacle Island, and this year, their families can come along for the ride.

"We have the capacity and it's been a very hot summer," said Bruce Berman, spokesman for Save the Harbor.

"Last year, we brought over 25,000 kids out. We want to serve 30,000 kids this year," Berman said.

He said the organization is hosting six free trips to the island on from Aug. 16-18, and from Aug. 23-25.

The ferry travels two miles out to the island, and the ride takes about 15 minutes.

"It's a beautiful ride, there's a terrific view of the harbor and the city," Berman said.

He also added that the island offers a range of activities from swimming to five miles of hiking trails.

However, he emphasized that there are no trash facilities on the island and guests are expected to carry out their garbage.

Berman said his favorite part of being on the 105-acre island is sitting in one of the Adirondack chairs at the Visitor Center looking out over the harbor.

"You truly feel like Boston Harbor belongs you, and it does," Berman described.

The boat will depart from the Seaport World Trade Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m.

Reservations are required. To reserve space, residents are asked to email their name, phone number and the day they would like to visit the island to Amy Gaylord, Youth Program Coordinator, at gaylord@savetheharbor.org.