

# New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

## February Vacation Children's Activities

**Monday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m.**

**What is it?** This activity gives children the opportunity to hold and explore various items that relate to New Bedford history such as baleen, wampum, rope, a perfume bottle, and other things.

**Tuesday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Ranger Stations:** Children will be given a log book of activities that they will complete by visiting various stations within the national park visitor center. The centers will include putting their log book together and using rubber stamps to decorate them, a whale map activity which includes making a compass rose, planning your own whaling town using building blocks, and a whaleship flags activity.

**Wednesday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Whales, Tales, and Sails Story Hour:** A reading of *Moby-Dick*, the pop up book

**Thursday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Henry Box Brown:** The story of Henry "Box" Brown will be told and children will have an opportunity to get inside an exact replica of the box he escaped slavery in. This will be followed by a make and take activity where young visitors make paper cubes and put something they know about Henry Box Brown on each face of the cube.

**Friday, February 25 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Ranger Stations:** Children will be given a log book of activities that they will complete by visiting various stations within the national park visitor center. The centers will include putting their log book together and using rubber stamps to decorate them, a whale map activity which includes making a compass rose, planning your own whaling town using building blocks, and a whaleship flags activity.

**Saturday, February 26 at 10:00 a.m**

**Stories of the Underground Railroad:** Children will listen to stories about escaped slaves who arrived in New Bedford. They will learn about how codes were used to communicate and decode messages using a clothesline and clothespins.

