

# Travel Information

*Please read this information thoroughly and contact our office (626-296-4040) with any questions.*

## Camper Departure Procedures

The camp experience for most campers begins on the boat ride to Catalina Island. For our campers flying in from other areas, please see page 7 in your Summer Camp Handbook for more information on traveling to Los Angeles.

## **Schedule of Events**

3:00 PM	Arrive at Catalina Express terminal in San Pedro (map is in the Summer Camp Handbook)
3:00 PM	Begin check-in procedure
3:15 PM	Campers begin forming cabin groups, meet counselors
3:45 PM	Begin loading boat
4:00 PM	Boat departs for Catalina!

## **Baggage Procedure**

When you arrive at the terminal, pull up to the curb and unload your luggage. Staff members and CITs (Counselors in Training) will be there to assist you. Park in the adjacent lot and follow the signs to the registration area with your camper.

## **Camper Check-In**

There are two stations at the check-in area:

- **Registration:** Check in with our office staff to get your cabin assignment and a name tag.
- **Medications:** Go to this station **only if your child is bringing medications to camp**. Any medication being sent to camp must be turned in at this station. **We will only accept medications in the original container with the camper's name on it.** Please do not allow your child to carry any medication in their luggage.

**\*\*Important note regarding medications:** Please do not send vitamins or over-the-counter drugs with your child. We have an infirmary already stocked with the most commonly used over-the-counter medication and our doctors and nurses will prescribe these as needed. Vitamins will be dispensed as prescription medications.

## **The Terminal**

Parking at the terminal is free for the first hour, \$2.00 for each hour after the first and \$18.00 maximum per day. There is a small snack bar in the terminal as well as restrooms, and tourist information on Catalina Island.

## **Camper Pick-Up Procedures**

These procedures are to ensure the safety of your children. Please read them carefully!

- When you arrive at the boat terminal in San Pedro, please park your car and make your way to the entrance of the terminal. Do not enter the terminal. On your right will be a large, roped off area. There will be two separate lines to gain access to the area.
- **The Quick Way:** To be admitted to the roped off area, you must have photo identification and the card included in this packet. This is your “Fast Pass” to pick up your child! A staff member at the gate will check your photo ID against your Fast Pass and will admit you into the waiting area. **The Fast Pass will be sent to you a week before your child comes to camp.**
- **The Not-So-Quick Way:** If you don't have your ticket, you will be asked to go to a separate line to show photo identification to another staff member. They will then check your child's enrollment form to make sure that you are authorized to pick up your child before admitting you to the waiting area.
- **Another Not-So-Quick Way:** If someone other than you will be picking up your child, you must call our mainland office (626-296-4040) and notify them by the Friday before your camper's return. The person picking up your child will need to go to a separate line to show their photo ID to another staff member at the gate, who will check the ID against the name previously provided by you.

Campers will return to the Catalina Express Terminal in San Pedro at approximately **12:00 noon** on the date indicated on your child's enrollment form. A reminder email will be sent prior to the end of the session. Please plan to be on time to greet your returning camper...they will be excited to see you!

**For safety reasons, you will not be allowed to wait on the dock.** When the boat arrives, the campers will disembark into the waiting area. To help with the overall flow of 150+ campers greeting their 200+ very excited parents, please find a spot out of the traffic pattern for your joyful reunion. You'll have plenty of time while the staff is unloading the luggage.

Luggage will be unloaded to an area outside the terminal. Once all of the luggage has been unloaded, you will be directed to the lower gate of the waiting area (where the campers disembarked from) to pick it up. You can not begin to pick up luggage until it has all been off-loaded. **This process takes time; please be patient!!**

**Please double check the tags on your camper's luggage – many bags look alike.** Please make sure you get all of it! Lost and found items will be stored until the end of September and then donated to a local charity.