



WHALE WATCH/WILDLIFE CRUISE

Dear Chaperone,

Thank you for your participation in this field trip! We are excited you have chosen to help us provide your child and their classmates with a safe and educational visit to the Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary. To be sure you are aware of what's being asked of you, please take the time to read this information, and visit our website as recommended below.

Upon arrival at the harbor, all students and chaperones will receive a safety talk while the teachers take care of the administrative tasks in the office. We appreciate your focus during this briefing, as the crew will be expecting your help during the excursion to keep students mindful of the rules they learn. The more eyes and ears we have on deck, the safer the journey.

The cruises last from 3 - 3½ hours. You should be prepared for the temperature over the water to be 10 - 15 degrees colder than the forecast for the coast. You should also be prepared for the motion of the boat, and consider seasickness precautions if necessary.

Your group will be sharing the boat with other passengers, so anything you can do to help remind students to be good ambassadors for their school would also be greatly appreciated. This includes having them clean up their tables after snack/lunch so that others can use it after them.

Please also be aware that there is limited, if any, cell service on the water, so if you are arranging childcare for other members of your family, you should leave a land-based phone contact with that provider. You are welcome to give the Island Packers number for emergencies only, as they can contact the captain to get a message to you. (805-642-1393)

More information about the trip can be found on our website islandpackers.com. Go to the Education K-12 link and scroll all the way to the right through the additional information for your destination. We look forward to your participation in our Floating Classroom programs and hope that this field trip will create a life-long memory for your family.

Sincerely,

Andrea Mills
Education Coordinator