

Information about the 17th ANNUAL 7th grade Field Trip to CATALINA ISLAND!



**You are ALMOST in 7th grade, and that means that you've
FINALLY reached the age to get to experience Catalina Island
with your classmates! ☺**

General Information: Dates of field trip – Wed. Oct 3 – 5, 2018

Transportation – Charter bus to Long Beach, CA, and then ferry to Catalina Island

Approximate Cost – \$450 per student

Students will miss school on the Wed., Thurs., and Fri. right before fall break. Buses will depart from Copper Ridge at approximately 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday night 10/2/18, and will return at about 11:30 p.m. on Friday, 10/5. We stop for breakfast on Wednesday, 10/3, prior to boarding the ferry and, on the return trip, we will stop for dinner at a restaurant near Indio, CA. The cost for these two meals on the road is included in the cost per student, as are all meals while at Catalina Island Marine Institute, Cherry Cove. The only meal that will be the responsibility of the students is Wednesday's lunch. Students are to bring a sack lunch to eat on the ferry on the way to Catalina Island.

A non-refundable down-payment of \$200 is due on (or before) Friday, May 18, 2018.

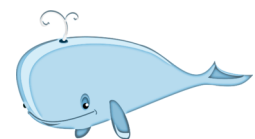
Checks are the preferred method of payment and need to be made payable to Copper Ridge.

Please write student name on the memo line of the check.

PAYMENTS ARE TO BE TURNED IN TO THE BOX IN THE FRONT OFFICE.

****Students must demonstrate good behavior in school prior to the trip****

**If poor behavior warrants that a student be removed from the trip, there will be
NO REFUND of fees paid!**



More information on the back!

Catalina Island is a wonderful place to explore. We will be going to the Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) located at Cherry Cove. We will take a ferry to Two Harbors, CA, and then hike approximately one mile to Cherry Cove. Students will see some of the most beautiful underwater gardens in the world. Your child will embark upon a science adventure that will not only teach marine science, geology, astronomy, and island ecology, but will also stimulate a curiosity for nature as well. Some of the activities will include snorkeling, island ecology hikes, marine biology labs (invertebrate, fish, algae, plankton) astronomy, geology, and ocean kayaking. Students will participate in the various labs and field activities after receiving safety classes and will be under the care and supervision of trained CIMI instructors as well as SUSD certified teachers. (All chaperones will be SUSD certified teachers.)

Every CIMI instructor is an expert diver, biologist, accredited first aid provider, camp counselor, and qualified teacher. The CIMI instructor will lead your child through a discovery of the island and marine environments. A high level of caution and constant supervision is exercised throughout the entire program. Each group of 15 students will have a CIMI instructor, along with a certified teacher. This is an outdoor experience! Students will sleep in tents and must participate in all activities.

Some of our students may need financial assistance for this trip.
If you have the means and would like to donate to the financial aid fund, it would be greatly appreciated. Even an extra \$10 or \$25 would help.
We want all of our students who wish to participate in this experience to be able to do so, and do not want cost to be an issue for anyone!

If you need financial assistance, please contact Mrs. Boepple before May 18, 2018, as we have a completely confidential process in place for determining a means for assistance. Please email Lynda Boepple lboepple@susd.org or call (480) 484-1500 x2404.

There will be an informational meeting for parents when school resumes in the fall!



(Please return bottom portion of this letter with your payment)



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Student Name (please print)	\$200
	Down Payment Amount
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Parent Name (please print)	Scholarship Donation (optional)
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Parent Signature	

☐ **YES, I would like a tax credit receipt**
☐ **NO, I do not need a tax credit receipt**

Deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.
There will be a \$25 fee for any returned checks.
No refunds can be granted if a student is removed from the trip for behavioral reasons!
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