



7th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip
Catalina Island
October 7, 2019 - October 11, 2019

The primary focus of the trip is to create an outdoor educational experience that cannot be replicated in the classroom setting. The visit to Catalina Island has been a long-standing tradition for 7th graders at Huntington Middle School. This opportunity allows students to meet and foster friendships with their peer group. The activities and instructors at Catalina will provide the type of challenging critical thinking exercises that students are accustomed to in San Marino schools. Activities include the study of marine ecosystems through snorkeling, canoeing, nature hiking on the island, squid dissection.

About Naturalists at Large (NAL) in Catalina

NAL is located at Emerald Bay Cove in Catalina, which is known to be the most beautiful cove on the island and is one of the top 10 snorkeling spots in the world. Crystal clear water hosts abundant sea life found nowhere else on the island. Students are guided through a hands-on educational experience. The plankton lab, fish aquariums, shark touch tanks, and invertebrate touch tanks are a few of the amenities that make this an unparalleled research and study center.

NAL employ a staff of instructors and an onsite director for the duration of our stay on Catalina. Each research group of students will be supervised at all times by NAL staff. Additionally, NAL will take site employees, both certificated and classified, including an administrator, for additional supervision. Prior to departure, all chaperones are required to attend a mandatory chaperone orientation and medical training session. Additionally, all students will attend a student orientation outlining expectations for behavior and daily operations.

Students begin each day at 8:00AM and rotate between sessions within their research groups. All students will enjoy an exciting activity each evening like night snorkeling or kayaking. The buses will depart Monday from HMS for a ferry for a ferry in Long Beach to Catalina. Students return on Friday via ferry and bus back to HMS.

Cost Per Student

Parent fees fund this trip. Pursuant to California Education Code Section 35335, fees may be charged for outdoor science camp programs, so long as no pupil is denied the opportunity to participate because of nonpayment of the fee (Education Code section 35335). Furthermore, Education Code section 39807.5(b), (d), and (f) allows for fees to be imposed for an event deemed optional.

The **cost per student is \$800** (payable online, or check made out to **HMS**) and includes but not limited to:

- All meals
- Accommodations
- Access to water sports equipment
- NAL instructors
- Transportation to and from Catalina

Parents who request assistance to pay the fee may contact Michelle Boecking, HMS Account Technician, to develop a payment plan or other option. mboecking@smusd.us (626) 299-7060 ext. 5007

Teachers at Huntington Middle School will provide regular instruction to students not attending this trip.

This packet contains the following forms that must be completed for all attendees unless otherwise stated:

- Temporary Delegation of Parental Rights and Limited Power of Attorney for Consent to Medical Treatment form.
- Behavior Contract
- Medical Form
- Administration of Medication Form (Complete this ONLY if your child must take medication at Catalina.)
- Medication Policy (Read only)
- Packing List for Catalina
- MSA Medical and Release forms

Please submit registration by May 30, 2019.