

## **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION SHEET CAREFULLY!!**

Dear perspective Santa Cruz Island Participant,

This document will give you vital details for the trip ahead.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR TRIP:**

#### **Contact Information:**

- Prior to Friday, September 28th contact Josh Wade at (805) 437-3212 office
- Driving Directions to Island Packers, contact Island Packers at (805) 642-1393

#### **Weather Cancellation Policy:**

In case of unfavorable weather or sea conditions, Island Packers will cancel at 5:30 a.m. on the day of your trip. On the morning of your departure, after 5:30 AM, please call 805-642-1393, Select option 4 and listen to the recorded message for the status of your trip. Island Packers will not call you if trips are cancelled due to weather or sea conditions. During late Fall through Spring bring extra food in case bad weather and/or sea conditions causes delays in scheduled island departure times.

#### **Trip Length:**

We will be leaving from Ventura harbor on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> by 12:00 p.m. and returning on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

#### **Trip Times:**

You must arrive at Island Packers in Ventura harbor no later than 9:30 a.m. The boat will leave at 12:00 p.m., but we will need extra time to check everyone in and collect all the equipment. If you do not arrive by 9:30 a.m., your space for the trip will be forfeited without refund.

**Driving Directions:**

The address for your departure location is Island Packers.  
Address is 1691 Spinnaker Drive #105B  
Ventura, CA 93001  
Phone Number is (805) 642-1393

*From Southbound 101*

- Take Seaward Ave. Exit.
- Turn left on Harbor Boulevard.
- Go approximately 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles, turn right on Spinnaker Drive.
- We are 1 mile in on Spinnaker Drive, on the right.

*From Northbound 101:*

- Take Victoria Avenue Exit.
- Turn left onto Victoria Ave. Go ½ mile, turn right on to Olivas Park Drive.
- Olivas Park Drive takes you to the Ventura Harbor and becomes Spinnaker Drive.
- They are 1 mile in on Spinnaker Drive, on the right.

**TRANSPORTATION TO SANTA CRUZ ISLAND/ ISLAND PACKERS INFORMATION:****Packing for your Tip:**

Island Packers has limitations on size, weight and types of gear that can be transported because of the difficulty of transferring it ashore and the limited storage space on board our vessels. At the islands, all gear must be transported from the vessel by our crew either by shore boat beach landings or lifted up a ladder onto a pier.

**Gear Restrictions:**

- NO ITEM OVER 45 LBS. This includes Ice chest, back packs and food storage containers.
- Each passenger may bring up to 3 items weighing 45 lbs or less per item and one carry-on that must fit under a bench seat.
- Passengers in excess of the 3 item restriction may be charged a rate of .25 cents per pound for additional gear.
- Water containers may not exceed 3 gallons.
- Water will be stored on the deck
- All propane, gases and flammable liquids must be kept separate from gear going below deck. All fuel will be placed in a special container for transport.

**DO NOT BRING - We Will Not Transport the following items:**

- Gear with dangling items attached.
- Carts, Dollies or Wagons
- Items over 45 lbs - Includes ice chests.
- Items stored in paper or plastic bags.
- Items stored in used cardboard boxes.
- Outboard motors, rubber rafts, windsurfers or paddle boards
- Surfboards over 8 feet in length

**Transportation to Santa Cruz Island, Safety Aboard the Vessel:**

Weather in the Santa Barbara Channel is unpredictable and can be rough. The vessel you will be going on is Coast Guard inspected and is operated by an experienced captain and crew. If you come properly prepared you should have an enjoyable trip and one you will long remember.

- Dress as indicated, and bring items you need for the boat ride packed separately as all of your camping equipment will be packed under neither your seating and will not be accessible during the boat ride.
- Every boat has a different motion (pitch and roll). Even if you are experienced on boats, please hold onto hand rails when moving about or standing, and watch how and where you step.
- Island Packers cannot guarantee landing, at times weather and sea conditions prevent it.
- Prepare yourself for the possibility of motion sickness.

**Gear Identification:**

- ALL your gear should be marked with your name and a phone number if you would like it returned if lost or misplaced.
- When your vessel is scheduled for more than one island stop, color tape is used to mark the gear's destination. Island Packers will supply the tape prior to gear loading.
- Outdoor Adventures will supply you with identification tape/ ribbon
- Island Packers does not require color tape for Santa Cruz, Scorpion Cove

Information above provided by Island Packers, please follow the link for more information: <http://www.islandpackers.com/>

**SANTA CRUZ ISLAND SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**For Your Safety:**

- Weather conditions change rapidly; dress in layers.
- There are no supplies on the islands. Take water, food, and other

necessities.

- Watch your stepladders, railings, and stairs may be wet.
- Stay back from cliff edges; they may be crumbly or undercut, a fall could be fatal.
- Do not approach marine mammals, such as whales, seals, and seal lions.
- Check for ticks and watch out for poison oak and cactus.
- Deer mice on the islands may carry diseases, including deadly hantavirus. Avoid all contact with mice and other wild animals. Keep food in rodentproof containers.
- The park is located within a tsunami hazard zone. In case of an earthquake, go to high ground or inland. Visit Tsunami for more information.

### **Clothing and Gear:**

Due to the weather variation on the islands, the landings, and long treks to campgrounds, please follow the regulations and suggestions below:

- Dress in layers. Plan light clothing for warm afternoons and add layers such as long sleeves, jackets, gloves, and hats for cool mornings and evenings. Bring short and long pants, fleece jacket or sweatshirt, windbreaker, hat, sunscreen, and waterproof outer clothing. In addition, visitors should wear sturdy hiking shoes with non-slip soles.
- Pack as light as possible. Concessionaires limit each bag of gear to 45 pounds. Pack food and gear in easily carried duffels, backpacks, or coolers with handles.
- All food containers should be mouseproof.
- Plan meals carefully, keep them simple, and repackage your food at home first to reduce space, weight, and litter.
- Bring extra food in case your return transportation is delayed.
- There is no water available on the island except in the Scorpion Ranch campground on Santa Cruz Island and in the Water Canyon campground on Santa Rosa Island, where some visitors find it has an unpleasant taste. Bring one gallon of water per person per day in containers no larger than 2.5 gallons each.

Information above provided by the National Park Service, please follow the link for more information: <http://www.nps.gov/chis/planyourvisit/santa-cruz-island.htm>