



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

PARKING INFORMATION

Buses and cars can park in the “1550 parking lot,” located beach level just north of the pier and next to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. The parking fee is waived for buses bringing field trip groups to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. **You must tell the parking lot attendant that you are coming for a field trip to the Aquarium in order to have the parking fee for buses waived.** The fee for parking a car cannot be waived, and varies according to the season, ranging from \$8 to \$12 per car.

No buses are allowed on the upper level pier parking lot. Cars may access the pier lot by crossing Ocean Avenue where it intersects with Colorado Avenue and proceed out onto the pier. To reach either lot, please refer to the enclosed map.

SNACKS & LUNCHESES

Eating areas include marine-themed tables and benches on the Pier deck directly above the Aquarium, or picnic on a grassy hillside, near the palm trees just south of the aquarium. Groups are also welcome to picnic on the beach. If you are planning to bring a picnic lunch, please remember to recycle whenever possible and dispose of all lunch trash properly. Also encourage families to pack environmentally-friendly lunches to minimize the trash generated.

There are many snack stands on the pier and boardwalk where groups can purchase food and drinks. You may also pre-order meals from Pacific Park, the amusement park on the upper level of the pier. To order group meals or passes for the amusement park rides, contact Pacific Park by calling 310-260-8744, ext. 253.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

You can expect to go out to the beach for the field portion of your trip as scheduled unless there is a steady rain. If there is a steady rain, the beach portion of the trip will be adapted for our classroom in the Aquarium’s Green Room. **The center is typically completely booked and we cannot honor requests for field trips to be cancelled or rescheduled due to rain. Refunds will not be given if a school chooses to cancel their reservation.**

