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Arrival and check-in Instructions

Following the instructions below will ensure a smooth and efficient start to your program. The cooperation of all adults is requested, in order to prevent unnecessary delays. Please note: We cannot make up time lost due to arrival delays, and therefore in the event of a delay some activities may have to be deleted from the program. The program officially starts at 2:00pm, so please allow enough time to unload and park, but do not go onto the pier itself until the designated program time. We strongly recommend an arrival target time of 12:30pm. You are welcome to visit the Visitor Center (opens at 9:30) and use the restrooms there. If it is raining while you are still in transit, please call our office at 415-292-6664 or the Education Director’s cell at 415-215-6291. It is very important to keep everyone’s gear dry prior to the start of the program.

Arriving by Car

Dropping off students/gear

Please go to the end of Jefferson Street cul-de-sac, turn around and double park (pull over to the right side, so as not to block the fire lane and stay with your car). This allows the students to step off on to Victorian Park without crossing the street. Immediately begin to unload students and gear to the park benches on the south, or grassy, side of Jefferson, once there are sufficient adults to supervise. The park benches are directly opposite the Dolphin Club. Please complete unloading as quickly as possible, as parking here is officially not allowed, (but tacitly condoned for the purpose of unloading). However, if you are asked to move by a park official you must do so, or risk incurring a ticket. The park benches are the best and most convenient assembly point for a host of reasons which will become clear. If you are driving but not chaperoning, please drive away as soon as you are clear of passengers/gear; when picking up after the program is finished, please wait in the cul-de-sac with your car until the students arrive to get in the car.

Parking Cars (for Tall Sailors use only)

A parking map of available permit parking locations is included with your permit (do not park in any metered spaces). If there are no spots available you will need to park in one of the local garages and pay their full rate for parking.

After the cars are unloaded and the students are properly supervised, and using your permit given to you by the teacher, follow the map on the permit to Upper Fort Mason. Park in either section 1 or section 2, and watch for the sign to indicate “2 (or 4) hour parking except with NPS parking permit”. Be sure to display the permit on the dashboard or taped to your back window for easy viewing. Section 3 most likely will not have any available spots, and is the third choice for parking. ***Leave no valuables in your car. ***Once parked, walk back to Victorian Park to meet up with the group.

If you choose to pay full market rate for parking in a nearby garage or lot, you have two options. Proceed to either a paid parking lot on Jones between Jefferson and Beach, or go to the GHIRARDELLI PARKING GARAGE at the corner of Beach and Larkin. Drive up Hyde, take the first right onto Beach and then turn left into the B-3 garage just past Larkin. ***Leave no valuables in your car. ***The parking garage can only accommodate vehicles up to 6’5. The numbers you may need: Garage attendant (the 1st number you should try): 415-861-9568, Garage Manager (if the number above doesn’t work): 415-929-1665, Age of Sail Office: 415-292-6664, Education Director: cell 415-215-6291. Please do not delay in parking your vehicle, as all adults need to be available for the program orientation PROMPTLY at 10:00am.

Arriving by Bus

Buses approaching Hyde from Jefferson can turn left at the corner of Hyde and Jefferson Street where there is a designated bus unloading zone, on the west (right) side of the street. This allows the students to step off on to Victorian Park without crossing the street. Immediately begin to unload students and gear to the park benches on the south, or
grassy, side of Jefferson, once there are sufficient adults to supervise. The park benches are directly opposite the Dolphin Club. Please do not gather under the adjacent trees or around the monument sign. The park benches are the best and most convenient assembly point for a host of reasons which will become clear.

Checking In

About 1350 (1:50pm), begin to gather the crew together with their gear (jackets and lunches), to arrive on the pier at the Education office no later than 1400 (2:00pm). The class should be assembled with their gear, in crews, including Tall Sailors, on Hyde Street Pier on the left side across from the Sea Fox. This is just before the Ticket Booth about halfway out the pier. When everyone is assembled, the teacher should come to the Sea Fox with all the necessary paperwork and inform the staff they are ready. Usually we will watching your group through the window and will be ready for you. While the teacher checks in, an instructor will greet the mates and begin the program.

Unloading Diagram

Driving Directions

From the Bay Bridge – once across the bridge, take the FREMONT STREET exit. Stay to the right lane and follow the sign to FOLSOM STREET. Turn left onto FOLSOM. Take FOLSOM to EMBARCADERO, and turn left. EMBARCADERO becomes JEFFERSON at Pier 39. Follow JEFFERSON, cross HYDE into the cul-de-sac to unload. Do not park in the three spots marked Government Vehicles Only! They have yellow curbs. After unloading proceed to park (see “parking cars” – for Tall Sailors only).

From the South Bay - follow 101 N towards the Bay Bridge. Take the last San Francisco exit: FOURTH ST. / BRYANT ST. Follow BRYANT towards the water. Turn left on EMBARCADERO. EMBARCADERO becomes JEFFERSON at Pier 39. Follow JEFFERSON, cross HYDE into the cul-de-sac to unload. Do not park in the three spots marked Government Vehicles Only! They have yellow curbs. After unloading proceed to park (see “parking cars” – for Tall Sailors only).

An alternate route is to take 280 N until it ends and feeds into KING STREET. KING becomes EMBARCADERO. EMBARCADERO becomes JEFFERSON at Pier 39. Follow JEFFERSON, cross HYDE into the cul-de-sac to unload. Do not park in the three spots marked Government Vehicles Only! They have yellow curbs. After unloading proceed to park (see “parking cars” – for Tall Sailors only).

From the Golden Gate Bridge - follow the signs for the MARINA. Continue down MARINA BLVD. Make a left at BAY ST. Drive 9 blocks to COLUMBUS ST. Make a left on COLUMBUS and an immediate right on LEAVENWORTH (to the right of the small park). Drive 2 blocks to JEFFERSON ST. Make a left. Follow JEFFERSON, cross HYDE into the cul-de-sac to unload. Do not park in the three spots marked Government Vehicles Only! They have yellow curbs. After unloading proceed to park (see “parking cars” – for Tall Sailors only).