



# FRANK J. LAMPING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Current Fourth Grade Students:

Through the Lamping Science Program, the fifth grade students of 2011/2012 school year have the unique opportunity to go to the Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) at Toyon Bay for three days and two nights. The trip will take place Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9, 2011. We have taken groups of students to CIMI several times in the past to culminate an extensive study of oceanography. It is truly a trip of a lifetime, as students will participate in a variety of hands-on science labs, experiments, and classes with touch tanks. The highlight of the trip is when they slide into wet-suits and go snorkeling to see firsthand everything they have been studying in the natural environment of the ocean.

We will meet in the parking lot of Lamping Elementary School on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 a.m. to board chartered buses. We will not wait for students who are late. The buses will take us to Long Beach, California, where we will board a ferry to Catalina Island at 8:30 a.m. The ferry will take us to Toyon Bay, home of the Catalina Island Marine Institute. Students will stay in dormitories on the CIMI campus and all meals will be prepared and provided to campers by the CIMI staff. All instruction at the camp is also provided by CIMI staff. After the last class on Sunday morning, we will board the ferry and come back to Long Beach around 3:00 p.m. The chartered busses will be waiting for us to bring us back to the school's parking lot. Estimated time of arrival back to Lamping is 9:00 p.m.

The cost of the trip will be \$350.00 per child. This price includes transportation, camp fees, lodging, and food at camp. In addition, students will need to bring at least \$20.00 to pay for breakfast Friday morning and dinner Sunday night. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning Monday, May 2, 2011. Payment can be made either online at [LampingElementary.com](http://LampingElementary.com) or personally with our front office staff with a check or credit card. To secure a reservation for your child, a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 must be made. A waiting list will be created after the first 87 students register. The remaining balance of \$250.00 will be due by Friday, September 9, 2011. If full payment is not received by Friday, September 9, 2011 the student will lose their place and it will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

**Please note: In order to attend the trip, students must NOT have a discipline record on file in the front office (i.e. removal from school on an RPC or Suspension) from May 1, 2011 through the date of the trip.**

During the trip, the adult to student ratio will be 8 to one, or smaller. Mr. Solomon, Mrs. Imboden, and Mrs. May will be leading the trip. We will be taking nine other chaperones. Staff members of Lamping Elementary School will have first option to chaperone. If additional chaperones are needed, parents will be asked to chaperone. To express an interest to chaperone during this experience, please e-mail [CMay@LampingElementary.com](mailto:CMay@LampingElementary.com). The cost for each chaperone will be \$350.00.

**To find out more about the trip, we will be holding a parent orientation meeting in the Lamping M.P. Room on Friday, May 6 at 3:15 p.m.** I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Committed to Excellence,

Robert Solomon