



CHANNEL ISLANDS STEWARDSHIP

ADVENTURE AND SERVICE TRIP ITINERARY



Spend spring break working hard and playing hard with new friends on Santa Cruz Island! Working with like minded stewards like you, we will be involved in environmental projects that help restore the balance and protect this unique island ecosystem. We have been given the rare opportunity to partner with Channel Islands Restoration via a grant from the UCSB Community Affairs Board to work on the Nature Conservancy preserve on western Santa Cruz Island. Projects may include trail building, habitat restoration, gardening, and invasive plant removal. You will also have time to hike the island trails, snorkel, beach-comb, relax in camp, enjoy meals with your fellow participants, while we work together to give back to this beautiful island environment. This is a fantastic trip for someone wanting a unique and rewarding kind of spring break experience!

Meeting at UCSB, we will journey together to Ventura Harbor where we will load our gear on a boat bound for western Santa Cruz Island's Prisoner's Harbor and enjoy a scenic ride to the island together. After unloading our gear and setting up our bunkhouse, we will begin our first few days helping to maintain this amazing natural setting so close to home. We have been graciously permitted to make base camp at the UC Preserve Field Station facilities for this once in a lifetime opportunity. At the end of the fifth day, we will camp in the backcountry to rest up for a trans-island backpack to the eastern portion of the island. There, we will stay two nights camping at the National Park and take a kayak tour with SB Adventure Company before returning via Island Packers back to the mainland. Prepare for island life!

Minimum Experience Level: Good physical fitness, volunteer spirit.

Sample Itinerary (Subject to change due to weather, conditions, and other unintended changes):

Day 1: Drive to Ventura Harbor from UCSB. Island Packers Boat to Island. After arriving at the island at Prisoner's Harbor, we will unload our gear, drive to the Field Station, settle in and spend the rest of the day performing service work in the interpretive garden followed by showers, dinner, clean-up and a Channel Islands presentation.

Day 2: Channel Islands Restoration projects on Nature Conservancy preserve – Chapel Trail site, Canada del Puerto, Drive to Southern ridge (trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, photo exploration, flora and fauna interpretation.) Time for lunch near mid-day. Showers, dinner, clean-up, Channel Islands presentation, campfire and astronomy!

Day 3: Channel Islands Restoration projects on Nature Conservancy preserve – Drive to and hike Diablo Peak (trail maintenance) Time for lunch near mid-day. Drive back to Field Station via Ridge Road. Showers, dinner, clean-up, Channel Islands presentation, campfire and astronomy!

Day 4: Hike to Coches Prietos Harbor, lunch, swimming at harbor. Hike back to Field Station. Showers, dinner, clean-up, Channel Islands presentaiton, campfire and astronomy!

Day 5: After having breakfast, clean-up, pack up gear, we will take a tour of Main Ranch then drive to Prisoner's Harbor. Hike on Pelican Trail, swim , exploration, lunch, return to Prisoners Harbour. Backpack to Del Norte campground. Camp for night.

Day 6: Backpack over East Santa Cruz Island to Scorpion Anchorage (11mi). Set up camp, dinner, clean-up, camp under the stars with the island foxes!

Day 7: Meet our kayak guides and explore the caves and coves of eastern Santa Cruz Island by kayak! Snorkel, beach comb, hike. Day hike in the late afternoon.

Day 8: We will spend the morning continuing to explore the island. Perhaps we will discover some Chumash relics or spot a bald eagle or island fox. Then we will pack up and hike back to the beach sometime early afternoon to prepare for our return to the mainland.

Meeting Time & Location: We will meet at the **UCSB Rec Cen at 6:00AM** on the first day of the trip and drive by carpool from Santa Barbara to the Ventura Harbor. Please be on time since we need to make sure to connect with a boat in Ventura (about an hour drive) and the boat will not wait for us. The boat departs the harbor **ON TIME!** Island Packers is a ferry service and similar to an airlines, leaves on time no matter who is on board or not. Please be on time and remember there are **no refunds if you miss the boat**. Participants who become seasick easily are encouraged to bring over-the-counter seasickness remedies for the boat ride. Please consult us for specific recommendations. Island Packers **requires** each bag weigh less than **45lbs**, please pack carefully.

No Drugs or Alcohol: University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refund Policy: Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **\$20 service** charge) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.