

Angel Island 2010-07-31

Hi!

I am distributing the information that I have for the Angel Island Centennial Celebration on July 31, 2010. I think it is best for everyone to **make their own ferry arrangements**. Also, I am suggesting that everyone **bring whatever they want for their picnic lunch, including water**. There is the Cove Café available at the Ayala Cove, where we disembark, with limited food choices and probably standing in line to buy their food. Another thing to bring might be a **blanket** when we watch the planned program (see item in program notes). Unfortunately, it has been years since I have been to Angel Island so I am basing my information mainly from the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF) website and talking to their representative, Julie: <http://www.aiisf.org/index.php/updates/308-community-celebration-of-the-angel-island-immigration-station-centennial-set-for-july-31>. Anyone who can add to this info is welcomed to comment.

I think that after we disembark at Ayala Cove, we should go right away to the Cove Café to buy tickets to take the tram ride up to the Immigration Station. Otherwise, you can walk about 1 mile uphill to the Immigration Station, or rent bikes. There is an Angel Island Visitors Center at Ayala Cove.

When we get to the Immigration Station, there will be a stage set up for the program which will run from **11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** **There is no shade here.** They will allow you to put blankets down in front of the stage. Behind the blankets will be picnic benches for visitors. You can also bring your own folding chairs and set them up here. Julie tells me that after the program, there is a shady area behind the stage where we could take our blankets and have our picnic lunches. **Unless we see something better, this is where I suggest we meet for lunch after the program ends at noon.**

Even though this is basically a “do-it yourself” activity, I would appreciate an email or phone call to let me know who is coming from your family as family and friends are invited to attend this event: annalim8@yahoo.com, (925) 452-7019. Another option is to go on the website and sign up there: <http://dare-connect.org/PAF-SOP/>

Cell phones: I think it might be handy to have a list of cell phone numbers for those who will be going to Angel Island. Please let me know your phone number if you are willing to share it with the entire group. My cell phone number is (925) 452-7019

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FROM AIISF (AND JULIE):

A. PROGRAM

AIISF has planned a festive community celebration on Angel Island. The centennial celebration entitled Reflections/Renewal: A Tribute to Angel Island immigrants, will be from **11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and focus on acknowledging the experience of diverse immigrants who came through the Immigration Station. They are also using the occasion to highlight the new exhibits recently installed at the site, e.g. the Interrogation Table.

The program will be held outdoors on the grassy area near the Angel Island bell. **Bring blankets and portable chairs for festival seating.** We will open and close with shakuhachi (Japanese bamboo flute) music by master musician Masayuki Koga. Speakers include the following: Danita Rodriguez, Marin District Superintendent of the California State Parks; Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashen; Rev. Harry Chuck from San Francisco’s Cameron House; Roger Louie, President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association; Eugenia Bailey, Russian descendant; and Buck Gee, AIISF President.

At the conclusion of the program, the public is invited to take self-guided tours of the detention barracks and grounds as well as enjoy several performances and lectures which will take place near the barracks. There will

be a Qi Gong/Tai Chi demonstration by the Oakland YMCA group led by instructor Arthur Siu. Authors Erika Lee and Judy Yung will give the first public presentation on their new book Angel Island: Immigrant Gateway to America. The book is the most comprehensive account of the history of the Immigration Station, and the authors will be signing copies of the book. A portion of the sales of the book goes towards supporting AIISF's educational work.

B. GETTING TO ANGEL ISLAND: THREE DIFFERENT CHOICES (Counting Alameda and Oakland as 1 choice)

1. Pier 41, SF.

Departure: Be at Pier 41 by 9:20 a.m. and board the 9:40 a.m. ferry.

Cost with Pre-purchase of ticket: Blue and Gold Fleet is providing a special ferry rate of \$5.50/round-trip for this event. People will need to purchase their tickets in advance from AIISF. Send a ticket request and a check to AIISF, 50 Francisco Street, Suite 110, S.F., CA 94133. We will send you a printed ticket. Payments can also be made at www.aiisf.org via PayPal for \$6.00 per ticket.

Return service to San Francisco at 12:15 p.m., 2:55 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.

Parking: I saw this comment about parking around Pier 39, but can't vouch for the information. If anyone has better information, please pass it along. Pier 39 Garage--Located on Beach Street just off Embarcadero Street. This garage advertises 980 spaces, is open 24 hours everyday, charges \$6.00 per hour, and offers the first hour free if you park before 6:00 pm and the second hour free if you park after 6:00 pm as an incentive. You may be better off at all day lots at Pier 35,33,27, or 23--flat rate \$11. Street parking is sometimes found, but beware--meters operate 7 days a week and there is a 2-4 hour limit in many places.

2. Alameda -- Main Street Terminal.

The Alameda dock is located at 2990 Main Street,.

FREE PARKING is available adjacent to the terminal.

Oakland -- Clay Street Ferry Terminal

The address of the Clay Street Terminal is 530 Water Street, Oakland, 94607. If you are taking the ferry from Oakland to Alameda, the San Francisco Ferry Building, San Francisco's Pier 41 or Angel Island State Park, you are eligible for up to 12 hours of free parking in the **Washington Street Garage**, 101 Washington Street. Oakland.

Departure:

Leave Oakland 9:00 am

Leave Alameda 9:10 am

Arrive Pier 41 9:35 am

Depart Pier 41 9:45 am

Arrive Angel Island 10:10 am

Cost of ferry from Alameda or Oakland: Purchase tickets and passes on the ferry on the lower deck at the bar.

Roundtrip fares from Alameda and Oakland (with free transfer at Pier 41) to Angel Island. Fares include park admission.

ROUND TRIP

Adults (19 yrs. or older) \$14.50

Juniors (13-18 yrs.)	\$11.25
Seniors (62+ yrs.)/Disabled	\$11.25
Child (5-12 yrs.)	\$8.50
Under 5	FREE

Return to Oakland/Alameda is direct from Angel Island with no stop in SF.

Depart Angel Island 3:10 pm

Arrive Alameda 3:45 pm

Arrive Oakland 3:55 pm

Bob and I are planning to get on the ferry at Alameda at 9:10 AM and buy the round trip to Angel Island for \$11.25 when we are on the ferry.

There is another option of going from Oakland/Alameda to Angel Island, per Ernest Sanchez, Epsanche@ci.alameda.ca.us of the Oakland/Alameda Harbor Ferry. If you want to make a stop in SF on the way back or would prefer more options of times to depart from Angel Island, you can purchase a one way ticket to Pier 41, prepay the special ferry rate of \$5.50/round-trip from Pier 41 to Angel Island and then another buy another one way ticket from Pier 41 back to Alameda/Oakland.

One Way Ticket Prices from Oakland/Alameda to Pier 41 (Remember, you would still need to round trip from Pier 41 to Angel Island.)

ONE WAY

Adults (19 yrs. or older)	\$6.25
Seniors (62+ yrs.)/Disabled	\$3.75
Child (5-12 yrs.)	\$3.50
Under 5	FREE

- Ferry service is also available from the **Angel Island-Tiburon Ferry** at the regular rates. Visit <http://www.angelislandferry.com> for a full schedule.