

Logistics for *Self-guided Exhibit Explorations* Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab

Checking in and Paying

1. As your group arrives, assemble by the yellow information kiosk in front of the main entrance. Groups need to be well behaved and stay near the kiosk while waiting.
2. Outside, please count the number of adults and students in your group. Collect admissions fees from ALL students and adults (self-guided school group rate=\$4 per person, ages 4 and up).
3. **Review Behavior Contract rules as well as your group's activity plans for students and chaperones.**
4. Your **group should remain by the yellow kiosk while the group leader checks in at the admissions counter.** Please tell the admissions staff your group's name and that you are scheduled for a **Self-guided Exhibit Exploration.** Please turn in your completed Seymour Center Behavior Contract.
5. After confirming your group's reservation, please tell the admissions staff the **exact** number of students and adults you have in your group. Then, pay the total admission cost at this time.
6. **From the kiosk, dismiss chaperoned groups, one at a time, into the Seymour Center.**

Inside and Around the Center

1. Chaperones need to keep their small groups with them and actively ensure appropriate behavior as their group moves through your planned activities. **Groups that do not follow our behavior guidelines will be asked to leave the Seymour Center and marine lab.**
2. Seymour Center volunteers are happy to assist your groups, when available. You may ask them to make available or interpret realia from our exhibit kits (e.g. pinniped and otter pelts, elephant seal research devices, etc.) if items are not currently on display. Thank you for understanding that there may be times when volunteers are unable to accommodate your request for various reasons.
3. Your group has access to the Seymour Center exhibit hall, Shipwreck Deck, blue whale skeleton, and Ocean Discovery Shop. **The research areas and areas marked as "Docent Led Tours/Staff Only" are restricted access areas, not available for Self-guided Exhibit Explorations. Groups intentionally entering restricted areas will be asked to leave immediately.** Self-guided Exhibit Explorations may NOT join docent led tours.

Lunch

The Seymour Center now has outdoor picnic tables for school group snacks and lunches. Picnic tables are available on first come, first served basis. Natural Bridges State Beach, a short drive from the lab, also has picnic tables. Call Natural Bridges at (831) 423-4609 at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements.

Ocean Discovery Shop

The Ocean Discovery Shop has many fun, educational books and marine-related items. We welcome your visit, **one small group at a time. Students must be carefully supervised by a chaperone with no more than six students in the shop at any one time.**