



# FTO Boat Trip Guide

## Boat Schedule & Reservations

- Boat trips covered by the FTO Coupon Codes are the 2.5 hour spring Whale Watching trips on **Sundays - Fridays at 9 AM, 12 PM, and 3 PM**. *Saturdays and Holiday trips are NOT covered.*
- Please see the Parent/Guardian Information doc on how to make a reservation (1. Fill out the Explore Ecology Google form to get Coupon Code; 2. Go to Condor Express website and use Redeem your voucher option)
- Once you make your reservation, you will receive a confirmation email from Condor Express. Please [contact Condor Express](#) directly to cancel or reschedule a trip. Please note occasionally trips may get lumped together or rescheduled, Condor Express will contact you if your trip is affected.
- Information about the Condor Express boat and whale watching trips can be found on their [website](#).

## Important Notes

Below are some things to keep in mind. Please visit the Condor Express website for more information on the [boat crew](#), [what to bring](#), and [galley cafe](#).

- **Staff:** There will not be any Explore Ecology staff on this boat trip-this is a day for you and your student! The Condor Express has naturalists on board, listen for the interesting information they will share throughout the trip.
- **Seasickness:** If you or your child are prone to seasickness or motion sickness, bring nausea medication with you or administer it prior to the trip.
- **Clothing:** Bring warm clothing (layers are best) and shoes that can get wet!
- **Food/Drink:** Drinks and snacks are available for purchase on the boat. You may also bring your own snacks, but please be mindful not to let any trash go overboard!

Throughout the Flows to the Ocean program, your student has learned about watersheds, marine debris, and how pollution on land can affect the ecosystems in the ocean. Complete the checklist on the next page with your student to keep track of what you see. Here are a few ideas to connect the trip to what they have been learning:

- Look back at the shore. Can you find your home or neighborhood? What about your child's school?
- Have your child show you a watershed on land (a watershed is the area of land that drains into a body of water. For example, much of downtown SB is in the Mission Creek Watershed). Can you see any estuaries (where any creeks empty into the ocean)?
- What was your student's favorite thing about the boat trip?

## Boat Trip Wildlife Survey

Make a tally mark **||||** for each animal you see:

<p><b>Blue Whale</b></p> 		<p><b>Dolphin</b></p> 	
<p><b>Gray Whale</b></p> 		<p><b>Seal</b></p> 	
<p><b>Orca</b></p> 		<p><b>Sea Otter</b></p> 	
<p><b>Sea Lion</b></p> 		<p><b>Pelican</b></p> 	
<p><b>How many pieces of trash?</b></p>		<p><b>Did you see an oil seep?</b></p>	