

# Palos Verdes Chinese School

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Catalina Island Camp

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On the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, the campers of Palos Verdes Chinese School went to Catalina, just off the coast of Long Beach. The island is beyond beautiful, and it was one of the most valuable experiences we ever had. On the day we landed on Catalina, we went on a city tour. We learned much history about the island on how it became to what it is today. Hiking the island was definitely one of the most spiritual adventures and as close as nature as we got. At night, the lights put outside were a breath-taking sight.



## Journals

Hello there, our names are Abraham Ho and Caiwei Zheng. We are from Arcadia. To us Catalina Island was not so outstanding at first sight, however its amazing resources and scenery was enthralling. On the bus tour, we learned news about the island that either stunned or thrilled us. This island brought out our amazed and

sparkling eyes and our attentions were given 100% into exploring the island. It was truly a magnificent journey. The day after we got to see schools of fish underwater on a boat. It gave us another view on underwater life. Afterwards, we went flying kites in which we have failed to do, but it was fun nonetheless. After lunch, we went shopping and grabbed some ice cream on the way. Quite a relaxing day indeed.



Hello, my name is Jamie Chen. I am from Palos Verdes, California. This is my second time visiting Catalina Island. I enjoyed my first time on the island, and my second time here was a little bit boring. But I learned a lot about Catalina Island's history. It really caught my attention. We did a lot of walking which I disliked, but after that, I relaxed a bit at the hotel. I think Catalina Island is a very wonderful place to spend your time for vacations.



Herro, my name is Katherine Cheng. I am from Palos Verdes, California. This is my third time visiting Catalina Island. By far this time was the best experience I've had. It was amazing looking at the land sites but I thought we walked too much! The next

day was the last day here in Catalina. It was really fun. I enjoyed the glass water boat. I learned and saw many new fishes. Flying the kites at the beach was fun but I got my shoes dirty which sucked. But overall it was a great experience.

Hi, my name is Naomi Juan, coming from Taiwan. This is my first time visiting Catalina Island, and I feel apoplectic and honored to be the advisor. We went so many places today, walking a lot, but I do not feel tired at all due to the great scenery and nice weather! Also, we went to the movie *The Blind Side* in a gorgeous theater. It is a fantastic experience. The next day, we went to take the glass bottom boat to see the fishes; went to fly the kites, that was really fun. It's so happy to visit Catalina Island.



Hi, my name is Emily Chen and I am from Palos Verdes, California. This trip to Catalina taught me much about the history of the island. I was fascinated by Catalina's ecosystem and plants and animals. We also went to see a movie. The walking was tiring, but the places we visited were intriguing. On the second day, we went on a glass bottom boat and it was really interesting to see all the different fish. We also flew kites, which was fun but tiring. I had a great time though!

Hi, my name is Jamie Chen. I'm from Palos Verdes, California. The second day here at Catalina Island was a bit better than the first. I had a really good sleep. We walked less and I spent a lot of time feeding the pigeons and seagulls. We ate lunch at the Chinese restaurant and it was really delicious. We flew the kites at a park and it was very tiring running up and down the hill just to make our kites fly but I had a good time. My experience was tiring, fun, and interesting, but overall, the trip to the beautiful island was magnificent.