



ALCATRAZ LIVING HISTORY DAY

The National Park Service and Friends of Civil War Alcatraz are delighted to be hosting the second annual Spring Civil War Living History Day on Alcatraz Island.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 4, 2009.

We will have coffee, doughnuts, etc. on the island in the morning and LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

If you attended the Living History Days last year, there have been some additions, deletions and changes, so please review this document carefully.

IMPRESSIONS AND SCENARIOS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY may be found on the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz (FOCWA) web site: www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org

This is important information and hopefully will assist you with your impression and planning.

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HOSTS

National Park Service (NPS)

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz (FOCWA)

OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Alcatraz Living History Day is to enhance the experience of visitors to the National Park. It is hoped that the living history program will augment the visitor's understanding and awareness of the many layers of history present on the island.

The story of the Post on Alcatrazes Island – as it was officially known, is largely untold. As a participant in the Living History Day, you will be tasked with the telling of this story from a very human perspective.

The National Park Service is gearing up for the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War as well as recognition of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday (Feb. 12, 2009). In keeping with these programs, we are beginning to gear up living history on the island.

Military impressions must be that of a unit stationed on the island during the War Between the States. Other impressions must be connected to the island. See IMPRESSIONS AND SCENARIOS on the FOCWA web site for more information (www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org).

We will once again offer participants a guided tour of the Citadel (Defensive Barracks).

Expect to interact with over 4,000 visitors on Saturday, April 4.

CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

Break Room

We anticipate a larger turnout of participants this year – too many people to fit into the break room we've used in the past. The NPS has made the entire Prison Hospital available to us as a break room. It is for our exclusive use.

Parking

Due to a scheduling conflict at Fort Mason, it will not be possible to park there and utilize the NPS shuttle (see DIRECTIONS, PARKING AND MAP on page 3, below).

Boarding the Ferry

Alcatraz Cruises (ferry) runs on a very tight schedule. Because of this, every **participant must** be able to **carry what they are bringing** to the island **onto the ferry in ONE LOAD**. If you have a lot of "stuff," please bring a cart, or like device to move your items.

Weapons Inspection

Weapons inspection will take place on the Alcatraz Cruises Dock AT **8:15AM**. **Your weapon will NOT be allowed on the island if the 8:15AM inspection is missed**. Per law enforcement, there will be NO EXCEPTIONS. **NO POWDER, NO CAPS**.

Simplified Registration

Please see HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT, on page 4, below. Participation has expanded. We can accept up to 150 participants for the event.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE WEATHER

April on Alcatraz can be relatively warm and sunny, cold and windy, overcast or foggy. All of the above in a single day is common.

Layers work best. Bring authentic or concealable modern long underwear. A greatcoat and gloves are also recommended. If you have a rain proof (poncho), bring it along as well. A canteen is also a very good idea, because the location of your presentation might be 150 yards or more from a water source. It's one of those, "If you don't bring it, you'll likely need it," things.

RAIN

Rain is not particularly likely in April, but it's always a possibility.

In the event of rain, the Theater – located inside the Civil War era Bombproof Barracks, will be made available for two or three presentations to take place. We developed several other rain sites earlier this year as well, but ultimately, IF we receive some showers, it will require some “punting” on the part of reenactors.

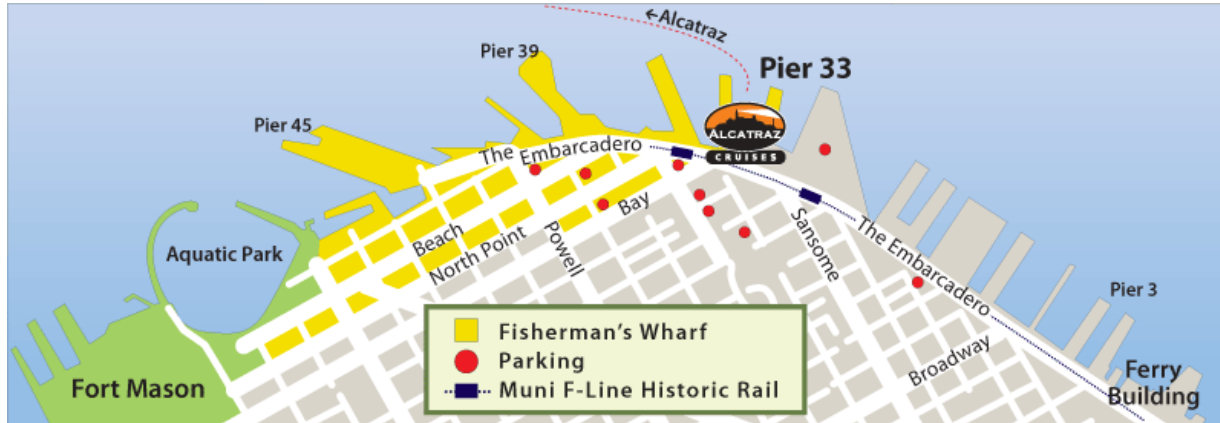
FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Friends and Family not participating in the living history day must obtain a ticket from Alcatraz Cruises (see WEBSITES on page 4, below). Tickets should be purchased well in advance.

DIRECTIONS, PARKING AND MAP

- 1) Parking in the vicinity of the Alcatraz Cruises Dock costs 13-15 dollars for the day).
- 2) DO NOT utilize a parking space with a PARKING METER. They are only good for two hours.
- 3) As a general thing, the farther you park from Fisherman’s Warf the lower the price.
- 4) If you have a bunch of stuff to unload and transport to the island, such as cooking gear, contact Event Coordinator, John Nevins well ahead of time to make arrangements.

The RED DOTS on the Map, below, indicate the location for parking lots and garages near the Alcatraz Cruises Dock.



Directions to the Alcatraz Cruises Dock (Hornblower, Pier 33)

Driving from the South

To reach Hornblower Alcatraz Landing from the south, take Highway 101 North and follow the signs towards the Bay Bridge. Take the 4th Street exit, then turn left onto Bryant Street. Follow Bryant St. to The Embarcadero. Turn left onto The Embarcadero and continue north approximately 1.7 miles to the Hornblower Alcatraz Landing at Pier 33.

Driving from the North

To reach Hornblower Alcatraz Landing from the north, take Highway 101 South across the Golden Gate Bridge. Take the Marina exit onto Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd. to Bay Street. Turn left onto Bay Street and stay on Bay all the way to The Embarcadero. Hornblower Alcatraz Landing at Pier 33 is located at the intersection of Bay Street and The Embarcadero.

Driving from the East

To reach Hornblower Alcatraz Landing from the east, cross the Bay Bridge into San Francisco. Take the Fremont Street exit, and turn left onto Fremont. Follow Fremont St. to Howard, and then turn right on Howard Street. Follow Howard to The Embarcadero. Turn left onto the Embarcadero and continue north approximately 1.7 miles to the Hornblower Alcatraz Landing at Pier 33.

THINGS TO KNOW (IMPORTANT)

NO PARKING ON THE ALCATRAZ CRUISES DOCK

There is very limited parking on the dock. All of the spaces are allocated by the National Park Service. Those participants with "large loads" may be given a parking space on the dock. Please don't count on it. Any participant who needs one of these spaces must receive approval well in advance. How "well in advance?" If you're reading this, now is the time to call the event coordinator. You may drop off people and/or equipment at the dock before parking elsewhere.

BOARDING THE FERRY (IMPORTANT)

Regulations now require that everyone boarding the ferry present a valid I.D. (California Drivers License, etc.)

WEAPONS INSPECTION

Prior to boarding the ferry, weapons, cartridge boxes, cap pouches, etc. will be inspected by a NPS Law Enforcement Ranger and FOCWA safety officer, pursuant to maritime law. **If you are bringing a weapon (including swords), you must be on the Alcatraz Cruises Dock** available for inspection **not later than 8:15AM** on the morning of the event. Per law enforcement, there will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** made for late arrivals.

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Please **arrive at the Alcatraz Cruises Dock NOT LATER THAN 8:30AM**. Maritime Law (post 9-11) also requires inspection of other items such as boxes being taken on board the Alcatraz Ferry.

NPS VOLUNTEERS

You will be asked to officially sign on as National Park Service Volunteers. No commitment other than this day on the island is implied. As a NPS Volunteer, there is **no charge** for transport to or from Alcatraz Island.

DAY OF THE EVENT CONTACTS

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH, USE THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS:

John Nevins, Event Coordinator, FOCWA: 916-599-6642

Brad Schall, Co-chairman, FOCWA: 510-867-5106

National Park Service, Alcatraz: 415-561-4900 (after 9:00AM)

Alcatraz Cruises: 415-981-7625

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE EVENT

- Arrive Early
- Register Early for the event. If something happens and you can't make it, please let us know ASAP in case there are people on the waiting list.

WEB SITES

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz: www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org

This is a new web site. We are still getting up to speed, so please be patient.

National Park Service, Alcatraz: www.nps.gov/alcatraz

Fortress Alcatraz: www.fortressalcatraz.com

This is John Martini's web site. John is the historical consultant for Friends of Civil War Alcatraz. He was the National Park Service Historian for the island for many years and has written two books on the military history of the island.

California Military Museum: www.militarymuseum.org

Good histories about the units stationed on Alcatraz as well as some information on the island itself.

Alcatraz Cruises (Hornblower Ferry): <http://www.alcatrazcruises.com>

Purchase tickets to Alcatraz

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

We have made registration easier.

Notify John Nevins (Event Coordinator), or Brad Schall (Co-Chair) that you will be participating by email or telephone (CONTACT INFORMATION is below)

Be sure to include:

- Your Name
- Best Telephone Number to Contact You
- Email Address
- Name of Emergency Contact
- Best Telephone Number for Emergency Contact
- The Impression you plan on Portraying

EXCEPTION FOR MINORS

A Parent or Legal Guardian MUST accompany a minor participating in the Spring Living History Day. Parent and Minor MUST COMPLETE and SIGN a REGISTRATION FORM and MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

MAILING ADDRESS

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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