DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:

UPDATE: DUE TO A RECENT CITY OF SANTA MONICA ORDINANCE, LARGE/OVERSIZE VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARK IN LOT 1N. BUSES ARE ABLE TO DROP STUDENTS OFF NEAR THE AQUARIUM, THEN PARK IN LOT 4N, UNTIL PICK-UP OF CLASS AND STUDENTS.

CLASS DROP-OFF INFORMATION
Two drop-off locations:

1. Aquarium exit gate under the pier bridge, before entering Lot 1 N.
   a. Will have to enter Lot 1 N, then exit onto PCH South, take Ocean Ave. Exit, circle around to enter PCH North to park in Lot 4 N.
   b. If the left lanes by the Aquarium exit are full with delivery trucks, pull into Lot 1 N, park to unload class and students, then follow prior directions to park in Lot 4 N.
   c. Bus drivers should stay with their vehicle to avoid parking enforcement fees.

2. Appian Way at Seaside Terrace
   a. Near parking Lot 1 South – Short Term Parking
   b. May still need to enter Lot 1 N if bus continues North on Appian Way, past Seaside
   c. May be hard to turn around or enter Lot 1 S if bus continues West towards Hot Dog Stick
   d. Could possibly drop off on Appian Way, South of Seaside Terrace, students use crosswalk to walk to Ocean Front Ave by Hot Dog Stick, then over to Aquarium. Bus can then turn Right on Seaside Terrace, Right on Ocean Ave., circle around to head North on Ocean Ave. to enter PCH North from Moomat Ahiko Dr.
**PARKING INFORMATION**

For the time being, buses need to continue through Lot 1 N if they enter, and circle around to continue North on PCH, to park in Lot 4 N. Cars can park in Lot 1 N, or the “1550 parking lot,” located beach level just north of the pier and next to the Heal the Bay Aquarium. The parking fee is waived for buses bringing field trip groups to the Heal the Bay Aquarium, but not for individual cars. **You must tell the parking lot attendant that you are coming for a field trip to the Aquarium in order to have the parking fee for buses waived.** The fee for parking a car cannot be waived, and varies according to the season, ranging from $8 to $15 per car.

**No buses are allowed on the upper-level pier parking lot.** Cars may access the pier; however, pier deck parking has been mostly closed due to the pandemic.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS

We are located on the beach level of Santa Monica Pier, directly beneath the Carousel/Merry Go Round building, underneath the bridge, and across from Starbucks. If you should get lost call 310-393-6149, and press 0 to get help from a staff member.

SOUTH-BOUND ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY:
Move to the right lane after the traffic light at the California Incline. Keep to right and follow signs to the beach/pier parking. Make a right turn at the stop sign to enter the all-day beach parking lot.

WEST-BOUND FROM SANTA MONICA FREEWAY (10):
Exit the 10 Freeway at 4th St. exit and turn left onto 4th St. Turn right onto Pico Blvd. Proceed on Pico, crossing Main Street to turn right on Appian Way at the stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Proceed north to the Pier until the signs force all traffic to turn left into the parking lot.

SOUTH-BOUND ON OCEAN AVE. FROM WILSHIRE BLVD.:
Proceed south past the entrance to the pier and past the traffic light/intersection of Moomat Ahiko, which takes you to the Pacific Coast Highway. Turn right onto Seaside Terrace, which is the first small street just past PCH. Turn right at the stop sign at the bottom of the hill, onto Appian Way. At the next stop sign, turn left and proceed into the beach parking lot.

NORTH-BOUND ON OCEAN AVE. (OR LINCOLN BLVD.) FROM VENICE:
Turn left onto Pico Blvd. Proceed on Pico, crossing Main Street to turn right on Appian Way at stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Continue north toward the Pier until the signs force all traffic to turn left into the parking lot.