



## **CSUCI Offers Trip To Santa Cruz Island April 20**

Camarillo, Calif., April 17, 2008-Four academic programs at California State University Channel Islands are hosting a trip to Santa Cruz Island-one of the Channel Islands-on Sunday, April 20 that is open to the public. The trip is free of charge and space is limited to the first 100 registrants.

To learn more about the trip or to register contact Catherine Hutchinson, Instructional Support Technician at CSUCI, 805-437-8403 or [catherine.hutchinson@csuci.edu](mailto:catherine.hutchinson@csuci.edu).

Members of the Biology, Environmental Science and Resource Management, Anthropology, and Political Science programs along with campus community members and members of the public will visit Santa Cruz Island - Scorpion Cove via boat service provided by Island Packers. All passengers will disembark by climbing a short ladder to a pier and after a brief orientation; a naturalist will be assigned and will guide everyone on the trail.

The Islands and the surrounding ocean environment provide a wealth of natural and cultural resources. The Channel Islands are home to more than 2,000 terrestrial plants and animals, of which 145 are found nowhere else in the world. Like the Galapagos Islands of South America, isolation has allowed evolution to proceed independently on the islands. Marine life ranges from microscopic plankton to the blue whale, the largest animal to live on earth. Archeological and cultural resources span a period of more than 10,000 years of human habitation.

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