

The idea behind the LA Surf Bus is simple: bring eager kids ages 5-17 and their attendants from challenging LA and OC County neighborhoods for a day at the beach and back on a chartered city "SURF BUS."

The LA SURF BUS experience:

Surf Academy's program introduces the group to the beach and ocean environment through safe age-appropriate games and challenges that build safety awareness and confidence. The groups have committed to one day a week all summer which is 8 visits over 8 weeks. They will be picked up at a set time and location by a chartered bus.

Surf Academy's staff ratio for water activities is 1:10 or less. The visiting group brings their own supervisors. Ultimate ratio is 1:5 with combined staffs. A variety of activities are planned around the surf conditions of the day:

- Learn about waves
- Learn to body board
- Build sandcastles
- Learn about rip currents & tides
- Beach arts and crafts
- Exhausting beach games
- Meet the lifeguard
- Simple wave games
- Learn about environment
- Surf lessons

The groups going:

Monday thru Friday the following groups attend:

- Algin Sutton Recreation Center
- Aguin Sutton Childcare
- Bellevue Recreation Center
- Boyle Height Sports Center
- Central Recreation Center
- Chevy Chase Recreation Center
- Costello Recreation Center
- Cypress Recreation Center
- Denker Recreation Center
- Eagle Rock Recreation Center
- Echo Park/Lake Street Recreation Center
- El Sereno Recreation Center
- Elysian Valley Recreation Center
- EPICC
- Evergreen Childcare
- Evergreen Recreation Center
- Fred Roberts Recreation Center



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- Garcia Recreation Center
- Harbor City Recreation Center
- Harvard Recreation Center
- Hollenbeck Recreation Center
- Hollywood Recreation Center
- Huntington Beach Volunteers of America
- Jim Gilliam Recreation Center
- LA County HEAT Clubs
- Lemon Grove Recreation Center
- Loren Miller Childcare
- MacArthur Park Recreation Center
- Martin Park
- Normandie Recreation Center
- Pamela Park
- Panorama Recreation Center
- Penmar Recreation Center
- Poinsetta Recreation Center
- Queen Anne Recreation Center
- Rancho Cienega Sports Center
- Roosevelt Park Summer Day Camp
- Rose Hill Park
- Ross Snyder Recreation Center
- San Pedro Boys and Girls Club
- Seoul International Park
- Slauson Multipurpose Center
- Soboba Surf Camp
- South Park Recreation Center
- South Seas House
- St Andrews Recreation Center
- State Street Recreation Center
- Stoner Recreation Center
- Sun Valley Recreation Center
- Toberman Recreation Center
- Trinity Recreation Center
- Valley Plaza Park
- Valleydale Park Summer Day Camp
- Van Ness Childcare
- Van Ness Recreation Center
- Van Nuys Recreation Center
- Vineyard Recreation Center
- Wm. Nickerson Recreation Center
- Youth Opportunity Movement
- Yucca Park

Locations:

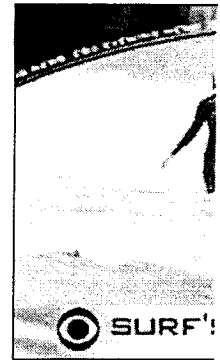
The three locations these youth groups visit are:

- Santa Monica at Ocean Park; Lifeguard tower #29
- Dockweiler State Beach; Lifeguard tower#58
- Huntington Beach at Dog Beach: North of Lifeguard Tower #24

Special Thanks:

Community Collaboration

- Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, whose help in 2003 with 2 buses a week helped launch LA Surf Bus into reality. Now we need about 30 buses a week! I wish he could help that much but others need to step up now.
- City of Santa Monica, especially Ebba Valenzuela, Anita Ybarra, and Wendy



LA Surf Bus (7.5MB)
Fox 11 (11MB)

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- & Trinnie of Open Space Management.
- Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors, especially Marketing Supervisor Lynn Atkinson, Lifeguard Chiefs Garth Canning, Mickey Gallagher, and Phil Topar.
- City of Huntington Beach, especially Lifeguard Chief Kyle Lindo and Community Service Supervisor Dottie Hughes.
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- City of Los Angeles Council members Tom LaBonge, Bernard Parks, Gil Garcetti, and Jan Perry.

Corporate Support

- Body Glove Wetsuits, especially President Russ Lesser and Marketing Director Scott Daley.
- NASCAR Angles and Goodyear Tires (an amazing video, vibe, and van).
- AAA of Southern California for their yearly support from the Earth Day Battery Round-up.
- SIMA- Surf Industry Manufactures Association Humanitarian Award- grant due October 2007.
- Past years help: Realm wetsuits 2005, Reebok 2003, Cliff Bar 2006, BZ Bodyboards 2004.

Individual Thanks

- Postal Carrier Jim of Hermosa Beach- First Donation in 2003!
- Jim Riley of Huntington Beach (2006)
- Lifeguard Captain Steve Mosely (2005)
- Keith Davenport (2006)
- Carol Mayer (2006)
- Quagletti Family Trust (2003)
- Anonymous Donor through US Trust (2006)
- Surfers everywhere who have dropped of good condition used wetsuits and surfboards.

Thanks!

Plans for 2007

We need volunteers! Please send an email to info@lasurfbus.org and let us know of your interest. We will respond and let you know of training days etc.

Support LA Surfbus:

Please donate --

What your donation means to the kids:

- One day at the beach for one child: \$18
- Eight visits to the beach (avg. attendance) for one child: \$144
- Cost of one LA Surf Bus for one day (50-60 kids): \$450



You can also send a donation to the address below.

Contact Us:

Get involved!

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