

Catalina Postponed Until 2013

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The 7th grade Catalina trip was postponed due to a student outbreak of the Norovirus throughout the school. The Norovirus is much like the stomach flu. It gives a person abdominal cramps, fever and vomiting.

So, to prevent further spread of the virus, the Catalina trip was canceled. Ethan Chiu, a 7th grade student, was very upset when he heard the news and he was looking forward to swimming and snorkeling in Catalina with the fish and the wildlife that live off the coast. Marcella Giuffrida was looking forward to spending a week at Cherry Cove in Catalina, where she was eagerly looking forward to dissecting squids.

Karen Staitman, a mom of a Medea Creek student, said that, "Though I completely understand why the trip was canceled, it was a little disappointing to my daughter Sami and her friends., though she and her friends knew it was best for everyone." Sami Staitman, Karen's daughter said, "Originally I wasn't planning on going because I had to be in New York City. But then my plans changed and I could go. Then the day after that, the trip was cancelled. But that's okay, because I didn't catch the Norovirus but a lot of people would have missed out if we had gone. Now we can all go and be healthy."

In the end, cancelling the Catalina Trip and then rescheduling it for a later date was best for everyone involved.

Miss Johnson, a teacher at Medea Creek Middle School, said she enjoys the Catalina trip and was looking forward to it. "It's an amazing trip. Postponing it was a great idea so that everyone can go."

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