Atlantis Submarine Cruise Fieldtrip
Fall 2003

1) Date and Time:

This fieldtrip is on September 20th (Saturday). We meet on 2:30pm sharp for attendance and distributing tickets. We will start boarding to the ship, which will bring us to the submarines, on 3pm. The actual dive tour by submarines will be about 2 hours. Probably you can take off by 5:30pm at latest.

2) Fee:

This will cost you $22 upon sign-up. If you are one of the tourists off the street, Atlantis charges you approximately $70. Oceanography 201 gives you about 60% discount. Thus this will be a great opportunity for you to explore the underwater world of Hawaii with a reasonable price.

3) Sign-up Rules:

Sign-up period starts from September 3rd (Wednesday) to September 15th (Monday). Talk to TAs (not to professors) and we will sign you up. Come and see us before and after the lectures, during the lab sessions, or during our office hours.

The maximum number of passengers is limited to 108 students. Sign up is operated by "first come first served" basis. This has been one of the most popular fieldtrips in the past, and we imagine that the seats will be booked quickly. If you really want to go on this fieldtrip, sigh yourself up as soon as possible.

We collect the fees when you sign up. Bring $22 cash with exact change. We are neither going to accept credit cards and personal checks nor preparing change for you. Once again, please bring $22 in CASH with EXACT CHANGE. Once we collect the fee from you, we will sign your name in the list, and at the same time give you the receipt. We recommend that you keep your receipt and bring it on the fieldtrip just in case.

If you have to cancel your reservation, come and see us. Refund will be given back to you as long as you complete the cancellation process by September 15th (last day for sign-ups). After the 15th, we are not able to give you the refund. Also please keep in mind that your absence without cancellation results in 10 points off from your fieldtrip point (25 pts). This point deduction will not be erased from your record. Once you sign up for this, please show up to prevent point deduction.

4) Location:

We are going to meet at Atlantis Submarine check-in counter in Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in Waikiki area. The counter is located on the hotel beach. Bring your receipt with you just in case.
The dive tour will cruise around the area off Waikiki. Once the submarines are underwater, they cruise along the path, which covers 3 artificial reef ecosystems. Usually you can see a variety of reef fishes, and if you are lucky enough you might be able to see turtles, eels, and reef sharks.

5) Transportation:

We are not able to provide transportation services for over 100 students. Please use public transportation, drive your own car, walk, bike, etc.

In case you are going to use the bus system, #4 buses take you to the Waikiki area from UH. Get off once the bus makes a left turn at McCully / Kalakaua intersection. Walk one block down (toward the ocean) along Ala Moana Blvd, and make a left at Kalia Rd. Or once you are in the Waikiki area, take any bus line indicating "Waikiki Hotels to Ala Moana". This will drop you off right in front of the hotel entrance.

In case you are going to drive, parking validation up to 4 hours will be available at hotel's guest parking. This will be long enough to cover our tour, and perhaps even with few drinks at the beach bar afterwards if you want.

6) Requirement:

The only thing that you are required to do in this fieldtrip is to show up for attendance and have fun. You do not have to turn in any worksheet, report, write-up, and so on afterwards.

If you have further question, come and see us or send us an e-mail at ta@soest.hawaii.edu