

**In the Spotlight**

During an improv game, Madeline Dennison (7) performs a skit on the life cycle of a squid on Oct. 22. "I liked when we were dancing and when we made the girls be the boy squids and the boys (be the) girl squids," Dennison said. "I found it disgusting to dissect the squids since they were slimy and they made me want to vomit." (H. McCrary)



**Inked** While in Catalina island Rylie Pate (8) had squid skin put onto her tongue by her friends on Oct. 22. "I'm used to sleeping on boats because my grandparents had a boat and we were on it often back in Washington," Pate said. "It was really fun to dissect and mess with the squid ink, but it was more fun with the ink because we were putting it on our faces for fun." (H. McCrary)



**Pose** While dissecting a squid, Dean Kennedy (8) uses his mini camera to take a photo on Oct. 22. "I really enjoyed Catalina. We got to do a lot of cool stuff like snorkeling and hand digesting a squid," Kennedy said. "I bought a mini camera to take pictures and capture memories with." (H. McCrary)



**Into The Sea** While visiting the CIMI Aquarium on Oct. 23, Xavier Nava (8) and James Marquez (8) look for sharks in the touch tank. "The boat ride was long, but I found it fun to touch sharks," Nava said. "When we went snorkeling, I found a shell near the bottom, but I didn't get to take it with me. It was an awesome experience to be able to see all the underwater life." (H. McCrary)

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Travelers shared their favorite moments from Catalina Island (Reporting by A. Thomas)



"We went scuba diving and I saw bioluminescent squid. They looked like tiny specks of light because they were so small. We also saw a lobster and it was put on someone's head." - Trevor Peterson (8)

"I got to go on a boat for the first time. It was super cool because of how fast it went and how it moved when in the water." - Hudson Myers (7)

"When I went on the Catalina trip, I saw the California state fish called the Garibaldi. I loved how it looked because it had a big head on a small body." - Alyvia Rivera (8)

choosing **between** the islands

**Underwater Surprise** Slowly grazing in the tank, LaMyiah Randle (6) touches different fish and sea cucumbers on Oct. 23. "I really enjoyed seeing the fish," Randle said. "I was a little scared because I thought something would bite me, but it was a really nice experience." (T. Morales)



After not having the trip in years, students went on a field trip to Catalina Island; Spencer Bailey had to choose between the Catalina or New York Trips (Story by J. Schlemper, captions by R. Parris)

The Statue of Liberty is great, but Spencer Bailey was looking for a place he could get covered in some squid ink.

Before going on the science-related trip to Catalina Island, Bailey considered choosing the school's summer trip to New York and Boston. Bailey was inspired by his brother's friend, who had also gone on the Catalina trip. "When he went on it, he said it was super fun," Bailey, an eighth grader, said. "It seemed like it'd be pretty cool to go."

It was his first big field trip and he'd stay for three days. Students slept on the bus and woke up early on the first day, but enthusiasm grew as they got closer.

"I was pretty excited as soon as we saw the California sign," Bailey said. "We were finally there."

Besides pulling apart squids, Bailey pet sharks, went scuba diving, looked at (and ate) plankton, and saw new animals. He said his mom gave him a choice between the two trips, and he's happy with his decision.

"We had just gone to New York and seen the Statue of Liberty," Bailey said. "We went to the Bronx Zoo and I got sick there, so I didn't really want to go back. I wanted to go to Catalina Island."

**Down the Hatch** About to take a lick of the squid he was dissecting, Spencer Bailey holds it up high for a taste test. Bailey wanted to eat the squid but didn't want to risk getting ink all over himself anyways. (H. McCrary)

