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**Airport Authority offers Independence Day travel tips**

**SAN DIEGO – July 3, 2008** – For many, the Fourth of July means special getaways or vacations with family and friends. The Airport Authority has some important information for those using San Diego International Airport (SDIA) during this busy summer holiday.

**Plan Ahead**

Arrive at least two hours before departure for domestic flights and three hours for international flights. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Web site provides helpful tips on how to reduce wait times at security checkpoints, such as how to pack and what items are permitted and prohibited. These tips are available at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

**Think Security**

- **Self-Select Lanes Program at San Diego International Airport.** Self-Select Lanes are comprised of a series of lanes designated by signage that directs passengers through the security checkpoint based on their travel needs and knowledge. **Expert** – for the business traveler who flies several times a month – **Casual** – for passengers that travel less frequently, but are familiar with the security process – **Family/Special Assistance** – for passengers traveling with small children or strollers, elderly passengers and passengers who may need special assistance.
- **New security checkpoint info-tainment video – “San Diego International Airport TSA Security Reminders,”** is now playing at all terminal security checkpoints to entertain and educate the traveling public. The video, created by the Airport Authority, features such popular San Diego mascots as the San Diego Zoo’s Bamboo Bear, the San Diego Padres Friar, LEGOLAND’s Johnny Thunder and Sea World’s Shamu, reminding passengers of tips to make it easier to proceed through security.
- **Follow 3-1-1 for liquids in carry-ons:**
  - 3-ounce bottles or less for all liquids, gels and aerosols placed in
  - 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag
  - 1 bag per passenger, placed separately in a security bin for X-ray screening

The liquid restriction applies only to carry-on bags. Passengers can pack larger quantities of liquids and gels in checked baggage.

**No Fireworks**

They may be as American as the Fourth of July, but for the TSA, fireworks and incendiary devices are dangerous explosives that have no place onboard aircraft. Here’s a simple reminder: ALL fireworks and incendiary devices are prohibited — whether they are on your person, in carry-on bags or checked luggage — on every aircraft and at every airport across the country. To avoid a hefty fine of up to \$10,000, possible arrest and imprisonment, leave all fireworks and other explosives at home.



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## Parking

- **Valet Parking.** The new Valet Service was created to aid travelers in situations where time, convenience and parking availability are a concern. When coming to the airport, drive into the designated Valet areas marked by cones in front of Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. When coming back to San Diego, pick up luggage first on the way to the Valet cashier. The cost of the service is \$30 per 24-hour period. Take the receipt to curbside Valet to pick up vehicle.
- **Short- and Long-Term Parking.** The parking options available at SDIA include color-coded short- and long-term SAN Park lots:
  - **Orange** is for SAN Park NTC, located west of the airport
  - **Green** is for SAN Park Harbor Drive, located east of the airport
  - **Blue** is for SAN Park Pacific Highway, located north of the airfield
 Free shuttle buses from long-term lots to all airport terminals are also color-coded and sport scenes of popular San Diego County destinations.
- **Cell Phone Lot.** Located at 2701 North Harbor Drive. Motorists can wait in this parking lot for up to 60 minutes free of charge. Once cell phone contact is made between the driver and incoming passenger, the motorist can drive over to the terminal for quick, convenient traveler pick-up.
- **Disabled Parking.** Parking for travelers with disabilities is available at all airport lots. Well-defined spaces are conveniently located near each skybridge elevator and at all terminal entry points. For additional information call 619-291-2087.

## Passenger Assistance Program

As part of the TSA’s “Summer Partnership Program,” the Airport Authority has hired some 30 workers to assist passengers during the busy summer travel season. SDIA’s program is unique among the nation’s airports, providing this assistance to streamline the screening process and decrease wait time at security checkpoints. The summer workers help travelers with their personal belongings and manage queuing lines. The program will be in place from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## Independence Day Festivities

- **Live entertainment.** The Airport Authority is hosting live entertainment in the Terminal 2 West baggage claim area from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 3 to celebrate Independence Day. The performance will feature **Seaside Brass**, a high-energy, mobile, acoustic brass ensemble with a casual California flair. Its popular repertoire of styles includes rich chord harmonies, swing, rock, Dixieland Jazz and patriotic selections.

*The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority was established by state law in 2003 to operate San Diego International Airport and to address the region’s long-term air transportation needs. San Diego International Airport — funded through user fees and not local taxes — served some 18.3 million passengers in 2007.*

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