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Airport Authority offers Labor Day travel tips

SAN DIEGO – September 2, 2010 – For many, the Labor Day holiday 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 travel time from Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 6:

Plan Ahead

Arrive at least two hours before departure for domestic flights and three hours for international flights. Flight status can be checked at www.san.org/flights. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) website 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.

- **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. At SDIA, passengers who forget to bring a 1-quart plastic zip-top bag can receive one at the checkpoint, courtesy of the Airport Authority.

- **Be prepared for screening.** Removing footwear for security screening is required. Footwear that can be easily removed helps speed the process. At SDIA, passengers may request foot protectors to wear while their shoes are off, courtesy of the Airport Authority.
- **Advanced Imaging Technology.** San Diego International Airport now has advanced imaging technology at security checkpoints throughout the airport. These optional screening devices enable the TSA to screen passengers by using an image similar to chalk etching. For more information on AIT, please visit the TSA [website](#).

Parking

- **Valet Parking.** The 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.
- **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

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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.

In 2009, passengers rated San Diego International Airport 88% in overall passenger satisfaction, the highest in six years of surveying.

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