

Itineraries for Families coming for the 2014 Vizio BCS National Championship

Family Fun, Day 1:

3pm: You and your family have arrived! Check into your hotel and mingle in the lobby a little bit with fans form your school, and then get ready to hit the harbor. Don't forget to grab your team sweatshirt or hat to show off your school spirit in Newport Beach.

3:30pm: Rent a Duffy electric boat (think golf cart on water) and cruise the Harbor. For extra family fun, play the "Duffy Boat Scavenger Hunt" game on your smart phone and find landmarks around the Newport Harbor. The kids will love it, and adults will enjoy the scenic views, beautiful landscape, yachts, and homes along the waterfront.

5pm: With over 400 restaurants to choose from, there are many dining options for families, and some of those are unique waterfront restaurants that allow you to Dock & Dine. Harborside Restaurant, Bluewater Grill, Woody's Wharf or Sol Cocina are among the choices for you to pull up and dine inside or on your boat.

7pm: After dinner, head to Fashion Island before you head back to your hotel. The outdoor shopping Mecca is filled with more than 125 stores – featuring a great mix of boutiques, department stores and designer outposts. Kids will love the water fountains and park areas to run around in, and there are movie theaters and restaurants for all to enjoy. This is also a great opportunity to get one final enjoyment of the Christmas holiday season, as the Fashion Island Christmas Tree — usually the nation's tallest — is in its final days.

Family Fun, Day 2:

9am: Start your morning with breakfast at the Galley, a cozy little blast from the past diner on Harbor Island. Try the eggs benedict or warm your body with some biscuits and gravy.

10am: Drive down to Balboa Village, home of the Fun Zone. Take the Balboa Island Ferry over to the Fun Zone. Try to see if you can handle the ferocity of Burt, the mechanical bull shark. If you want something a little tamer, the family will enjoy the Ferris wheel and arcade games. Also be sure to check out ExplorOcean and its interactive aquatic exhibits.

11am: Browse the shops in Balboa Village and rent a Segway and cruise the boardwalk. Watch the waves as you glide up and down the peninsula. If the surf is huge, take a good walk down to the Wedge, one of the world's most famous surf spots.

1pm: Enjoy lunch at Ruby's, a 1950's-inspired diner on the Balboa Pier. Everyone will love walking out to the end of the pier and taking in the views over a cheeseburger.

2pm: Drive across the ferry to Balboa Island and do a little shopping on charming Marine Avenue. No trip to Balboa Island would be complete without one of the two famed treats, the Balboa Bar or Original Frozen Banana.

3:30pm Head back to the hotel to freshen up and grab a sweater or light jacket. You will catch the sunset before heading to dinner.

Sunset: Two of the more popular spots to watch the sun adjourn into the ocean are Lookout Point in Corona del Mar or Castaways Park in the Back Bay.

6pm: If you enjoyed your waterfront dining experience for lunch, there are many more places to explore. The DivBar, Dock and Cannery: Seafood of the Pacific are excellent choices. 21 Oceanfront, the Crab Cooker, and Newport Landing are places very close to the water, that

serves delicious coastal cuisine.

Family Fun, Day 3:

9am: Head down to Crystal Cove State Beach and eat breakfast on the beach! Park at the Los Trancos parking lot off of Pacific Coast Highway, take the Beachcomber Cafe shuttle or walk the path under Pacific Coast Highway to the Crystal Cove Historic District. Beachcomber Cafe offers great food and spectacular views from its perch on the sand.

11am: Walk along the beach and check out the spectacular Crystal Cove tidepools teeming with life. Some of the cottages have been converted to shops, and a portion of the proceeds goes to Crystal Cove Alliance, which is dedicated to the preservation of the District.

1230pm: There's always time for a little more shopping before lunch. The Crystal Cove Shopping Center on East Coast Highway features an eclectic mix of shopping and dining. With fashions for women, men, and kids, and the home, Crystal Cove Shopping Center has something for everyone. The lunch options are as diverse as the shopping options. The Tamarind of London offers incredible Indian dishes bursting with flavors. Javier's offers a cool Hispanic vibe and creative menu. For ahi poké or ceviche, Bear Flag Fish Company is a must-visit.

1:30pm If you crave something sweet before you head home, stop in to Sweet and Saucy for a cupcake, or head back across the street to Ruby's Shake Shack, which overlooks Crystal Cove State Beach for one last look at the beautiful coastline of Newport Beach while enjoying Ruby's famous shake.