

**Governors Island Preservation and Education Corporation presents:**

## **“Top Ten Tips for Brooklynites Coming to Governors Island”**

### **1. Come to Pier 6, Brooklyn Bridge Park to catch the free ferry**

Free ferries run from Pier 6 in Brooklyn Bridge Park (corner of Atlantic Avenue and Furman Street) on Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11 AM. There is no ferry to Governors Island from Fulton Ferry Landing.

### **2. The boat is every 10 minutes but be patient (please)**

Now, ferries are every 10 minutes (instead of every 20 minutes last year from Brooklyn), but they only take up to 149 passengers and a smaller number of bicycles. You may not get on the first boat that arrives but trust us, even if you have to wait, it is worth it!

### **3. Bicyclists be patient (please)**

The boat serving Brooklyn can only take a limited number of bikes. The ferry and security staff work together to make sure that bicyclists and pedestrians have reasonable wait times and safe journeys on the boat.

### **4. Please make sure someone stays in the line**

The new playground at Pier 6 is amazing. Take advantage of the amazing water play and swings but make sure you leave a grown up in the Governors Island ferry line so you don't miss your boat!

### **5. Don't forget your sunscreen and sun hat**

It's pretty sunny on Pier 6 and it always feels hotter when you're waiting in line.

### **6. Take advantage of the water fountain**

Bring your own water or fill up your water bottle at the Pier 6 water fountain (conveniently located right next to the dock). Governors Island has water and drinks for sale but no potable water.

### **7. Leave the alcohol and your pet at home**

Alcohol is not permitted on the island. Water Taxi Beach on Governors Island has a full bar and is a great place to enjoy a beer or drink. Pier 6 has a brand new dog run that your pooch may enjoy. Alas, dogs and other pets are not permitted on Governors Island (and yes that includes stowaway Chihuahuas!)

### **8. Don't worry about finding a bathroom – they are everywhere, especially when you get to the Island**

There are port a sans on Pier 6 near the dog run, a bathroom on the boat, and on Governors Island you can find brand new bathrooms near Soissons Dock and bathroom trailers at Picnic Point and Water Taxi Beach.

### **9. Support your favorite Brooklynites on Governors Island**

Blue Marble Ice Cream, Six Points Ale at Water Taxi Beach, crafts at the Etsy House in Nolan Park and art from Brooklyn Waterfront Arts Coalition. There is a little bit of Brooklyn everywhere you look on the island.

### **10. Come early** First Brooklyn boat is at 11! (And don't forget to smile!)