



October 11, 2024

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

To deepen your child's learning experience, we are attending a NatureBridge environmental science program in Yosemite. This experience will be a fun, well supervised and exciting addition to your child's regular academic program at our school.

We are planning this program for the following dates: **January 15-17,2025.**

Founded in 1971, NatureBridge is a non-profit organization that provides hands-on, environmental science programs in national parks. NatureBridge programs are facilitated by experienced, professional staff who support students' physical and emotional safety. School chaperones and professionally trained NatureBridge staff are on site to support and keep participants safe 24 hours a day. NatureBridge programming is culturally responsive and inclusive.

#### **Trip Cost**

The total cost per student for this trip is **\$690**. Participating students and chaperones are required to pay the *deposit fee* of \$115 by **Monday, September 30, 2024**.

The *remaining balance* of \$575 is due by **Friday, December 13, 2024**. Please submit all payments to **Mr. Aguilar** on/before the due date.

We hope for 100% participation from our students!

#### **Paperwork**

The paperwork required for your student to participate is included. Please return all completed paperwork by **November 15, 2024** to **Ms. Genesis Garcia** The NatureBridge Participant Registration form requires your signature for your student to participate in the program.

#### **Participant Registration Form**

Online registration must be completed on/or before Friday, November 15, 2024

#### **Preparing for Your Trip**

Please visit the Yosemite School & Group Environmental Science page at [naturebridge.org](http://naturebridge.org) for detailed packing lists, information on dietary accommodations and more.

#### **Emergencies and Contact Information**

Should a medical emergency arise, students will likely be taken to local medical clinic and will be accompanied by at least one participating adult from our school/group. You will be contacted immediately if such an emergency arises. The campus office hours are from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. for URGENT messages, the Director of Operations can be reached during non-office hours at 323-379-4175 or 630-660-3970.

If you have questions about our upcoming program, please send me an email: [ggarcia@stanthonygardena.org](mailto:ggarcia@stanthonygardena.org)

We're looking forward to having your student join us!

Sincerely,

Ms. Genesis Garcia