

Nature Academy 7th, 8th Grade Yosemite Study Trip Information and Sign-Up Sheet

During the week of May 9th to May 13th, the Nature Academy 7th and 8th graders will be going to Yosemite National Park for this year's science camp. This trip will be the high point of the students' academic year, and should be fun and challenging for everyone. Parent-chaperones will drive students to/from Yosemite, and will assist in guiding camp activities. Lodging will be at Yosemite's Housekeeping Unit (permanent tent-cabins, 5 guests each) and all meals are included.

We are planning on attendance by all 7th and 8th graders (50 total), plus 15-18 parent chaperones. The basic cost for the trip is estimated to be **\$375 per attending student**, and **\$200 per attending parent chaperone**, (DO NOT PAY NOW – YOU WILL BE BILLED LATER). Students will pay three installments of \$125 per month, due on January 10th, February 10th, and March 10th; while chaperones will pay \$67 per month, same payment schedule. Costs for this trip will be directly reduced by amounts existing in individual student fundraising accounts. Also, matching scholarships of up to \$100 are available for students who raise an equal amount through fundraising, and whose families are still unable to fully pay for this trip.

Yosemite National Park offers ranger-guided horseback rides and rock climbing classes as optional activities for additional cost. Schedules and pricing will be provided at a future date. Also, if any students/chaperones want to stay over through Sunday to attempt climbing Half-Dome, they must understand that climbing Half-Dome is specifically **not** an event included in this field trip. Half-Dome climbers must therefore arrange their own lodging, transportation, permits, and liability coverage for their extended stay and activities.

In order to properly plan and budget for the Yosemite trip, a commitment is needed from parents as to whether their students (or they) will be attending. Please fill out and sign the form below, and please return it to Ms. Stockton's 'Forms Box' by Friday, November 19th. If you have any questions, contact George Wylie, (338-0578 or 392-6539 or georgewylie@yahoo.com).

----- Cut Here and Return to Ms. Stockton's 'Forms Box' by Friday, November 19th 2011 -----

Sign-Up Sheet: Yosemite Field Trip May 9th – May 13, 2011

My son/daughter _____ **WILL/WILL NOT** be attending the Nature
(Print Student Name) (Cross out one)
Academy field trip to Yosemite National Park on May 9th – May 13th, 2011.

I _____ **WILL/WILL NOT** attend as a parent chaperone on this trip.
(Print Parent/Guardian Name or Names) (Cross out one)

I _____ **WILL/WILL NOT** be able to also drive on this trip. .
(Print Parent/Guardian Name or Names) (Cross out one)

I _____ **DO/DO NOT** intend to stay through Sunday in order to
(Print Parent/Guardian Name or Names) (Cross out one)
climb Half-Dome. I understand that any extended stay or activities are not a part of this field trip.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____.

*****PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH*****