

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES FOR YOSEMITE INSTITUTE 2012

<b>Early January</b>	Required forms will be mailed home to students and parents. A return envelope will be provided for return of the completed paperwork.
<b>January 25</b>	<p>Deadline for required forms to be returned to The McConnell Foundation. A \$50.00 deposit payable to The McConnell Foundation should be included with the completed forms. The deposit is confirmation of student's participation in the program. It will be returned at the end of the trip or, if student cannot attend, upon notice of cancellation</p> <p>Forms to fill out and return:            (1) Yosemite Institute Registration            (2) Volunteer Services Agreement            (3) Yosemite Institute Student Contract            (4) Code of Conduct Agreement/Photographic Use Agreement</p>
<b>February 1</b>	Deadline to apply for the Backcountry Excursion. Visit <a href="http://www.mcconnellfoundation.org">www.mcconnellfoundation.org</a> for more information.
<b>Early February</b>	Student Information Packets will be mailed home to those students whose required forms were received by January 20. The packet will have transportation information, a packing list, and just about everything you need to know about the trip.
<b>March 1</b>	Community Service deadline. Eight hours of volunteer community service is required to be able to go on the trip. When student has completed volunteer hours, go to <a href="http://www.mcconnellfoundaiton.org">www.mcconnellfoundaiton.org</a> and click on Community Service Verification, then click on Returning Applicant. Use the same login as the one for your YI application. Students who do not complete their community service hours and/or complete the online form by midnight March 1 will be dropped from the program.
<b>March 28</b>	Student and parent orientation (optional) at 6:00 p.m. at The McConnell Foundation, 800 Shasta View Dr., Redding. Space is limited to participants and their parents/guardian. Please RSVP (226-6235) by March 26. If you cannot attend, carefully read through your Student Information Packet. All the information you need is there. The orientation is a way of bringing the week to life and provides an opportunity to ask questions.
<b>April 1</b>	Deadline to cancel the trip with refund of the deposit. After April 1 a written medical excuse is required for the deposit to be returned. Unforeseen circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
<b>April 15-20</b>	Yosemite National Park. Transportation Schedule will be available online in early February; it will also be in the Student Information Packet.