

**2018 NATUREBRIDGE AT YOSEMITE PROGRAM
DUE DATES AND DEADLINES**

October 1-15, 2017	Apply to participate in 2018 program scheduled for April 8-13, 2018
November 2017	Selections and notification
November 2017	Required forms mailed home via U.S. Postal Service
December 5, 2017	<p>Required forms due. Return forms to The McConnell Foundation along with a refundable security deposit of \$50.00. Do not send cash or money order. Checks should be payable to The McConnell Foundation. If the deposit is a hardship, a waiver may be requested by sending an e-mail to ana@mccconnellfoundation.org.</p> <p><u>Required forms:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NatureBridge Registration, Health Screen, and Participant Agreement 2. NatureBridge Student Contract 3. TMF Participant Agreement 4. Code of Conduct Agreement/Photographic Use Agreement 5. Community Service Verification Form - Keep this form until student's community service is complete then submit it online or mail it to The McConnell Foundation no later than February 1.
Any time before departure	Stay in touch! If anything changes – like your home address, email address, phone number, or medical information, or if you suffer an injury or illness – contact Program Coordinator Ana Bachman (ana@mccconnellfoundation.org) 530-226-6235 or Lead Chaperone Charlie Crannell (ccrannell@suhsd.net) 347-9437 as soon as possible.
February 1, 2018	Community Service due. Eight hours of volunteer community service related to the environment is required to actually go on the trip. Community Service Verification Form along with a one-page essay must be submitted online or mailed to The McConnell Foundation.
Mid-February	Student Information Packets delivered via U.S. Postal Service. The packet contains transportation information, a packing list, and everything you need to know for the trip. If you do not receive a packet, call Program Coordinator Ana Bachman at 530-226-2635.
Wed., March 21	Optional student and parent orientation, 6:00 p.m. at The McConnell Foundation, 800 Shasta View Drive, Redding. Space is limited to participants and their parents/guardians. If you cannot attend, carefully read through the 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.
Monday, April 2	Deadline to cancel the trip with refund of the deposit. To cancel, email ana@mccconnellfoundation.org . Unforeseen circumstances after April 2 will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
Sunday, April 8	Early departure for Yosemite National Park. See Transportation Schedule inside Student Information Packet for pick-up times and locations.
Friday, April 13	Evening return from Yosemite National Park. Again, see Transportation Schedule for return times/locations.