
NATUREBRIDGE AT YOSEMITE 2018 COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION

To participate in the Yosemite Program, 8 hours of community service related to the environment must be completed by Thursday, February 1, 2018. That includes turning in this form with a short, one-page essay. Your essay should cover the following:

- (1) how and why you chose your particular community service project;
- (2) details about what you did; and
- (3) what you gained from the experience.

Turn in by mail or online.

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REQUIREMENTS:

- 8 hours of volunteer community service related to the environment. Be creative! A list of ideas and contacts to help you get started is provided below.
- Volunteer hours must be performed after being selected to participate in the program. Any community service performed before being selected does not count toward the trip.
- Community service can be related to the environment either directly (like picking up trash) or indirectly (like making a hall display for your school).
- Community service can be for a specific organization, agency, or group. It can also be for the benefit of a community or area. For, instance, roadway cleanup benefits the whole community; posters raising awareness about an environmental issue at school benefits the whole school. Whatever you do, it must be verifiable.
- The name, phone number, and e-mail address of at least one person who can verify your hours should be listed on the Community Service Verification form.
- The deadline to complete your community service AND turn in your paperwork is February 1, 2018.
- Students who do not complete their community service hours and/or turn in their paperwork by February 1 may be replaced by an alternate who has completed this requirement.

IDEAS

- ☼ **Turtle Bay Exploration Park:** sign up early by sending an e-mail to Cindy Fortes at cfortes@turtlebay.org. Volunteer days for Yosemite students are January 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In order to meet the 8-hour community service requirement, you need to sign up for 2 days. Wear gardening clothes and boots or sneakers, and appropriate outerwear for the weather (rain gear if necessary). Also bring a snack.

- ⚙ **Whiskeytown National Park:** contact the Volunteer Manager 242-3450
- ⚙ **Whiskeytown Environmental School:** contact Shasta County Office of Education at 225-0200
- ⚙ **Bureau of Land Management:** call 224-2100 to see if they have any community service projects
- ⚙ **California State Parks:** Castle Crags, Burney Falls, Old Shasta
- ⚙ **Local Trail Associations:** trail planning, creation, public information. e.g. Mt Shasta Trail Assn.
- ⚙ **California Department of Fish and Game:** fish hatcheries, habitat restoration, urban water runoff
- ⚙ **California Department of Forestry**
- ⚙ **US Forest Service:** adopt-a-stream programs, education programs, lookout programs
- ⚙ **Mt. Shasta Ranger District:** (530) 926-4511
- ⚙ **The Ecology Center, Mt. Shasta:** annual restoration of Panther Meadows. 926-5655
- ⚙ **City Recreation Departments:** e.g. Dunsmuir Botanic Gardens; City of Redding for the Sacramento River Trail system
- ⚙ **National Park Service:** Lassen, Lava Beds
- ⚙ **Conservation Districts:** Shasta, Siskiyou, Central Modoc, Trinity County
- ⚙ **County fairs:** Intermountain, Shasta, Siskiyou Golden
- ⚙ **US Fish & Wildlife Service:** Tulelake interpretive marsh, Pacific Flyway
- ⚙ **Lake, school, roadway cleanup**
- ⚙ **Organize a Spring Clean-a-Thon at your school; encourage friends to “Leave No Trace”**
- ⚙ **Organize and carry out a recycling program for school sporting events**
- ⚙ **Organize a recycle day; design and implement a recycling program for your family**
- ⚙ **Display at the school, local library, or other public facility**
- ⚙ **Do a radio show about environmental topics/projects**
- ⚙ **Give a presentation to elementary school students about the environment**
- ⚙ **Bulletin board displays on environmental topics**
- ⚙ **Design and carry out a plan to acquire and plant native trees on school grounds**
- ⚙ **Design and carry out an anti-junk mail campaign**
- ⚙ **Design and carry out a composting project**
- ⚙ **Check your local newspaper for volunteer opportunities**
- ⚙ **Be creative! There are many ways to support the environment!**