



Student Behavior Expectations

At NatureBridge we want you to have a great experience exploring your national parks! School chaperones and professionally trained NatureBridge staff are here to support and keep you safe 24 hours a day. At NatureBridge, we support all participants' physical and emotional safety and provide culturally responsive and inclusive programs. The agreements below will ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time on their NatureBridge program.

All participants agree to:

- Respect other participants, their privacy, and their property.
- Respect the NatureBridge campus and be a steward of Yosemite.
- Not discriminate against people because of their race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender, language, talents, or special needs.
- Not to cause physical or emotional harm to myself or any other person.
- Not to bring or use non-prescription drugs, cigarettes, weapons, and/or alcohol at NatureBridge.
- Be on time, prepared (have suitable clothing and equipment), and to be an active participant in NatureBridge programming.
- Stay with my school group and be under the supervision of a chaperone at all times.
- Only enter and use my cabin/dorm/room; and refrain from entering other participant cabins/dorms/rooms.
- Be quiet and respectful in the evening and morning so that everyone can get enough sleep to participate and stay healthy.
- Keep food out of my cabin/dorm/room.
- Look out for the safety of myself and others and follow all safety directions.
- Follow the cell phone policy of my school. If my school does not have a cell phone policy, I will follow the NatureBridge policy: cell phones should be set in airplane mode and used only for taking photos, video or specific school projects. I understand that student participants may not use cell phones in NatureBridge dorms, dining halls or bathrooms.

Student Behavior Support System:

If a NatureBridge staff member or a school teacher or chaperone determines that a student is not following the above agreements, there will be a discussion of student behavior and remedial actions. NatureBridge strives to utilize restorative practices which could include any of the following actions:

- Verbal warning and reminder about NatureBridge agreements.
- Behavior discussion with NatureBridge staff and school/group leader.
- A student/NatureBridge Behavior Contract is drafted and the parent/guardian is alerted.
- Removal from program and/or sent home.

We make every opportunity to reconcile behavioral issues with our participants. In rare cases, NatureBridge reserves the right to send participants home if behavior is deemed to be unsafe and/or egregious.