

TEAM Yosemite Trip Student Info

November 10-14, 2025

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: TEAM students have attended a week in Yosemite since the program began over 20 years ago in order to create deeper connections between students, students and adults, and our National Parks. We work with Nature Bridge, an organization that has offered residential integrated field study programs for the last 40 years in Yosemite National Park. The purposes of their programs are to inspire children and adults to think about the environment and empower them to act as responsible inhabitants of our planet. For more information about specifics of the trip, the Nature Bridge website is at

<https://naturebridge.org/programs/yosemite-school-environmental-science>.

TEAM's goals for this experience are to allow students to explore the wonders of Yosemite through a variety of lenses: science, history, and literature and art. We also want them to continue to strengthen relationships with their peers, student leaders, and teachers. Finally, we hope students will be able to challenge themselves to be in the natural world and out of their usual technology-filled daily lives.

DETAILS

- When: *Leave-* 7 am, Monday, November 10th from Paly to Yosemite National Park. **Please arrive about 15 minutes early at 6:45 AM by the PAC to load the buses.**
Return- ~6:30 pm Friday Nov 14 to Paly PAC. (Leaving Yosemite park by 2pm.)
- Where: Students will stay in heated tent-cabins in Curry Village provided by the NatureBridge Program. Breakfast and dinner will be in the Village cafeterias and lunch will be on the trail provided by the Nature Bridge Program. Students should bring money and pack breakfast/brunch and lunch for the bus ride up to Yosemite.
- What: Students should expect to be out in the park during the day, between 9AM and 4PM. They will be hiking, doing learning activities, exploring historic sites, and team-building. Most days the total distance traveled will be between 5-7 miles. One day is usually or often a challenge hike that might be a bit longer.
- How: Students will leave Paly on chartered buses. In some cases, students may be transported via carpool from a parent chaperone.
- Who: Our goal is to take all TEAM students. We try to include a teacher or parent and student leader chaperone in each hiking group of ~15 students.
- Donation: No student will be denied from attending this trip due to financial reasons. **If your family has not already made the voluntary donation of \$2000 (or whatever you can contribute) please see the [financial form](#) handed out at our parent nights.** Email the Paly Team Treasurer at palyteamtreasurer@gmail.com

FORMS: There are many forms that accompany this field trip. Please take the time to read through all of them and fill out the necessary information. Your child may not attend this trip until all necessary signatures and information appear in our records.

Alt Driving: If you might need to leave/arrive early due to an extracurricular/sport, please let us know at least 2 weeks before by emailing your TEAM teachers.

Forms are due back to English Classes by Thursday, 10/9. You should have already filled out Nature Bridge's digital registration form--the link to this has been sent out via email.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

All parents should attend the informational meeting **Tuesday October 7th** from **6:30-7:00 pm** in the **Paly Media Arts Center (MAC)**. Information about the equipment list and trip details will be presented at that time. If you have questions about this trip before that time, feel free to email Liz Brimhall at ebrimhall@pausd.org.

Chaperones: If you signed up to come with us on this trip, we will have a mandatory chaperone meeting following the general meeting that will last about 15-30 minutes. Email if you cannot attend.