



# Golden Gate Welcomes Your School!



**NatureBridge connects young people to the science and wonder of the natural world, igniting self-discovery and inspiring stewardship of the planet.**

- Serves 30,000 students each year
- Celebrated 50th Anniversary in 2022
- Partners with National Park Service
- Teaches in four NPS locations:
  - Golden Gate, Yosemite, Olympic and Prince William Forest



# Where is NatureBridge located?

The Marin Headlands  
in the Golden Gate  
National Recreation Area

[NatureBridge.org](https://www.naturebridge.org)



## Beach Campus at Rodeo Beach



- Located in the Marin Headlands
- 10 minutes north of Golden Gate Bridge
- 1033 Fort Cronkhite, Sausalito, CA

## Bluff Campus at Point Bonita



- Located in the Marin Headlands
- 10 minutes north of Golden Gate Bridge
- 981 Fort Barry, Sausalito, CA

 NatureBridge® **Environmental Science Program Schedule**

6:45 a.m.	Wake up (no earlier)
7 a.m. or 8 a.m.	Breakfast
9 a.m.	Morning Meeting
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Learning Groups explore the Headlands
4 p.m.	Activity time
5 p.m. or 6 p.m.	Dinner
7:10 p.m.	Evening Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Evening Program
8:30 p.m.	Get ready for bed
9:15 p.m.	Lights out



## Learning Groups



**Participants spend every day in the SAME learning group:**

**One** NatureBridge educator

+

**One** Adult school participant

+

**16** Students or fewer



- Marine Ecology
- Watersheds
- Earth and Physical Sciences
- Terrestrial Plants and Animals
- Climate Change



- Making observations
- Asking research questions
- Collecting data
- Drawing conclusions





- Help at the native plant nursery
- Beach clean-up
- Restore Habitats



# Personal Growth and Teambuilding





# Environmental Science Educators



- College grads or experienced employees
- Outdoor instructors or group leaders
- Passionate teachers with diverse experiences
- Certified in Wilderness First Aid or as Wilderness First Responders

All educators:

- Have CPR and either a Wilderness First Aid certification or are a certified Wilderness First Responder
- Carry a radio to connect with our team on campus

Our campus is:

- Less than 10 minutes from the Sausalito Fire Station
- Less than 30 minutes from several major hospitals

Contact during business hours: (415) 332-5771

Emergency contact after business hours: Your group coordinator

## [NatureBridge Health & Safety Plan \(HSP\)](#)

Updated as needed to outline policies and protocols to

- minimize the risk of communicable diseases
- guide management if illness does occur



Chaperones are key to a successful program.  
They are:

- Engaged participants—acting as “guides on the side”
- Subtle disciplinarians who model inclusive behavior and demonstrate a positive attitude
- Attentive supervisors during activity time, meals, and overnight
- Supportive of ALL students

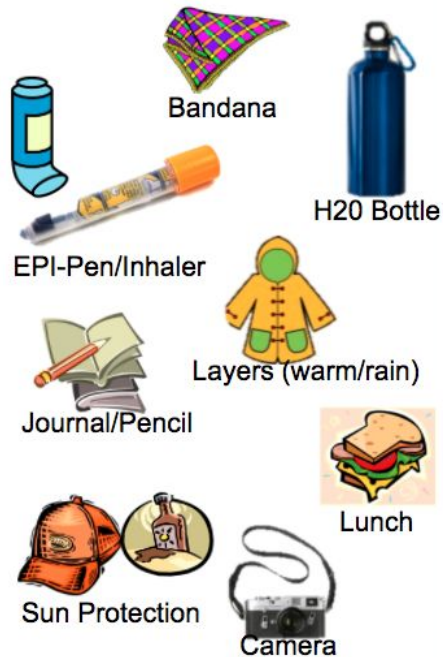


Marin Headlands weather is unpredictable! Mornings can be foggy, and afternoons can be hot & sunny.

- Dress in layers: jackets, hats and gloves
- Bring an outer water/wind resistant layer: poncho or rain jacket.



## HIKING BAG



## OVERNIGHT BAG



## LEAVE AT HOME



Please use the list given to you or the NatureBridge Packing List ([English](#) or [Spanish](#))



Good footwear is functional, but doesn't need to be fancy!

**Any of these!** 😊



**Not these!** 😞



**OK...**



Bring shoes that:

- Cover whole foot
- Can get dirty
- Can wear for 8+ hours/day



- Schools may be sharing the sleeping areas and bathrooms in the dorms with one or more schools.
- Students may only be in the dorms when an adult is present.
- At least one adult must be present for every 20 students in the dorms.



- Students bring their own lunch on arrival day. All other meals are provided.
- Online participant registration forms collect dietary restrictions. Complete this form at least 30 days prior to arrival.
- Schools may share dining hall with participants from other schools.



## Student and Family Agreements

- All students and adults are expected to fully participate in all aspects of the program.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for picking up their child if they are too ill to hike, injured or need to be sent home because of a behavior violation.
- Safe and inclusive behavior is important. Participants are expected to follow all behavior guidelines. Students must review student expectations in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) prior to arrival.
- Cell phones are not allowed for use in the dorms, bathrooms or while hiking on trail. Students may use it for their camera if needed, but we encourage the school to designate an adult to take photos on behalf of the whole group.

- Online Participant Registration Forms
  - All program participants, students AND adults, must complete this form. Your group coordinator will send the link to you.
- Communication with NatureBridge
  - NatureBridge maintains direct contact with your school's group coordinator. Please direct all questions to that individual.
- Visit NatureBridge's website to find information for [Student, Families and Chaperones](#)

**Golden Gate is excited to welcome your school to the Marin Headlands!**

