



WORLD EXPEDITIONS

OF SAN DIEGO

Muirlands Yosemite Expedition 2016

Expedition Information

This document is your contract. Please read both sides.

Muirlands' 7th grade students are being offered a unique educational opportunity this summer, a 5-day educational trip to Yosemite National Park. The NatureBridge organization will provide hands-on environmental science programs in one of nature's most magnificent classrooms. This trip will also provide opportunities for social growth, self-reliance and teamwork. Students will be accompanied by experienced off-duty teachers and staff.

Note: This educational tour is sponsored by World Expeditions of San Diego and NatureBridge. Muirlands Middle and the San Diego Unified School District assume no responsibility or liability. Any teachers or staff who participate as group leaders are off-duty and not functioning as district employees. Funding is by private individual payment.

Discounted Cost: \$1100 (applies to all payments by check, cash or money order.) Full Cost: \$1155 for credit card payments.

Includes: Roundtrip bus from Muirlands, Yosemite accommodations and meals, Yosemite field activities and adult supervision.

Financial Aid: Partial, need-based scholarships are available. Contact us for an application. Application deadline is Nov. 20th.

Registration: All 7th Graders who wish to participate in this year's trip must register with **World Expeditions**. To register, each participant must fill out a **Muirlands Yosemite Expedition Registration** card and return it with a deposit to: **World Expeditions, 4312 Witherby St., San Diego, CA 92103**. Do not return cards and payments to school.

Students who are applying for partial financial aid must check the **Financial Aid** box on the registration card and return it to World Expeditions along with the deposit. There will be a Financial Aid Application that must be filled out and returned according to the instructions given. Should a student be denied financial aid, and decide to cancel, a full refund of the deposit will be given.

Payments:	<u>By Check/Cash</u>	<u>By CC</u>	<u>Due By</u>	<u>Cancel Fee</u>
Deposit	\$100	\$105	Nov. 20, 2015	Fully refundable until Dec. 15th, then \$100 fee.
Second Payment	\$500	\$525	Feb. 19, 2016	Cancel fee increases to \$300
Final Payment	\$500	\$525	May 19, 2016	Cancel fee increases to \$650

All payments are fully refundable until Dec. 15th. Cancel fee of \$100 starts Dec. 16th. See Cancel Policy below for more details.

Payments Accepted: Check, cash, money order. (Credit cards can be used, however, the Full Cost of \$1155 will be charged.)

Checks: Make payable to **World Expeditions**. Mail with your Registration Card or top portion of statement. Approximately two weeks after the registration deadline an account statement will be mailed to all registered participants.

Credit Cards: Please send a note with the registration card, or call our office with CC number, expiration date and zip code.

Trust Account: California law requires sellers of travel to deposit payments into a trust account. World Expeditions has a trust account at Union Bank of California. All deposits are insured up to \$100,000 by the FDIC.

Cancellation/Disqualification Policy: All cancellations and requests for refunds must be submitted in writing or email and received in our office prior to the cancel dates. Prior to and including **Dec. 15th**, there is no cancel fee. After Dec. 15th a cancel fee of \$50 will be assessed for any cancellation (**including disqualification.**) The cancel fee increases to \$300 after Feb. 19th. After May 19th, the cancel fee is \$650. There will be no cancel fee if a Wait List student takes a cancelled student's place.

Space is limited. We expect to be able to accommodate every student who is interested, however, space is limited. Confirmation on the trip will be first-come, first-served, based on when the registration card and deposit are received by World Expeditions. Once the tour capacity is reached, all subsequent registrants will be placed on a wait list. While you are on the wait list, you may cancel and receive a full refund. Immediately upon notification that you have cleared the wait list, the cancellation policy goes into effect. Wait list students who do not make it onto the trip will be refunded in full.

Trip Behavior: The safety and security of all participants is our topmost concern. Students will be required to adhere to rules similar to those at school and additional rules given by adult leaders. Students who fail to do so may be disqualified in which case a parent will be required to come pick their student up.

Questions: Please email your payment/registration questions to Steve Ewalt at: expeditions@mac.com. For scholarship/tour questions, contact Judy Visque: jvisque@gmail.com or 858 531-4676. Additional information: NatureBridge.org



World Expeditions Contract Information and Conditions

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Health and Physical Requirements: Travel in general and this tour specifically are physically demanding. All participants should be in good physical and mental health. Participants must have the maturity and capability of taking care of themselves on a daily basis. World Expeditions' employees, tour leaders, chaperones and tour guides are not able to provide full-time one-on-one assistance to participants with physical limitations. Under certain circumstances, adult chaperones will be able to administer medications. Any participant suffering from permanent or temporary illness, impairment or disability may be required to make their own arrangements (including payment) for the provision of assistance while on the tour. Any potential participant with such requirements must fully disclose their conditions at time of registration. Confirmation for the tour in such cases will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Most of the tour is wheelchair accessible. Tour leaders will make every reasonable attempt to make sure that all participants are included in all aspects of the tour.

Confirmation: Tour participation can only be confirmed after receipt of the initial payment and the Expedition Registration Card, providing that deadlines and conditions listed on this *Expedition Information* sheet are met. Receipt of the signed Registration Card verifies that the participant and parent have read and understand all conditions listed on the *Expedition Information* sheet and all other requirements set by World Expeditions and/or group leaders.

Disqualification: It is the participant's and parent's responsibility to know and abide by all conditions and requirements for participation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the tour and loss of money paid.

Payments: Payments must be kept up to date. Initial registration and deposit deadlines, if any, must be met. Subsequent payments should be received within one week of the due date. In some cases, customized payment plans may be arranged.

Late Payments: Payments not received within one week of due date are considered late and participants are subject to the following:

1. World Expeditions reserves the right to place that participant at the end of the wait list.
2. World Expeditions and/or the group leaders may choose to disqualify anyone who is not fully paid within 30 days of departure. All cancel penalties will apply for such disqualifications.

Itinerary: A final itinerary and a list of hotel addresses and airline flights will be provided at a meeting to be held approximately one week prior to departure. The tour itinerary is subject to change at any time should circumstances make such change necessary.

Price Increase: The tour price is based on a minimum number of participants and a specific itinerary. Should the number of participants fall below the minimum, or should the itinerary be changed, the tour price is subject to increase. Anyone who registers for the tour after the First Payment or Deposit date (whichever is earlier) may be subject to paying a higher price. ***World Expeditions reserves the right to collect from the travelers the cost of a government or vendor imposed tax, fee or surcharge which goes into effect after the First Payment or Deposit date (whichever is earlier.)***

Returned Check Fee: There will be a \$10 fee for checks returned by your bank.

Fundraising Money: If you cancel or are disqualified from the tour, any fundraising money will be refunded directly back to the fundraising account, and will not be returned to you.

Behavioral Release: World Expeditions has the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of a tour at any time for any reason before or during the actual tour. Should the behavior of a participant endanger their safety or the safety of the group, or cause a significant adverse effect on the quality of the trip for the other participants, they will be eliminated from participation and returned home at their or their parent's expense.

General Release: World Expeditions' responsibility is strictly limited. World Expeditions and/or its representatives act as agents for the tour participants in all matters connected with hotel accommodations, sight-seeing, restaurants and transportation and as an agency holds itself free of responsibility for any liability occurring due to the performance of the independent contractors supplying services for this tour. Neither World Expeditions nor its agents or employees shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss, expense or inconvenience in connection with any accommodation, transportation or travel services that result directly or indirectly from any occurrence or conditions beyond their control including but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, theft, delay or cancellation, late departures, change of schedule, strikes, acts of God, commercial frustration, acts of war or terrorism, or the willful or negligent act and/or omission by the provider of services or their respective representatives including without limitation, their failure to deliver, or inadequate delivery of travel services.

Rights of the California consumer: This business is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation (TCRC). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if you are owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which was not refunded in a timely manner by a seller of travel who was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the seller of travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating seller of travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale.

You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 600, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001 or faxing a request to 415 927-7698.

If the Tour is Canceled and no longer operates: Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions listed on this *Expedition Information* sheet, all sums paid to World Expeditions for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by World Expeditions to you unless you otherwise advise World Expeditions in writing.