

Larkspur-Corte Madera School District
5th Grade Outdoor Science Education Program
October 3-5, 2018
Forms Due Friday, Sept 7 , 2018

August 30, 2018

Dear Parents of Fifth Graders,

Next month, your children will get to participate in 5th grade Outdoor Science Education Program. In conjunction with NatureBridge, we have developed a program of hands-on scientific exploration in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. This overnight experience will be a safe, fun and exciting addition to your child's regular academic program at school. This year's Outdoor Science Education Program will take place October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Location: To learn more please check out the [NatureBridge Website](#). Founded in 1977, NatureBridge is a private, non- profit organization dedicated to providing educational adventures in nature's classroom to inspire a personal connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. The Golden Gate campus is located in the Marin Headlands. It includes a dining hall, science laboratories, play/recreation areas and overnight dormitory facilities. Males and females will be separated in the dorms, and each dormitory has a bathroom and shower area (with private stalls) to be shared by students and adults. Parent chaperones and the fifth grade teachers will be responsible for the supervision of our students throughout the Outdoor Science Education Program experience.

Required Forms: Please complete and return these to your classroom teacher no later than Friday, September 7th. We are requiring hard copies be returned to the teacher. These links are provided for your convenience.

- [Field Trip Permission Slip](#)
- [NatureBridge Registration Form](#) All students and adults must complete and sign this form to participate in our programs. Do not forget to sign page four (4)!
- [Student Behavior Contract](#) (to be completed with your child)

Cost: This experience costs \$350.00 per child. Please make checks payable to Larkspur-Corte Madera School District and hand them into the classroom teacher. No student will be excluded for financial reasons and financial assistance is available. Please complete [the financial assistance form](#) (if you have not already) and bring it to the school office. If your child is part of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, the cost of this field trip will be covered for your child.

Preparation: The weather in the Marin Headlands is unpredictable. In the past we have experienced very hot days as well as rain and very cool temperatures. Please read and carefully follow the [Clothing and Equipment List and Student Behavior Expectations](#). Most activities will take place outdoors.

Food: If your student is signed up for hot lunch, these lunches will be served and available for students on Wednesday before we leave the school campus. If your student is not signed up for hot lunch, please pack a disposable bagged lunch for Wednesday, October 3rd. With the exception of lunch on Wednesday and any pre-arranged special dietary needs, additional food items/snacks are not allowed and should be left at home. Students may **NOT** bring electronic equipment of any kind to NatureBridge, including cell phones. Your children will be in good hands, and we will notify you if a problem arises.

Emergency Contact Information: Should a medical emergency arise, students in most cases will be taken to Marin General Hospital and will be accompanied by at least one participating adult from our group. You will be contacted immediately if such an emergency arises. The NatureBridge office hours are from 8:30am - 5:00pm. After 5:00pm, voicemail messages can be left for students in the event of a family emergency with their Office Manager at (415) 332-5771, ext. 24. For **EMERGENCIES ONLY**, the NatureBridge Campus Coordinator can be paged during non-office hours at (415) 462-3201.

Chaperones: There will be information at Back to School Night for those of you who are interested in chaperoning. We appreciate your support of this program!

We are looking forward to a great trip this year!

Sincerely,

Neil Cummins and Cove Fifth Grade Teachers, School Counselors and Principals