

Conference Youth Group Expectations

We look forward to hosting your student group at our Golden Gate Campus!

While you are here, please help us create a welcoming, safe, and respectful environment for everyone, regardless of race, socio-economic background, abilities, gender and sexual orientation.

Please also be sure to familiarize yourself with our Event Guidelines and Preparation sheet in planning your retreat, which includes contact information, what to pack, and general policies of our campus.

While you are staying on our Golden Gate campus, you will be sharing the facilities with other student or adult groups, which could include sharing the dorms, dining hall meals and common spaces. Since the dorms are shared between groups, we designate separate female and male dorms. Whenever possible, we support groups and individuals who may identify with genders other than male or female.

Adult Specific Information.

Please share with all adult chaperones:

1. **We require a minimum ratio of 1 adult chaperone to 20 youth at all times, including per gender in each dorm area.**
 - a. We suggest a 1:10 ratio at the beach
2. Chaperones must be adults 21 years of age, or older, to supervise youth (age 17 or under).
3. **Adults must be present and chaperoning youth at all times.** Youth should never be without adult supervision indoors or outdoors, including:
 - a. During free-time
 - b. In the dorms
 - c. In the dining hall at meals
 - d. Walking between buildings (like leaving the dining hall after meals, or for bathroom breaks when the bathrooms are in a different building)
 - e. On the beach
4. **Adult participants must avoid being alone with any child,** except in the case of an emergency. If you find yourself alone with a child, you must move to a location where you can be observed by other people.
5. Only adults should use our dorm codes and have access to the building keys. Do not share these with youth. We ask you to help keep the buildings locked and doors shut.
6. If staying overnight, plan to have enough women and men adult chaperones in each dorm that you will be assigned, including in the women's main dorm, men's main dorm, in the semi-private wing of each dorm, and each floor of the Raven dorm.
7. When eating in our dining hall, please have adults spread around the dining hall amongst your group.
 - a. Adults need to be sure students do not leave the dining hall on their own. If some students are outside during or after eating, adults must also be outside with the students.
8. Please alert a NatureBridge Host as soon as possible if there is any incident during your stay. Including an injury, an incident with another group on campus, with the public, or wildlife.
9. Ensure students bring any needed medications they may have, such as EpiPens, asthma inhalers, etc.
10. At meals, please consider having an adult to assist any youth who have severe allergies.

Summer months only, on weekdays Monday - Friday:

If you are here for a retreat in the summer, let us know if you plan on organizing outdoor group activities or free-time on campus. The center of campus, the campfire area, and the volleyball court have limited availability during our Coastal Camp hours.



Student Specific Information

At the beginning of your retreat, please share these policies with your whole student group:

NatureBridge Rules:

1. Respect all others, the environment, and yourself.
2. You are responsible for keeping yourself and others safe.
3. Students should be with an adult at all times (both outside and indoors).
4. Be mindful of your language and activities.
5. All of your school's or organization's rules apply at NatureBridge.
6. If you feel ill, get injured, or have a disagreement with someone, see an adult for help.

National Park Rules:

1. *Be respectful of wildlife.* Keep distance from wildlife, never feed, chase, or corner animals.
2. *Leave no trace,* take only memories and pictures and leave only footsteps
3. When exploring, stay on trails and obey all signs.
4. Do not throw rocks, sticks, or other objects.
5. Stay off trees.
6. At the beach, be careful of *dangerous waves.* Do not turn your back to the ocean. We strongly suggest to not get wet.
7. Quiet time outdoors is from 10 PM - 7 AM.

Dorm Rules:

1. Always be with an adult from your group.
2. *Dorms are a quiet zone at all times.* Dorms are for sleeping & resting, not a place for group activities.
3. Keep doors and windows closed to keep wildlife out.
4. Only adults are allowed to know and use the door codes.
5. No food in the dorms. Help keep the dorm clean. No shoes on the bed please.
6. Store luggage on or under your bed to keep aisles clear.
7. Do not jump from bed to bed, pillow fight, rough house, or play fight in the dorms.
8. Please be respectful of others. Use appropriate language.
9. Respect other people's belongings, bunks, and cabin space by not touching other people's things.

If multiple issues arise around supervision or significant safety concerns occur, it may affect your organization's student group from being invited back on future retreats with NatureBridge.

By signing, I agree that I have read this document, understand its expectations and will have myself, adult chaperones and any underage participants in my group adhere to these expectations.

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Authorized Representative and Main Coordinator Attending the Event

Signature Date

Group Name: _____

Invoice No: _____

Event Dates: _____