

Information for Conference Participants

Welcome to NatureBridge in Olympic National Park

Located a few hours west of Seattle on the beautiful Olympic Peninsula, NatureBridge is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting youth to the natural world. Our primary focus is hands-on environmental science programs, which we offer to more than 600 schools and 30,000 students each year across our various locations. Revenue generated from conferences and retreats helps provide scholarships for school groups that would not otherwise be able to participate in a NatureBridge experience. When you choose our location for your event, you are supporting our mission and our dedication to providing programs to youth from all communities. Thank you!

Reservations

Your conference or event organizer handles reservations. Please share your questions, special requests and needs with that individual.

Check In and General Staff Support

Conferences and events operate with minimal NatureBridge staff interaction. A host will be on campus during this event to orient your designated organizer and answer questions for the group as a whole.

Lodging

Your organizer will be the one to assign you lodging space (if applicable), greet and orient you to campus once you arrive on site.

Meals

Our kitchen staff serves meals buffet style in the dining hall at pre-arranged times. For the best meal experience, please plan to be on time. Your conference or event organizer will determine specific meal times for your group. Please communicate any dietary restrictions to your group organizer, who will have the opportunity to discuss needs with the NatureBridge Operations Manager prior to your group's arrival on campus.

Alcohol

No alcohol is permitted when student groups are on campus. Please check with your organizer to determine whether student groups will be on campus during your conference or event. Our neighbor, Lake Crescent Lodge, is open from late April through November, and has a full bar available to the public.



Cleaning

We do not have standard housekeeping services. Our facilities staff will clean shared spaces daily, but you will be responsible for keeping your room neat while you visit.

Wireless Internet

Free wireless internet is available in our main buildings, but it can be intermittent.

Cell phones

Verizon and AT&T wireless devices generally work on our campus. An emergency landline phone is located in the Fireside Room in the Rosemary Inn building.

Extra Items to Pack

- Possibly: sheets, pillows, towels, depending on whether or not your group organizer arranged to include these in the reservation package. Check with your organizer.
- Hair dryer and personal hygiene items
 Iron (if needed)
- Clothing layers
- Notebook and pen (if desired)

Here is a link to our <u>packing list</u> for student groups, most of which is consistent with what we would recommend to anyone visiting our campus.

Safety

Call 911 for Emergency Dispatch. Olympic National Park rangers are less than five minutes from our campus and will be the first responders.

There is an emergency phone number for NatureBridge staff posted in each of the cabins. A designated member of our staff carries this phone 24 hours a day. In case of emergency, please dial 911 first and then phone the emergency NatureBridge number.

An AED device is located in the Rosemary Inn building, on top of the mantle in the Fireside Room.

If you hear the sound of an air horn, gather by the big tree (near the windmill) down by the lake for further instructions.

The weather can be unpredictable. Be sure to bring layers.

Please be sure to follow all National Park rules.



Camping - Tents and RV's

Olympic National Park allows camping in designated areas only. Our campus is not a designated camping area, so you cannot park tents or RV's on campus or in the parking area. The closest campgrounds are <u>Fairholme Campground</u> (approximately six – eight miles west of campus on Hwy 101) and <u>Log Cabin Resort</u> campground (approximately eight miles from campus on East Beach Road.)

Pets

Our campus does not allow pets in any of the buildings. Dogs can be on leash on our campus and on certain designated trails, but none of the major trails.