

Conference Youth Group Expectations

We look forward to hosting your youth group at our Olympic 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 Information for Conference Organizers and Information for Conference Participants documents when planning your retreat, which include contact information, what to pack, and general policies on our campus.

While you are staying on our Olympic campus, you may be sharing the facilities with other youth or adult groups, which could include sharing dining hall meals and common spaces.

Adult Specific Information.

Please share with all adult chaperones:

1. We require a **minimum of one adult sleeping in every youth cabin**. They do not need to be in the same room, but must be in the cabin.
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 cabins
 - 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 trails
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 cabin codes and have access to any 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.
7. When eating in our dining hall, please have adults spread around the dining hall amongst your group.
 - a. Adults need to be sure youth do not leave the dining hall on their own. If some youth are outside during or after eating, adults must also be outside with the youth.
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 youth 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.

Overlapping with NatureBridge-led programs

If you are here for a retreat during a period that overlaps with NatureBridge-run environmental science programming, let us know if you plan on organizing outdoor group activities or free-time on campus. The open field and the campfire areas have limited availability during our environmental science program hours.



Youth Specific Information

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

NatureBridge Rules:

1. Respect all others, the environment, and yourself.
2. You are responsible for keeping yourself and others safe.
3. Youth 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.
7. Swimming in Lake Crescent from the NatureBridge campus is not allowed.

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. Quiet time outdoors is from 10 PM - 7 AM.

Cabin Rules:

1. Always be with an adult from your group.
2. Cabins are a quiet zone at all times. Cabins 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 cabins. Help keep the cabins clean. Food storage is available in a separate building, should your group need it.
6. 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 youth 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 Primary Coordinator Attending the Event Signature Date

Group Name: _____

Invoice No: _____

Event Dates: _____