

YOSEMITE INSTITUTE 2017



Purpose:	To provide an academic field study program in Yosemite National Park. The program stresses an interdisciplinary "hands-on" approach to environmental awareness and understanding.
Date:	May 21-26, 2017
Participants:	Faculty (5)–Casey Shotwell, Josh Whitney, Don Wielenga, Shane Mills, Trang Huynh Students (60) – Open to all students. Seniors given priority. Eligibility requirements: Minimum 2.0 GPA and less than two Unsatisfactory Citizenship Marks
Educational Value:	Extends classroom experiences from theoretical to practical. Provides students the opportunity to explore a natural environment, take part in group interaction, and think about what is important in their life.
Cost:	Students - \$805 (cash or installment plan) Scholarships available based on financial need. District – Substitute teacher fees (5 X 5 days)
Travel:	Chartered Bus (55 Passenger) and 1 Rental Van
Housing:	Varies according to students' outdoor experience. Ranges from tent cabins, bunkhouse, backpack tents, to under the stars.
Food:	From cafeteria to family-style to trail cooking.
Equipment:	All students are required to bring comfortable hiking boots, sleeping bag, frame backpack, and clothing to accommodate the weather.
Student Conduct:	Normal standards of school behavior.
School Work:	Students are expected to clear assignments with teachers prior to the trip.
Journals:	Students are given a handbook which is to be used as a daily journal. Upon return to South Pasadena, students write a two-page paper on what they learned about themselves, about others, and about Yosemite.
Closure:	Two weeks after returning to South Pasadena, students and their parents are invited to a slide show and dessert banquet. Through the use of slides, stories, music, and poetry, students are given the opportunity to share their experiences with family, teachers, and friends.