

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

**Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023**

**ITEM: APPROVE OVERNIGHT OUTDOOR EDUCATION FIELD TRIP:  
MARIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO NATURE BRIDGE - GOLDEN  
GATE (AKA POINT BONITA) IN SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA**

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**TYPE OF ITEM: CONSENT**

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**PURPOSE:**

All field trips and excursions that occur overnight require prior approval from the Board of Education. Requests shall be presented to the Board of Education at least one month in advance of departure unless the timing of the event and the Board meeting schedule do not provide sufficient time for prior approval or make prior approval impractical.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/DETAILS:**

All fifth grade students at Marin Elementary School will spend 3 days and 2 nights at the [NatureBridge - Golden Gate](#) in Sausalito, CA and participate in a hands-on outdoor science education program. The program, which is aligned with the 5th grade standards for environmental science, is filled with learning opportunities through hiking, exploring, small group activities, camp games, a night hike and campfire or beach visit. They will visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse and observe seal behavior from the coastal bluffs.

Three fifth grade classes (estimated 84 students), along with 3 certificated staff and 18 parent chaperones, will travel to and from the destination by car, and stay in the dormitories at NatureBridge-Golden Gate. The ratio of chaperones to students is 1:4.

***Itinerary and Activities:*** Students will spend the days in small learning groups led by professional NatureBridge educator(s). Students will engage in collaborative, authentic scientific learning experiences in a safe and supportive environment. These experiences are designed to support Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and student's social and emotional development.

***How this trip aligns with standards and supports the learning:***

Marine Science: Students visit coastal, lagoon, and rocky intertidal habitats while exploring human impacts on the ocean and estuarine resources.

Terrestrial Plants & Animals: Students gain an understanding of the components and intricate

interconnections of terrestrial ecosystems while exploring issues such as resource management, habitat loss, and conservation.

Watershed Studies: Students learn about the structure and function of aquatic ecosystems, the role of water in terrestrial systems, how their actions affect the world's oceans.

**DATES: MARCH 24 - 27, 2024**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** The anticipated cost per student is \$350.00, which includes all camp fees, meals, lodging, and transportation. Funding will come from fees from families and fundraising from a variety of sources. Parents will be asked to contribute a fee in any amount that they can afford. No child will be denied the opportunity to participate.

**STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:**



**Objective #1:** *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



**Objective #2:** *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*

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