

## 2020 San Francisco, CA Trip

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of Heritage Academy students on a WorldStrides program to California to explore San Francisco, Monterey, and Yosemite. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will discover the unique ecosystems created when the Pacific Ocean meets the California coast, experience incomparable learning moments, and gain a new appreciation for science and technology. This is a trip that your son or daughter will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Walking across the Golden Gate Bridge and discovering the science behind this engineering marvel
- Exploring some of the greatest museums in the world including the California Academy of Sciences and the Exploratorium
- Discovering some of the most unique marine animals in the world found only at Monterey Bay
- Being hands-on with granite millions of years old while climbing and studying the rock formations of Yosemite

I have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. I will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader. This trip is school sponsored.

Please read through all the details of this letter including a sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group's trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (480)969-5641,or via jscott@heritageacademyaz.com. There will be a trip information meeting via Zoom to showcase this wonderful opportunity; details will be announced shortly.

Sign Up By Monday, June 8, 2020

Jason Scott Program Leader



#### WEST COAST STEM SAMPLE ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

Arrive in **San Francisco, CA** Meet your WorldStrides representative and begin your once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Depart for Silicon Valley

Lunch

**Apple Park Visitors Center** Architectural extension of private campus, unique views of Apple Park from roof terrace, daily sessions on all things Apple

**Computer History Museum** Their vision is to explore the computer revolution and its impact on the human experience

Googleplex and Android Lawn Statue photo stops (Mountain View)

Dinner

Hotel check-in

#### DAY 2

Breakfast

**Yosemite National Park** First protected in 1864, known for its waterfalls, granite cliffs, clear streams and giant sequoia groves

**Tram Tour** Spend the first half of your date learning about Yosemite and its history. Appreciate the majestic cliffs and scenic waterfalls, but also the rich stories of the wildlife, ecology, and people who have helped shape the national park as we know it.

Lunch

**Engineering of Climbing** Learn about the tools and techniques skilled climbers use to traverse the Earth's natural landscape

Dinner

Return to hotel

#### DAY 3

Breakfast

Depart for Monterey Bay

**VIP Experience at Monterey Bay Aquarium** Home to more than 623 species of plant and animal life, this interactive museum includes a collection of stingrays, jellyfish, sea otters, and even an 11-pound lobster that's more than 50 years old! Consider the challenges facing archtects and engineers to create and maintain a seawater system for the animals and organisms in the aquarium.

Lunch

#### **Beach stop**

**Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park** Walk between giants in this peaceful old-growth forest and wonder at the coastal redwoods, the oldest of which is at least 1,200 years old! Learn about how scientists examine trees and calculate their age.

Hotel check-in

Dinner

#### DAY 4

Breakfast

**Exploratorium** At this world-famous interactive science museum, explore the more than 650 hands-on exhibits, which cover topics from the human body to outer space!

Lunch

**Alcatraz Island** Learn about the significance of this historic location during cable cthe Civil War, and get familiar with the famed prison's transformation.

**Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf** Explore the sights and scenes of Pier 39, situated along the San Francisco Bay. Laugh with the sea lions, enjoy performance art and live drama, or take time to watch the beautiful handpainted carousels.

Dinner

San Francisco sightseeing with Course Leader

Return to hotel

#### DAY 5

Breakfast

**California Academy of Sciences** Explore the many exhibits that fill one of the ten largest natural history museums in the world! Learn about the technological innovations that make the museum one of the most energy efficient buildings in the city.

#### **Golden Gate Park**

Lunch

**Golden Gate Bridge** Visit the 1.7 mile- long iconic "international orange" landmark, and glimpse the sights of the San Francisco Bay, including infamous Alcatraz Island. Consider the challenges facing the engineers and bridge builders in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century

**Marine Mammal Center** A scientific research center focusing on the rescue and rehabilitation of seals and sea lions. Learn how they treat the ill, injured or orphaned anumals and return the healthy ones back to the wild.

**Chinatown** Visit the biggest Chinatown in the world!

Dinner

**Cable Car Ride** Soak in the sights of the city as you ride one of San Francisco's historic cable cars. Explore the mechanics, engineering, and history behind this unique transportation and how cable cars managed the steep slopes of the city in an age of horse drawn wagons.

Depart for home

## San Francisco, CA Details:

#### **TRIP DATES**

Trip ID#: 190503

Destination: San Francisco, CA, Yosemite Departing: Monday, October 5, 2020 Returning: Friday, October 9, 2020

#### TRIP MEETING

There will be a trip information meeting via Zoom to showcase this wonderful opportunity; details will be announced shortly.

#### TRIP PRICE

Prices are based on 30 full-paying participants.

Student: \$1,929 quadruple occupancy.

Adult: \$2,218 double occupancy.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments\*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

Full Refund Program: An additional \$219 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

**FLAG financial assistance:** FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to \$85,000. See reverse for details.

\*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 07/22/2020.

#### **INCLUDES**

- Round trip transportation
- Online educational resources
- Admission fees
- Course Leader
- Accident/health insurance
- Sightseeing transportation
- •24-Hour Emergency Support
- Evening Activities
- All Meals
- •Opportunity to earn free school credit
- Quality hotel accommodations
- •Field Journals

#### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Sign Up By: 06/08/20

Deposit Amount: \$99 (non-refundable)

#### Sign Up:

- Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use Trip ID#190503 to sign up)
- By phone call WorldStrides' Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
- By mail use the registration form **on reverse**

# Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!







# Easy ways to pay for your trip

At WorldStrides, our passion is student travel. We believe every student should have the opportunity for travel to change their lives and that's why we offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for each and every student.



# **Financial Assistance**

with FLAG Future Leaders of American Government

- Over \$2.5 million in financial assistance given out each year to thousands of families
- Families with annual adjusted gross incomes of less than \$85,000 may qualify
- One simple call and you'll know how much is available for your trip

Hurry, financial assistance is given on a first come, first served basis.



# **Fundraising** with the *Gift of Education*

- Student driven fundraising where 100% of money raised goes to offset trip price
- Easy to use e-cards, letters and shareable Facebook links students can send to friends and family
- Thousands of students pay for their entire trip each year through the Gift of Education



# Payment Plans that are easy & affordable

- Sign up for the trip with a small deposit
- Remaining payments are spread out into smaller amounts and paid monthly prior to travel
- Set up auto-deductions from your checking account to save time and money

Please don't let the cost of the trip prevent your child from experiencing this incredible opportunity with their friends. WorldStrides Customer Service can help make this a reality so call us today at 800-468-5899 and let us tell you more about these great programs available to help you pay for your trip.

### Protect your investment with our Full Refund Program

Educational travel is an investment in your child's future. Our Full Refund Program protects that investment should you have to cancel prior to departure. The program refunds all money paid (less non-refundable deposit, fees, and the Full Refund Program cost). We strongly recommend that you add-on our Full Refund Program when signing up for your trip.

Full Terms and Conditions are available at worldstrides.com/tripterms

#### REGISTRATION FORM Trip ID# 190503 - 10/05/20 **Heritage Academy** Full legal name\* Additional registrant name\* \*Federal mandate (TSA) requires that travelers provide their complete first, middle, and last names (as they appear on legal documents, not nicknames or initials) and date of birth Email Address: ☐ I verify this is a valid email address. Sign me up for paper-free billing and notifications Mailing Address: City: State: Responsible Party name: Mobile phone: Home phone: \_ Mother's work phone: Include a souvenir T-shirt and bill me \$19. My size is S M L XL XXL Amount I am paying today: \_ Your minimum payment is \$99 ☐ I am paying by check There is a \$35 charge for returned checks ☐ I am paying by credit card ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover Card Number: Name as it appears on card: Expiration Date:

☐ **Yes, enroll me** in the Full Refund Program!

□ **No, do not enroll me** in the Full Refund Program

Signature

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I have reviewed and agree to the Terms and Conditions and confirm my Full Refund Program selection. Full Terms and Conditions can be found at www.worldstrides.com/tripterms

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