

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 architects 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 the 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 hand-painted 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 20th 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 animals 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**

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