

## **WildLink Wilderness Ambassador Program (WWAP)**

### **✓ Teacher Checklist**

#### **1. Pick an Ambassador Project**

- ✓ There are many different types of projects: *service-learning, educational, leadership-building, community outreach, research & monitoring*
- ✓ Projects can be chosen based on many things: **community need, student need, professional development, career orientation**

#### **2. Coordination with WWAP Coordinator, David**

Depending on the project there will be many considerations:

- ✓ *Transportation* – WildLink is not responsible for transportation. Coordinate with your school administration or district
- ✓ *Project date, time* – this depends on student and teacher schedules.
- ✓ *Number of students* – it will be your choice whether to recruit students who are not WildLink-affiliated. We feel that any extra recruitment is welcome, as long as it makes sense logistically. (More students don't necessarily determine a positive-quality project!) WildLink Ambassadors will receive official WildLink recognition.
- ✓ *Chaperones* – are they needed? Where will they come from? Usually a 6:1 student-chaperone ratio is acceptable. If WWAP Coordinator (David) is available to attend, he can act as a chaperone if necessary.

#### **3. Registration – if necessary**

- ✓ Fill out registration form, send to partner organization OR to David
  - Check to see whether your students and/or school in general are eligible for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program. There are generally registration discounts.
- ✓ Save a copy, send copy to David
- ✓ Be aware of any major changes, report them to David
- ✓ **Liability Forms!** – send home with students, parents sign, return to David. If in Yosemite, WildLink will usually handle liability. Sometimes liability will be handled by the school, sometimes by the project partner. Your school will want to know *Everything!* Make sure you're clear with David.

#### **4. Meals or Accommodation**

- ✓ Coordinate with David. WildLink DOES provide lunches, snacks or bottled water for stewardship projects upon request

#### **5. Post Project Wrap-Up**

- ✓ WildLink wants to recognize its Wilderness Ambassadors! If David could not attend, complete and send him the Activity Report Form, including the names of WildLink students. If necessary, certificates of achievement can also be sent to your school's administration or School Board.
- ✓ Feedback – WildLink wants to know how you felt the project went! Was it worthwhile? Did students have a positive experience? Logistics & activities – give us your perspective! We have developed an online questionnaire and written evaluation forms for students to help with this.

