

WildLink 101

Welcome to WildLink!!

These are the basic principles of the program.

You should start with our website at

<http://wildlink.wilderness.net>. This will give you a good idea of what we do, how we communicate and who we work with.

- **WHAT:** WildLink is composed of a five day **WILDERNESS EXPEDITION** in Yosemite National Park, with an emphasis on hands-on research, Wilderness and natural resource issues, water quality monitoring, creative writing and self-exploration. The expeditions are planned and led by our Expedition Coordinator, Cynthia. She will make a pre-expedition visit to your school to prepare students for their excursion into the backcountry.

The WildLink experience also incorporates education and service-learning projects closer to the students' home communities via the **WILDERNESS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**. As WildLink Ambassadors, students are responsible for fulfilling at least one Ambassador Project after their expedition. WildLink has a wide diversity of stewardship partners with local organizations, who are pleased to work with students.

- **COST:** All of our expeditions are fully scholarshipped, including almost all the gear. All of our Ambassador Programs are also fully or partly-scholarshipped.
- **WHEN:** Sometime during the school year.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** You are required to get your students to Yosemite for the program. WildLink is not responsible for transportation to the Park.
- **HOW MANY:** You may invited to bring anywhere between four and twelve students, depending on program scheduling needs.
- **WHAT ELSE?**
 - ✓ **WildLink Family Weekend** – a free weekend hosted by WildLink for alumni and their families. *Annually; this year: April 4-6, 2008.*
 - ✓ **Teacher Development Program** – provides WildLink teachers with a forum for collaboration, feedback and hands-on research curriculum. Provides WildLink staff a chance to receive responses and opinions about programming needs. *Annually, Fall season.*
 - ✓ **Bridge Program** – WildLink/National Park Service – a fully-scholarshipped, interactive job-shadowing opportunity for students who are interested in professional development, careers or internships in the Park Service. *Annually, Spring season.*
- **WHO:** If you have questions, contact:

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