



SHENANDOAH
— NATIONAL PARK —

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NPS Youth Summer Learning Adventure: Registration Opens

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It's time to get hands-on in Shenandoah! The NatureBridge Summer Field Research Course in Shenandoah National Park has officially launched with lodging provided at Skyland and Big Meadows Lodge. During the five day summer program for high school students, participants can explore Shenandoah National Park and strengthen their understanding of natural history, ecology, and outdoor recreational skills.



With a structured five day itinerary, this program combines science processes with hands-on exploration that will mold students to be strong, inquisitive scientists! Students will spend the first few days exploring the park and formulating research questions, hypotheses, and collecting data with the support of the NatureBridge educators. Following each thrilling research-filled day,

students will gather back at the lodges for enriching evening activities and to spend time getting to know their fellow students. Wrapping up with a science presentation to the group of educators, park staff and other students, each student will feel extremely accomplished when they look back on the research project they have completed in just five days!

Still haven't had enough outdoors? The optional backpacking add-on package will allow campers to extend their trip with a backpacking hike through some of Shenandoah's most exciting wilderness areas. Whether you're trying to strengthen your college application, or just getting outdoors to learn

more about natural history, the NatureBridge Summer Field Research Course is an exciting way to spend part of your summer. The course will have four different sessions, listed below:

- Session 1: June 20-24 (Skyland) (+ optional backpacking weekend June 24-27)
- Session 2: June 27 - July 1 (Big Meadows Lodge)
- Session 3: August 1-5 (Skyland) (+ optional backpacking weekend August 5-8)
- Session 4: August 8-12 (Big Meadows Lodge)



Students interested in the program are encouraged to contact NatureBridge's Summer Programs Manager directly at 415-758-1650 or summerprograms@naturebridge.org. To find out more information, visit <http://www.naturebridge.org/summerfieldresearch>.

About Shenandoah National Park

Established by Congress in 1935, Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia contains nearly 197,000 acres of land with over 500 miles of trails, including 101 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Shenandoah draws up to 1.2 million visitors a year with its rich history, unique geography and wildlife, as well as the panoramic vistas from the Skyline Drive. This National Scenic Byway, built during the Depression era, winds along the crest of the mountains through the length of the park, providing vistas of the sweeping landscape to the east and west. Lodging options in the park include Skyland (mile 41.7), Big Meadows Lodge (mile 51), and Lewis Mountain Cabins (mile 57.5), which are operated by Delaware North Companies, an authorized concessioner and hospitality provider for the National Park Service. For more information about Shenandoah accommodations, dining and special events, call 877.247.9261 or visit www.goshenandoah.com.

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Additional lodging promotions, events and activities for planning your Shenandoah getaway are available at www.goshenandoah.com or call **877.247.9261** to speak with the reservation office.

About NatureBridge

Founded in 1971, NatureBridge provides environmental science programs for students in the world’s best classrooms—our national parks. These residential programs connect students to the wonder and science of nature and inspire the stewards of tomorrow. As the largest residential education partner of the National Park Service, NatureBridge serves more than 30,000 students and their teachers each year and offers programs in six national parks: Yosemite National Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Olympic National Park, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Channel Islands National Park, and Prince William Forest Park. For more information, visit: naturebridge.org. NatureBridge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and has a diverse group of partners, including [Google](#), [Klean Kanteen](#), [National Geographic Society--Education Department](#), [National Parks Conservation Association](#), [Oracle](#), and [REI](#). For more information, visit: naturebridge.org

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