

NatureBridge
Armstrong Scholars Program 2009
July 19th – August 1st



Application Information

Overview:

The Armstrong Scholars Program, sponsored by the Joie Armstrong Memorial Fund*, brings selected participants together for a summer adventure and educational experience in the spectacular Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. This extraordinary program seeks to inspire young women, ages 15-18, to reach their highest potential and develop a stronger sense of self, community and connection to the natural world.

During this 14 day adventure, participants of the Armstrong Scholars Program spend 12 days backpacking in the high Sierras of Yosemite National Park and two days at either end at the Headland campus in Sausalito. While trekking through the spectacular wilderness, participants cover topics such as; identity and strength of women, natural history, leadership, wilderness skills, and communication. **The Joie Armstrong Memorial Fund provides a \$1,000 scholarship to each student and each student pays \$100.**

Ten young women will be selected to participate in the program. We are seeking applicants from a variety of ethnic, economic and geographic backgrounds. Participants from last year found the diversity of life experiences represented in the group to be a significant strength of the program. Demonstrated academic success is less important than a clear sense of how the program will truly benefit the individual.

Application Process:

Please submit the following items no later than Friday April 3, 2009. Selections will be announced by Friday April 24, 2009.

- ☐ Two letters of recommendation from community leaders in your area (teachers, etc.) who can speak to your qualifications for this program.
- ☐ A brief biography including, but not limited to, name, age, current address, phone number and your outdoor experience.
- ☐ Typed or printed **concise** responses to the following questions. Please limit your total responses to no more than two double-sided sheets of paper.
 1. What attracts you to the Armstrong Scholars program?
 2. What goals do you have for yourself in future years and how would selection for the Armstrong Scholars program help you achieve these goals?
 3. What skills or strengths can you contribute to the group?
 4. What is your interest in a wilderness-based program?
 5. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

Please submit application to:

Armstrong Scholars Program Application

Yosemite Institute

OR

PO Box 194

El Portal, CA 95318

For more information visit our web-site at: <http://www.yni.org/yi/teen/wilderness/armstrong/program.php>

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**NatureBridge established the Joie Armstrong Memorial Fund in 1999 to honor Headlands and Yosemite Institute instructor Joie Armstrong who had a tremendous enthusiasm for life, teaching, and a desire to give of herself for the betterment of the world.*

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