

**Hillcrest MS Field Trip – 2012!**  
**with**  
**Naturalists at Large (NAL)**  
**Pinnacles National Monument**  
**May 15-18**

<http://www.nps.gov/pinn/index.htm>

“Pinnacles National Monument is an excellent outdoor education site. Located along the transition between the Coast Ranges and San Joaquin Valley, the Monument is a wonderful mosaic of chaparral-covered slopes, brilliant wildflowers during the spring, and numerous spire rock formations. The monument is the last remains of an ancient volcano, eroded over geologic time by water, heat, and frost. Animal life is abundant. The rock climbing possibilities are varied and numerous.” NAL



“Students will discover the unique natural and human history of the area, develop group cooperation through a shared camping experience, enhance leadership abilities, and learn basic camping skills.” NAL

What	How many?	Cost	Total Cost
Bus rental	2 buses each way	\$2,000	\$2,000
Student fee	73	\$406 per student	\$29,638
Chaperone fee	10 (including 2 teachers)	n/c for up to 8 chaperones; 2 @ \$406	\$812
Fingerprinting fee	Max 8	\$40 each	\$320
Gas for emergency & other vehicles	max 7 w/ 5 person capacity (2 adults and 3 students)	\$70/ x 7 vehicles	\$490
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$33,260</b>
Apprx cost of trip/student	<b>Divide by 73</b>	<b>\$33,260</b>	<b>\$456</b>

### Additional information:

- Approx cost per child is \$456;
- We hope fundraising will cover at least some of the cost. Please help us out and do what you can to support those efforts!;
- **Initial fee for each student is \$275 made payable to Hillcrest PTA w/ “middle school Pinnacles field trip” written in the memo line no later than October 31, 2011;**
- Additional fees may be collected during the second semester;
- ***Limited*** financial aid is available. If you require financial aid, please speak with Ms. Hines **ASAP**, before October 31, 2011.

### Chaperones

- All chaperones must be able to provide proof of a TB test within the last 4 years. All chaperones are required to be fingerprinted. After a chaperone has cleared the screening process, they will be accepted as a chaperone.
- To be considered as a chaperone, a parent must be able to fulfill all chaperone duties. This includes being in a hiking group that doesn't include his/her child. Parents who need to attend to accommodate the special needs of an individual child (medical, for example) and cannot function in the role of a true chaperone, will need to make arrangements in advance with the principal and teachers. They *may* be required to pay their own way. They may not be required to be fingerprinted.

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