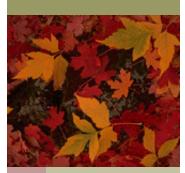
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# ASB/ Leadership





Friday, October 2nd the Fresno and Oakhurst Leadership classes will rendezvous at CSU Fresno for the infamous team building ropes course:

EDGE = Experientially Designed

**Group Effort** 

Other activities included in this outstanding outing will be:

- A visit to the Downing Planetariumwith a featured program on "Black Holes"
- Lunch in the Student Union
- Tour of Henry Madden Library

Most students will likely carpool to this event, which starts at approximately 8:50 and will go till 3:00 or 3:30.

Those interested in participating should contact Ms. Garcia (Fresno) or Ms. Friesen (Oakhurst) to indicate their interest. See school website for links to contact info.

Cost is expected to be approximately \$3.50 per person (not including lunch money or transportation expenses).





# Smittcamp Scholarship 101

Smittcamp Family Honors College announces the President's Honors Scholarship application for fall 2016, available online via the Fresno State Scholarships website from October 1, 2015 to December 10, 2015 (the latter is the online application submission deadline). There are several webinars coming up October 7, 14, & 27 that students can register for online that are conducted by the director of the Honors College, Dr. Saeed Attar. He will cover

the application process, requirements and benefits of the President's Honors Scholarship.

For more information, and a link to the application:

**Smittcamp Honors** 

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10/2	CSUF Event (ASB/Leadership)	
	Benchmark Tests Due	
	Graduation Forms Due	
10/6	Staff Inservice FCC	
10/9	M#2 Attendance Due	
	Last Drop Day	
10/13	Senior Meeting (Fresno- noon)	
10/14	Senior Meeting (Oakhurst– 4:00)	
	PSAT Test (AM-both sites)	
10/19-23	Fall Break	
10/28	Monterev Field Trip	

# **Underwater ROV Underway**

http://www.marinetech.org/missions-specs--scoring/

Glacier will again field an ROV team to compete in the annual M.A.T.E. (Marine Advanced Technology Education) competition in Monterey next spring.

This year's theme is titled:

"From the Gulf of Mexico to Jupiter's Moon Europa: ROV Encounters in Inner and Outer Space"

Glacier's team appears to be strong this year with ten members. It will be competing at the "Ranger" level. The captain of the team (or CEO) is Walker Phillips; other roles are currently being defined.

The team's fall semester goal is to produce working prototype(s) for the upcoming competition. The early versions will be further refined and tested during the spring semester in preparation for the main event.

Investigate these links to learn more about the M.A.T.E. program, competition, and our Glacier team:

M.A.T.E.

M.A.T.E.: This Year's Theme
M.A.T.E. Video Clip of Competition

M.A.T.E. on Facebook

Glacier ROV





# Personal Finance Courses (Highly Recommended by Benjamin)

Although fall semester courses are pretty well locked in by now, it's not too early to think about courses for next semester.

A number of students have benefited from the Dave Ramsey Personal Finance



course held onsite at the Oakhurst campus. This class is slated again for the spring semester. Stay tuned for scheduling details. In the meantime, and for a sneak preview of this course, check out:

Foundations in Personal Finance

In addition, Scholastic Book Club has announced a personal finance course with free online resources entitled "Next Generation." This course specifically addresses financial responsibility, risk management, and insurance. Materials include lesson plans, quizzes, and online videos.

For more information on this course, visit:



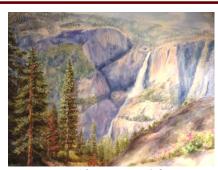


### Fall Means Water + Colors

Elizabeth Govreau, a MHS parent and professional artist, will conduct a water-color art workshop class for GHS students in Oakhurst on Mondays, starting October 5th from 1-2:30pm. This class will earn 2.5 credits. Elizabeth has done varous forms of art, and can give good guidance to prospective professional artists. Meanwhile, art class is also going strong in Fresno. Michael McGough, a 40 year veteran art teacher coming from

Clovis Unified, is currently conducting a standards-based, studio skill-oriented 5 credit art class. This class explores a variety of media in depth. Over the years, many of Mr. McGough's students of have gone on to successful art careers (while not a pro artist, Ms. Friesen of GHS staff is actually a former student).

Glacier is privileged to have such fine teachers in the area of the arts!



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# **Annual Monterey Science Trip**

Approximately 30 students and adults are anticipated for the annual Monterey Bay Aquarium visit on October 28. The trip is mostly comprised of lab science students (Biology/Chemistry) but is also open to ASB-Leadership, and students in general.

Rides are to be arranged individually, but there are still permission slip/waivers required by the school. Participants whould plan on bringing spending money for breakfast and dinner (\$8 pizza), as well as a bag lunch.



Besides viewing the "tanks," there will be

a lab component to the aquarium visit,

fearturing "Carbobated Seas."

See Mr. Englund if interested in this trip, and to obtain a handout with necessary details. Those responding before 10/7 stand the best chance of being included. At this time, additional adult drivers are in demand for this trip. Again, see Mr. Englund.

There will also be a group research component included in the trip, in cooperation with the LiMPETS project. This part of the field trip will be held at nearby Point Pinos. For more information on this project, visit:

www.limpets.org





### **SENIORS:**

MANDATORY MEETING 10/13 @ NOON FRESNO OR

10/14 @ 4PM OAKHURST

### What's PSAT All About?

The PSAT (Preliminary Subject Aptitude Test) is a precursor to the SAT– a pivotal facet of the college application scene.

The PSAT serves two purposes:

1) It gives students a chance for a "dry run" before actually taking the SAT; and since it is owned and operated by the same College Board agency, it is closely linked in content and format. Students

taking the PSAT will receive itemized diagnostic results, which helps them to respond by strengthening weak areas before taking the actual SAT. The PSAT can be likened to a

"scrimmage" before the real season begins

CLICK FOR LINKS:
PSAT/NMSQT

2) It should still be mentioned that the PSAT does have repurcussions for some students beyond just a "practice" session. It is the primary indicator for students to qualify for the National Merit Scholar-

ship— and only the "cream of the crop" qualify for this very prestigious award; it is a great honor to receive one.



# Berkeley Splash October 10th

### **Program Essentials**

Who: 9th-12th graders

When: Saturday, October 10th, 2015

**What:** Take whatever classes interest you, taught by Berkeley students!

How: Sign up here.

Where: UC Berkeley, Dwinelle Hall. Check-in table will be in front of Dwinelle, near Sather Gate.

**What to bring:** Your signed waiver form and photo release form.

**Cost:** \$20 for the program, plus an optional \$5 for lunch. As always, <u>full</u> need-based financial aid is available.

**IMPORTANT:** Due to university restrictions, it is required that students **pay online via credit card before the program**. Cash is not acceptable on the day of the program, please let us know if this presents any issues.

For more info, visit:

Berkeley Splash

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# **GATEWAY EXPRESSIONS**

### STUDENT ART AND POETRY CONTEST

An event celebrating the creative spirit of the youth in our gateway communities and the inspiration and legacy of Yosemite.



GATEWAY EXPRESSIONS Student Art and Poetry Contest is open to all students, grades K-12, attending a school or youth program associated with the gateway community school districts of Yosemite National Park. Please see contest rules for eligible school districts.

Selected student artwork and poetry will be featured in an exhibit at The Ansel Adams
Gallery in Yosemite Valley, and students will be acknowledged at a special awards ceremony on
Saturday, November 7, 2015.

Teachers and youth leaders are encouraged to organize submissions of art and poetry for their students. Teachers of selected artwork or poetry will receive a complimentary Parks As Classrooms program. The program may be scheduled as a classroom visit, Skype program, or held in Yosemite National Park.

Artwork or poetry must be original and should communicate a connection to Yosemite's natural or cultural history. Subject matter can focus on wildlife, plants, scenic areas, iconic features, seasonal changes, conservation and protection, or the legacy that Yosemite represents.

Entries must be received by 5:00PM, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015.

Please see contest guidelines for information and entry forms.

For additional information or questions, please call the

Yosemite National Park Education Office at (209) 375-9503.

Special thanks to the Yosemite Conservancy for making this event possible.