WELCOME TO THE 2019 Season of River Camp

MEMBERS ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1ST, 2019

Become a member and get early registration access! River Parkway Trust members enjoy early registration access beginning on February 1st. In addition, members receive a discount on River Camp and Young Explorers fees.

Visit www.riverparkway.org/index.php/ways-to-give/membership to learn more or become a member today.

GENERAL REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 1st, 2019

Register your River Camper online at www.riverparkway.org/index.php/things-to-do/river-camp

A hard copy of the registration form is available for printing on our website or by calling 559.248.8480 ext. 104.

Please note that many weeks fill up by mid-May. Register early to ensure you get your first choice week.

SUMMER DAY CAMP ALONG THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
FEES, REFUND POLICY & WAITLIST
- A non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration: $50 for River Camp or $25 for Young Explorers.
- If you register with deposit only, you will be required to select a payment plan at that time and any remaining balance is due 1 week prior to the camp start date.
- There is a $5 discount for paying fees in full at time of registration.
- Full refunds (less the deposit amount) will be given if requested at least 7 days prior to your camp start date. For cancellations made less than 7 days prior to your camp start date, refunds will only be given for medical or family emergencies.
- If your selected week is full, you will have the opportunity to put your child on the waitlist for that week. If a spot opens, you will receive an email with a link to register. The spot will be held for you for 48 hours. If you do not register within the allotted time, your child’s name will be removed from the list.

SCHOLARSHIPS
A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available for River Camp, Young Explorers, and the Junior Leader Program. All applicants are asked to register online and pay the program deposit to reserve your child’s space (deposit refundable if scholarship is not available or if you receive a full scholarship). During the online registration process you will be able to complete and submit the scholarship application. If you are unable to register online or pay the registration deposit but would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact mschnur-salimbene@riverparkway.org for more information. Scholarship funds are limited and approval will be based on need and your written statement on how camp will benefit your child. Applications are due by Friday, May 3rd, 2019. Don’t wait, fill out your application today!

SUPPORT RIVER CAMP
Here are a few ways you can help our programs thrive:
- Become a sponsor! River Camp sponsors receive various levels of recognition, which include featuring your business logo or name on our website, River Camp banners, and the 2019 River Camp t-shirt. For more information contact ftelles@riverparkway.org or visit our website at http://www.riverparkway.org/index.php/things-to-do/river-camp.
- Donate to the River Camp scholarship fund and help send local children to camp. You can make a donation as part of the online registration process, visit our website, or call (559) 248-8480.
- Volunteer at morning drop-off and/or afternoon pick-up. For more information please contact mschnur-salimbene@riverparkway.org.

MAKING NEW FRIENDS
At River Camp we bring together children from diverse backgrounds to learn about the wonders of the river. We believe in creating a safe place that is inclusive of everyone and we strive to foster new friendships among our campers. To that end, though we will make an effort to satisfy special group requests, we cannot guarantee all requests will be fulfilled. Please note that campers are grouped by age, and typically members of a group are no more than 2 years apart in age. If there are special circumstances that require your camper to be grouped with a child greater than 2 years apart in age, please contact the Community Programs Director at mschnur-salimbene@riverparkway.org or 559.248.8480 ext. 104 with this request.

OUR STAFF
Our River Camp Directors, counselors, and lifeguards are a big part of what makes this program special. We hire those who are passionate about working with children and have a love of the outdoors and nature. Many of our staff members grew up in the River Camp program and have a deep knowledge and understanding of the River Camp setting. All staff members are first-aid certified and fingerprinted through the CA Department of Justice.

AFTER YOU REGISTER
You will immediately receive an e-mail registration confirmation from mschnur-salimbene@riverparkway.org. Please check your junk e-mail if you don’t see it when you register. Approximately two weeks prior to your camp start date, you will receive an additional confirmation email with complete information for camp and a copy of the Camper Guide. If you require a hard copy please contact us at 559.248.8480 ext. 104. The River Camp Camper Guide is available on the Trust’s website beginning in early May.
RIVER CAMP AT SCOUT ISLAND

Calling all kids! Come join us for your best week ever down by the San Joaquin River. Our camp staff will teach you how to paddle a canoe, take you on a hike to rock world, and show you the best places to search for tadpoles. At River Camp there is so much to explore and learn. Over the week, we’ll search for wildlife habitat, play games, sing and act, swim and canoe, create art projects, and make new friends. We’ll also have visiting presenters to teach you about art, science, and the animals that call the San Joaquin River home. A River Camp T-shirt is included in the cost of registration; you'll get yours on the first day of camp. Space is limited. Sign up early to get your first choice week.

AGES: Entering 1st through 8th grade. Campers are grouped together by age and grade.

DATES: June 10-14
June 17-21
June 24-28
July 8-12

July 15-19
July 22-26
July 29-August 2
August 5-9

COST: $240 (River Parkway Trust members receive a discount)

TRANSPORTATION: 1st through 8th grade. River Campers will meet the River Camp Bus at the River Center each morning. Campers and staff members will ride the bus to Scout Island in the morning and return in the afternoon.

Please note: All garments must be dropped off at the River Center and ride the River Camp Bus to Scout Island. The Camp day begins on the bus, and no staff will be on site at the Scout Island facility until the bus returns. To ensure Camper safety, no exceptions will be made.

TIME: Meet the River Camp Bus between 8:15 am and 8:45 am at the River Center. The bus leaves by 9:00 am, and returns at 4:15 pm each afternoon. All campers are required to ride the bus to and from River Camp.

RIVER CAMP SPRING BREAK

New in 2019! Join us for a special week of River Camp during your school's spring break. We will play games, do educational activities, go canoeing, and learn about the local environment. There will be no swimming during Spring Break camp. A limited edition Spring Break version of the 2019 River Camp T-shirt is included in the cost. Space is limited. Sign up early to save your spot!

DATES: April 15-19

TRANSPORTATION: 1st through 8th grade. River Campers will meet the River Camp Bus at the River Center each morning. Campers and staff members will ride the bus to Scout Island in the morning and return in the afternoon.

Please note: All garments must be dropped off at the River Center and ride the River Camp Bus to Scout Island. The Camp day begins on the bus, and no staff will be on site at the Scout Island facility until the bus returns. To ensure Camper safety, no exceptions will be made.

COST: $230 (River Parkway Trust members receive a discount)

TIME: Meet the River Camp Bus between 8:15 am and 8:45 am at the River Center. The bus leaves by 9:00 am, and returns at 4:15 pm each afternoon. All campers are required to ride the bus to and from River Camp.


RIVER CAMP JUNIOR LEADERS PROGRAM

The River Parkway Trust is looking for enthusiastic high school students who are interested in developing their leadership skills while also learning how to work with younger children. As a Junior Leader you will assist River Camp or Young Explorers staff in leading a variety of activities each day, including arts and crafts, swimming, canoeing, games, and songs. You will be a role model for younger campers, demonstrating a spirit of respect for the environment, cooperation with camp rules and guidelines, and willingness to work and play with everyone at River Camp.

The Junior Leaders program includes the opportunity for teens to participate in team-building and leadership activities with their peers and act as ‘counselor for a day’ during the one-week camp session.

Acceptance into the program is based on an application process. For full information and application materials, please visit http://www.riverparkway.org/index.php/things-to-do/river-camp/river-camp-junior-leaders.

Junior Leaders accepted into the program will attend a 1-hour leadership training prior to the beginning of the Camp season to prepare them for their role in River Camp.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 26th. Late applications will not be accepted.

AGES: Entering 9th through 12th grades.

DATES: The Junior Leader program follows the regular program dates for River Camp Scout Island and Young Explorers.

COST: $90 per week (River Camp Scout Island) or $35 per week (Young Explorer)

TRANSPORTATION: All Junior Leaders at River Camp Scout Island are required to ride the River Camp bus with campers from the River Center each day.

RIVER CAMP MISSION & VALUES

The mission of River Camp is to foster memorable experiences that connect youth to the San Joaquin River through fun and engaging educational activities.

River Camp runs on the following core values:

- River Camp is a safe and fun environment for self-expression and personal growth.
- River Camp is an inclusive community.
- River Camp is environmentally friendly and promotes stewardship.
- River Camp is mutually influential; campers learn from counselors, and counselors learn from campers.

For more information, visit www.riverparkway.org or call us at 559.248.8480

This is one of the only programs in the Central Valley that has managed to successfully engage all of my children, and get them excited about being mindful of their local environment through hands-on, educational and interactive curriculum.

Staff