

May 2013



Dear Members,

For the first time in years, the BCNC is again organizing a river rafting trip:



**White Water Rafting
Sunday, June 16
South Fork of the American River, Coloma**

The South Fork of the American River runs through the beautiful Gold Discovery Country, east of Sacramento. Though the rapids have overwhelming names like "Troublemaker" and "Satan's Cesspool", they are not too intimidating themselves. Exciting enough to get your heart pumping, they are still reasonable enough for kids as young as eight years old to enjoy. Most consist of large waves or swift bends in the river. And all of them are followed by calm pools, which makes it easy to re-group and get prepared for the next thrill ride.

The South Fork allows lots of time for joviality with your friends and family. Water fights are legendary on the South Fork. And if it's always been your dream to swim in a river, you'll have time for that too.

We will be using paddle rafts (as in the picture) where each guest and the professional guide have a paddle and navigate the river, working as a coordinated team. The river starts off quietly with only Class II rapids so there's lots of time to practice with the guide before we dive into the "Gorge" and the Class III rapids after lunch.

Date: Sunday, June 16. Yes, that is Father's Day! But what better present to give a dad than to go rafting on a wild river with the family...

Cost: \$116 per person. With government use fee, that comes to \$125.28 per person. Lunch and drinks are included.

Registration and Payment online only. Please go to our website www.bcnc.com and select the River Rafting event. You can pay by credit card or Paypal. Please allow for a couple of days for us to let you know if there is still space available. If we're full and you have paid already, you will be reimbursed.

Deadline to register: you can register until the day before the event but there is a high risk that the river is fully booked towards the end as this is prime season for rafting. So we encourage you to sign up early.

Where: All Outdoors River Rafting
1026 Lotus Road, Lotus, CA 95651

This is very close to the Marshall Gold Discovery Park in Coloma.

Traveling east from the Bay Area and from Sacramento on Hwy 50:

Take the North Shingle Rd/Mother Lode Dr. Exit # 37 (also called Ponderosa Rd), just after Cameron Park. Turn left over the freeway and take the first right onto North Shingle Rd (after 4.5 miles it becomes Lotus Rd). Travel 10.5 miles until you get to the first stop sign at Bassi Rd.

To get to the All-Outdoors River Center continue straight on Lotus Rd. after the stop sign at Bassi Rd. The entrance to our River Center is the second driveway on the left after the River Store. The entrance is marked by a wooden sign and a metal sculpture of a school of fish. Park in the parking area and sign in at the All-Outdoors check-in area under the large oak tree.

We meet at this location at 11:15 am sharp. If you're too late, the boat(s) might have left! Count on a 3 hour drive from San Francisco and the South Bay, a bit less from the East Bay.

Logistics: for more information regarding the rafting, the location and what to bring, go to <http://aorafting.com/river/south-fork-american/trip-details.htm>

What's Included

- Professional Guide, instruction, and equipment
- Delicious fresh lunch

- River shuttle by bus to and from the meeting place

What to Bring

- Personal Medicine
- Change of clothing for ride home
- Waterproof sunblock, sunglasses with strap, hat, visor (optional)

What to Wear

- Swimsuit
- Quick drying shorts to wear over swimsuit is recommended for more comfort
- Athletic shoes that are lace-up, no slip-ons or thongs (no Teva type sandals)
- Long-sleeve shirt and pants for added sun protection and/or extra layering (optional)

While on the river, you need little other than your river attire. There is limited space available in a water-resistant bag for additional items, such as raingear or medication, that you might need during the day (no towels, please). This bag is usually available only during the lunch stop and at camp.

Optional Camping/Lodging

For those people that want it, you can drive up the day before and camp or stay in a cabin very close to the meeting point. There's lots of stuff to do as we're right in the middle of the Marshall Gold Discovery Park. Email Dirk at dirk@bcnc.com if you're interested in this so we can get something coordinated.

For more information, please contact Dirk at dirk@bcnc.com

Announcements

- Keep open Sunday, July 21, for our National Holiday Celebration. Location and details still to be determined.
- Microsoft's latest ad campaign features Vive La Tarte, the sweet and savory Belgian pie bakery in San Francisco from our members Arnaud Goethals and Julie Vandermeersch (www.vivelatarte.com). You can watch the cool video at [this link](#). Keep them in mind if you need to have an event catered. Their pies are really good!