Canoeing Information Packet

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Planning Your Field Trip

1. Contact Scout Island and discuss your event with staff. They will assist you in planning and work with you to arrange a date.

2. Once your date is determined complete and submit an online registration form. An application, facility use agreement, and quote with applicable fees will be emailed to you. Please review the information and make certain it is correct.

3. Obtain the necessary signatures on the facility use agreement and forward it along with a copy of your completed *purchase order (for the quoted amount) to Scout Island by Fax (559-265-4063) or email (mstewart@fcoe.org).

*If your organization does not use purchase orders please contact Matthew Stewart.

4. If requested, obtain the certificate of insurance noted on the Use Agreement and forward to Scout Island by Fax (559-265-4063). (Event registration is not complete until a certificate of insurance is received.)

5. You will receive an email confirmation that your event has been placed on the Scout Island Calendar.

6. Liability Waivers are required for all adults and students that will be canoeing, participating in any ropes course activities, or conducting a service-learning project.

7. Scout Island is open from 7:30am until 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Please plan your event so that all participants and vehicles have left Scout Island by 4:30pm.

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The Day of Your Trip

- Make sure all students have pencils!
- Make sure students are dressed appropriately.
- Bring liability release forms for canoeing.
- Stay on Schedule. Notify Scout Island Staff if you are going to be late. (Late arrival will result in students missing one learning station.)
- Make sure all drivers have copies of the directions to Scout Island.
- You will be met by Scout Island Staff upon arrival.
- Divide students into their groups with their chaperones. Chaperones must stay with their groups!
- Unload coolers & lunches. Scout Island staff will transport them to the outdoor river area.
- A Scout Island teacher will lead each group to their first learning station.
- Chaperones and teachers should assist Scout Island teachers in keeping students focused on learning activities.
- Collect all student work from each learning station.
- Supervise students during lunch. Make sure all trash is picked up!
- Make sure students have all of their personal items before they leave Scout Island.
Facility Use Guidelines

Scout Island is an educational site. For your safety and pupil’s welfare all Vehicle, Penal, Health and Safety, Educational and Municipal Codes are enforced on the property. Please follow the following guidelines while visiting Scout Island.

Prohibited Activities

- Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances (H&S 11357; B&PC 25608, 25662; Board Policy 3512.2-AR; 3515.2-P)
- Possession or use of guns or other weapons (PC 626.9; 626.10; Board Policy 5131.7-P)
- Loitering (PC 6539)
- Unauthorized Soliciting

Vandalism

- Vandalism will be prosecuted (PC 594)
- Redress will be sought from individuals or the individual’s parents for the costs of said vandalism (Board Policy 5131.5-P)

Vehicles

- Parking is allowed only in designated parking areas (MC 2113;22658;MC108060)
- Authorized vehicle speed on site: 10 mph
- Limited numbers of vehicles are allowed at the river area for activity setup, takedown and Service-Learning projects. Coordinate your needs with Scout Island Staff. Please drive and park only on access roads. Participants should plan on walking to the Outdoor River Area.
- For aesthetics and safety remove all vehicles from river area when students are present for field trips

Facility

- Please share the facility with other guests. River access is available for all.
- Respect areas that have been reserved by groups.
- Help us keep Scout Island clean by placing all trash in proper containers.
- Keep restrooms clean.
- No lifeguard is on duty. Watch students while they are near the river.
- For the safety of Scout Island guests rock throwing is not allowed.
- Report any facility needs to Scout Island Staff.

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Thank you for helping provide a safe outdoor education environment.
“Leave No Trace”

"Leave No Trace" is a nationally recognized outdoor ethics education program. National sponsors include the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Subaru and Recreational Equipment Inc (REI). The principles of Leave No Trace are not rules but guidelines to promote the wise stewardship of natural resources.

**Plan Ahead and Prepare**

Plan ahead and prepare for outdoor activities. Review Scout Island facility use guidelines with all participants who will attend your event or activity. Coordinate access with Scout Island staff and make plans to carpool. Everyone should be prepared to walk to the outdoor river area. Remind participants to dress appropriately.

**Travel on Durable Surfaces**

Walk on roads and trails. Minimize activities in riparian areas. When visitors trample vegetation communities of organisms may be harmed. Barren areas can create dust and cause erosion.

**Leave What You Find**

Allow others a sense of discovery: Leave rocks, plants, animals, and other objects as you find them.

**Minimize Site Alterations**

Do not dig holes or trenches or build structures with rocks and vegetation. Never hammer nails into trees, hack at trees with hatchets or saws, or damage bark and roots. Do not move rocks or cut vegetation.

**Respect Wildlife**

Observe wildlife from afar to avoid disturbing them. Give animals a wide berth, especially during breeding, nesting, and birthing seasons. Keep garbage and food scraps away from animals so they will not acquire bad habits. Help keep wildlife wild.
Directions

- On Herndon, head east if you are coming from 99 or west if you are coming from 41.
- Go north on Van Ness Ave. and down the hill at the end of Van Ness Ave.
- Make your first immediate left taking you through the gate with two rock pillars.
- If the gate is locked please use the call box by pressing 010 then the “Call” button.
- Once opened, make your way down the hill, follow the curve to the right and take the road straight into Scout Island.
Adult Canoeing Checklist

What to Wear and Things to Bring
Water Clothes (Dry Wicking Clothing, Swimming trunks, Board Shorts, NO COTTON is Preferred)
Close-toed Water Shoes (Trashed Tennis Shoes are PERFECT – Flip Flops & Sandals are NOT Allowed)
Extra Set of Clothes
Towel
Water Bottle
Cap with Sun Visor*
Sunglasses*
Safety Strap for Glasses*
*Optional

Getting Personal
Sun Block
Chapstick
Deodorant

Important Information
- Close-toed shoes are required to protect from injuries. There is often broken glass in the river!
- Participants must wear a lifejacket at ALL times when on or near the water. There is no lifeguard on duty!
- Helmets are required when on the water. This is an American Canoe Association safety requirement.
- Please do not take cell phones or electronics in the canoes. They will get wet or lost!
- Stay with the group!!
- Do not canoe or swim beyond boundaries.
- Do not canoe without a partner.
- Remember if your canoe capsizes: hold on to your paddle, stay upstream from your canoe, blow your whistle, if the water is calm stand up and the Canoe Specialist will assist you!

You may get wet, sunburned and scratched, please take the proper precautions. Enjoy your day on the river!
Student Canoeing Checklist

What to Wear and Things to Bring
Water Clothes (Dry Wicking Clothing, Swimming trunks, Board Shorts, NO COTTON Preferred)
Close-toed Water Shoes (Trashed Tennis Shoes are PERFECT – Flip Flops & Sandals are NOT Allowed)
DO NOT WEAR YOUR GOOD EXPENSIVE SHOES – THEY WILL GET WET
Extra Set of Clothes
Towel
Water Bottle
Cap with Sun Visor*
Sunglasses*
Safety Strap for Glasses*
*Optional

Getting Personal
Sun Block
Chapstick
Deodorant

Important Information
- Students must wear close-toed shoes.
- Students must wear a lifejacket at ALL times.
- Helmets are required when canoeing.
- Please do not take cell phones or electronics in the canoes. They will get wet or lost!
- Stay with the group!
- Do not canoe or swim beyond boundaries.
- Do not canoe without a partner.
- No Horseplay allowed. Students who splash others, ram other canoes or engage in hazardous activities will not be allowed to canoe!
- Remember if your canoe capsizes: hold on to your paddle, stay upstream from your canoe, blow your whistle, if the water is calm stand up and the Canoe Specialist will assist you!

You may get wet, sunburned and scratched, please take proper precautions. Enjoy your day on the river!
I have requested permission to participate in Scout Island Outdoor Education Center canoeing programs, ropes course, educational field trips service-learning and/or professional development activities (the "Program"). I understand that permission will be granted only if this Waiver is executed.

I agree and acknowledge that: (1) I am volunteering my services for the Program without anticipation of any payment because I want to personally participate in the Program; (2) I will perform assigned tasks to the best of my ability, and I will not do tasks that are beyond my ability; (3) I am familiar with the safe operation and use of the equipment or tools that I may use during this activity, and I will not use any equipment or tools with which I am unfamiliar or do not know how to safely use; (4) I have received complete instructions about the work I will perform at the Program, including safety and emergency procedures, and I understand those instructions; (5) I will use only the supplies, equipment and tools provided by individuals supervising me at the Program, and will not do anything to damage the environment in any way; (6) I will observe all safety rules and use care in the performance of my assignments; and (7) I am engaging in this activity at my own request and risk, and not as an employee, agent, official, officer or representative of any of the Released Parties, and I am not entitled to any compensation, benefit or insurance coverage from any of the Released Parties, nor will I make any such claim.

In exchange for permission to participate in the Program, I personally assume all risks of any harm, injury or damage, whether foreseen or unforeseen, associated with my visit to and participation in the Program. I understand and agree that the United States Canoe Association, RiverTree Volunteers, Clovis Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, State of California, Fresno County, The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, The Fresno County Office of Education, Marvin Meyers as trustee of the Meyers Farms Family Trust, Meyers Fanning, LLC, Central Unified School District, Intermountain Nursery, James and Coke Hallowell, and their respective employees, officers, agents, members, trustees, beneficiaries, affiliates and assigns (the "Released Parties") shall not be liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death or other damages to me or my family, heirs or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in the Program or any activities occurring while I am at field sites, or as a result of product liability or the negligence (whether passive or active) of any party relating in any way to my visit. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death by me, or my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, relating in any way to my visit to the Program or any activities occurring while I am there.

I understand that participating in the Program involves certain inherent risks, including, but not limited to, the risks of possible injury, infection or loss of life as a result of the proximity to running and standing water, uneven terrain, dense bushes, trees and underbrush, wildlife, environmental conditions or my own over-exertion. I understand that some Program activities may be in or around water, and that during these activities, there is a possibility that I may fall into water and may need to swim or wade ashore. I also understand that canoeing activities involve unanticipated hazards presented by the flow of the river, such as rapids, being swept into over hanging bushes and trees, possibility of capsizing, getting wet or needing to swim to shore. Despite these risks, all of which I am willing to assume, I wish to participate in the Program.

There are no personal limitations that would keep me from participating in the Program. Should I be injured while participating in the Program, I authorize any licensed physician to perform emergency or surgical treatment as in his/her sole judgment may be necessary. I understand the terms of this document are binding, and I have signed this document of my own free will.

I have fully informed myself of the contents of this Waiver by reading it before I signed it. I declare that I am over the age of 18 and legally competent to sign this document.

Print Name (First and Last Name): ________________________________

Signature of Participant: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Address and Telephone Number: ________________________________

Emergency Contact Person and telephone Number ________________________________

IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18, HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN. I am the parent or legal guardian of the above participant and he/she has my permission to participate in the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center programs. I have read and agree to all of the provisions above on behalf of the participant and will be bound thereby.

Print Name (First and Last Name): ________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ________________________________ Date: ________________
SCOUT ISLAND OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL CONDADO DE FRESNO
RENUNCIA DE LA RESPONSABILIDAD Y ASUNCIÓN DEL RIESGO
(POR FAVOR LEALO CUIDADOSAMENTE)

He solicitado el permiso para participar en los programas de canoa, el curso de cuerdas, excursiones educativas, concursos en servicios comunitarios de aprendizaje, y/o actividades profesionales del desarrollo (el “programa”). Entiendo que el permiso será concedido solamente si se ejecuta esta renuncia.

Estoy de acuerdo y reconozco que: (1) Estoy ofreciendo voluntariamente mis servicios para el programa sin la anticipación de cualquier pago por la razón que deseo participar personalmente en el programa; (2) Realizaré las tareas asignadas lo mejor posible, y no haré tareas que están más allá de mi capacidad; (3) estoy al corriente de la operación segura y uso del equipo o de las herramientas que puedan ser utilizadas durante esta actividad, y no utilizaré equipos o herramientas de las cuales desconozca su operación y reglas de seguridad; (4) He recibido y entendido instrucciones completas sobre el trabajo que realizaré en el programa, incluyendo procedimientos de seguridad y de emergencia; (5) Utilizaré solamente las fuentes, el equipo y las herramientas proporcionados por los individuos que me supervisen en el programa, y no haré cosas que dañen el ambiente; (6) Observaré todas las reglas de seguridad y tendré especial cuidado en el funcionamiento de mis asignaciones; y (7) Estoy tomando esta actividad conforme a mi petición y riesgo, y no como empleado, agente, funcionario, oficial o representante de la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Fresno o cualquier programa de sí mismo, y no tengo derecho a ninguna cobertura de compensación, o cobertura de la aseguradora de la Oficina de Education del Condado de Fresno o cualquier programa de sí mismo, ni haré ninguna demanda.

A cambio del permiso de participar en el programa, asumo personalmente todos los riesgos de cualquier daño o lesión que sean previstos o imprevistos asociados con mi visita y participación en el programa. Entiendo y estoy de acuerdo que La Asociación de Canoa en Estados Unidos, River Tree Volunteers, Distrito Unificado de Clovis, Distrito Unificado de Fresno, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Estado de California, Condado de Fresno, Condado de Fresno Superintendente de Escuelas, Oficina de Educacion del Condado de Fresno, Marvin Meyers como encargado de el Rancho Meyers Family Trust, Meyers Fanning, LLC, Distrito Unificado de Central, Vívero Intermountain, James y Coke Hallowell, y sus empleados respectivos, oficiales, agentes, miembros, administradores, beneficiarios, afiliados y asigna (“partidos liberados”) no serán obligados o responsabilizados por cualquier lesión, muerte o de otros daños a mí o mi familia, los herederos o asigana, que puedan ocurrir como resultado de mi participación en el programa o cualquier actividad que ocurra mientras que este en los sitios del campo, o consecuentemente de la responsabilidad por la fabricación de un producto o de la negligencia (si es pasivo o activo) de cualquier partido que se relaciona de cualquier manera con mi visita. Estoy de acuerdo de indemnizar, defender y llevar a cabo inofensivo a los Partidos lanzados de cualquier demanda o pleito por daños corporales, daños materiales, o muerte ilícita por mí, o mi familia, estado, herederos, o asigna, relacionándose de cualquier manera a mi visita con el programa o cualesquiera actividades que ocurran mientras que estoy allí.

Entiendo que el participar en el programa implica ciertos riesgos inherentes, incluyendo, pero no limitado a, los riesgos de posible lesión, infección o pérdida de vida como resultado de la proximidad ala corriente de agua o al agua sin corriente, terreno desigual, arbustos densos, los árboles, fauna, las condiciones ambientales o mi propio sobre-esfuerzo. Entiendo que algunas actividades del programa pueden estar en o alrededor de agua, y que durante estas actividades, hay una posibilidad que puedo caer en el agua y puedo necesitar nadar o vadear en tierra. También entiendo que las actividades de canoa implican los peligros inesperados presentados por el flujo del río, tal como corrientes, siendo barriendo en los arbustos y los árboles que cuelgan, posibilidad de volcarse, de mojarse o de necesitar nadar ala orilla. A pesar de estos riesgos, deseo participar en el programa.

No hay limitaciones personales que me impidan participar en el programa. Si me daño mientras que participo en el programa, yo autorizo a cualquier médico con licencia a realizar tratamiento de emergencia o quirúrgico de acuerdo a su juicio o según sea necesario. Entiendo que los términos de este documento me atan a clausulas, y he firmado este documento por mi propia voluntad y concienciación.

Entendido y se me ha informado completamente del contenido de esta renuncia al leerlo antes de firmarlo. Declaro que soy mayor 18 años y legalmente competente para firmar este documento.

Nombre de impresion (el Nombre y apellido):
Firma del participante:
Date:

Dirección y número de teléfono:

Persona de contacto de emergencia y número de teléfono

SI EL PARTICIPANTE ES MENOR DE 18 AÑOS, SU PADRE O TUTOR DEBE FIRMAR. Soy el padre o el tutor legal del participante y el o ella tiene mi permiso de participar en los programas en Scout Island Outdoor Education Center. He leído y Estoy de acuerdo con todas las provisiones normas arriba del participante y estaré limitado de tal modo.

Nombre de impresion (el Nombre y apellido):
Firma del padre/del tutor:
Date:
Kuv tau thov kev tso cai los koomtes nrog lub kom tswj. Scout Island Outdoor Education Center uas kawm txog kev nkuam nkoj, nce hlua, thiab kawm txog txhua tsav yam. Kuv totaub hais tias kuv yuav koomtes yong hais tias kuv kos tsab ntawv no.

Kuv txaus siab thiab lees hais tias: (1) Kuv yeej txaus siab pab dawb yam uas tsi yuam leej twg them nyiaj vim kuv xav koom lub komtswj; (2) Kuv yuav rau siab ua kom tai li kuv tus peevxwm, thiav yuav tsi tai yej yam uas kuv yuav tsi muaj peevxwm; (3) Kuv yeej paub siv cov cuab yeej cuab tam thauam uas kuv ntaw tswj, thiab teij yam uas kuv uas tsi muaj tswj, kuv yuav tsi ta; (4) Lub komtswj yej yeej muaj ntuab ntawv qhia txog kev siv kom muaj kev nyab xeeb, thiab teij yam uas muaj xwm ceev los kuv yeej totaub lawm; (5) Kuv tsuas siv cov cuab yeej cuab tam uas lub komtswj pub rau kuv xwb thiav yuav tsi lam ua kom ib puag neig puam tsuaj; (6) Kuv yuav hwm txoj cai uas uas kom zoo thiab mob siab ua teij yam uas kuv yuav tau ta, thiab (7) Kuv yeej npaj siab tuaj koom lub komtswj no, thiab kuv tsi yog ib tus tub ua hauj hwm lub koom tswj, los yog ib tus sawv kev ntawm lub komtswj, los yog ib tus sawv kev ntawm cov tswv, thiab yuav tsi tau txais nyiaj txiag, los yog hwm yam los ntawm cov tswv hauj lub komtswj no, los yog kuv yuav tsi tuav hais tias kuv yog ib tus neeg zoo li ntawd.

Kev sib pauv rau kuv kev koomtes ntawd lub komtswj no, kuv yuav lees txhua yam kev raug mob los yog kev muaj mob tshwm sim, raug mob los puas, txawm yog hais tias xam pom los tsi xam pom, rau thauam kuv tau tuaj koom lub komtswj. Kuv totaub thiab lees hais tias cov koom haum xws li United States Canoe Association, RiverTree Volunteers, Clovis Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, State of California, Fresno County, The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, The Fresno County Office of Education, Marvin Meyers as trustee of the Meyers Farms Family Trust, Meyers Fanning, LLC, Central Unified School District, Intermountain Nursery, James and Coke Hallowell, thiab laww cov tuh khaivi dej num, cov uas tuv txoj hauj lwm, lwm tus uas sawv kev, cov tswv, cov neeg uas muaj feem, los yog cov uas tau raug kev tso cai, los yog cov tsvv (the "Released Parties") txhob muaj cai saib nrig txog los yog muaj kev siab xyuas txog kev mob, kev tuaq los yog hwm yam uas tshwmsim rau kuv thauam uas kuv tuaq koom lub komtswj ntawm thaj av, los yog kev tsi yoons raws li txoj cai, rau leej twg rau thauam kuv tuaq koom lub komtswj. Thauam kuv tuaq koomtes no, kuv txaus siab yuav tsi ua plaub los yuav liam lub komtswj, tsev neeg, tus tsvv, cov thwj tim, cov sawv kev uas tua ko tsab ntawv no txog kev raug mob, los yog puag ntsaog lub sijhawm uas kuv tuaq koom tes nrog lub komtswj no.

Kuv totaub hais tias qhov kuv tuaq koom no yog kev pheej moo, xws li, raug mob, kis kab mob los yog tag txoj sia thauam uas kuv tau mus hauv tus dej vim dej hlob los yog nroj tsuag fab, los yog raug tsiaj quas tom. Kuv yeej totaub hais tias tej yam kev ua si no yeej nrig txog ua hauv tus dej, thiab thauam lub sijhawm ntawm, yuav muaj feem poob rau hauv dej, thiab yuav tau ua luam dej kom txhob muaj tseebmee.. Kuv totaub hais tias kev nkuam nkoj no yog kev pheej moo yog hais tias dej hlob, los yog nkoj nchuav, los yog dey juv ntub kuv. Txawm hais tias kev ua si no yog pheej moo los kuv yeej totaub thiab yeej xav koomtes nrog lub komtswj no.

Kuv yuav tsi muaj tej yam tseebmeeem uas yuav txvw kuv tuaq koomtes nrog lub komtswj no. Yog hais tias kuv raug mob thauam uas ua si nrog lub komtswj no lawm, kuv tso cai rau tub kho mob los yog cov tub saib mob kho kuv raws li laww txuji. Kuv totaub txog cov nqe lus ntawm daim ntawv no thiab kuv yeej kos kuv npe yam dawb paug.

Kuv yeej totaub thiab meej txog tsab ntawv tsi pu ub plaub no ua ntej uas kuv kos tsab ntawv no. Kuv qhia tseeb hais tias kuv lub noob nyoog yeej yog tshaj 18 xyoo rov saum thiab kuv yeej feebmeej thauam uas kuv ko tsab ntawv no.

Npe Tus Koomtes: __________________________________________ Hnub Tim:_____________________________________

Chaw Nyob thiab Xov Tooj: _______________________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Yog hais tias tus neeg koomtes muaj tsawg tshaj 18 xyooos, niam txiv los yog tus tsom kwm yuav tsam kos daim ntawv no. Kuv yog niam txiv los yog tus tsomkwm ntawm tus yuav tuaq koomtes thiab kuv tso cai rau nws tuaq koom lub komtswj Scout Island Outdoor Education Center programs. Kuv tau nyeem thiab txaus siab lees txog txhua yam uas tau teev tseg rau hauv daim ntawv no.

Niam Txiv los yog Tus Tsomkwm_______________ Hnub Tim:______________________________________________

Yog hais tias tus neeg koomtes muaj tsawg tshaj 18 xyooos, niam txiv los yog tus tsom kwm yuav tsam kos daim ntawv no. Kuv yog niam txiv los yog tus tsomkwm ntawm tus yuav tuaq koomtes thiab kuv tso cai rau nws tuaq koom lub komtswj Scout Island Outdoor Education Center programs. Kuv tau nyeem thiab txaus siab lees txog txhua yam uas tau teev tseg rau hauv daim ntawv no.