



KERN RIVER NEWS

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Kern Valley River Council

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Special Points of interest:

- Events at Kern Festival
- Hooligan B.Y.O.B – Build Your Own Boat!
- Ride / Run / Paddle Triathlon
- Riverside Whitewater Park – Status Report
- July 6th – Kern River Clean Up Day
- 2013 WW Race Schedules

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For Brush Creek and Hooligan Race

For Brush Creek: Need volunteers early Saturday morning to help with setup. Contact Eric Giddens at eric@kernriverbrewing.com

For Hooligan Race: Need Volunteers for safety, on shore and in boats, for debris and people sweep at the end of the course and other various jobs. This is a volunteer-intensive event, so all help will be appreciated. Contact Tom Moore at Tom@sierrasouth.com

BRUSH CREEK NOTICE

As you may know, this is a very low-water year. We will be checking Brush Creek daily before the race to verify there is adequate water for the race. A notice will be posted on all our websites by April 15th or you can contact Sierra South (760-376-3745) to see if the race will occur or be cancelled.

KERN RIVER FESTIVAL 2013

April 20-21, 2013

Returning Events – HOOLIGAN PARADE Updated - TRIATHLON Additional SUP Races

Returning for this year is the **HOOLIGAN B.Y.O.B – Build Your Own Boat Parade.** This exciting event is a parade of self-made boats that will travel downriver and attempt to make it to the end of the Park. The “Race” is to see which boats that can make it to the finish before falling apart! In the past three years we saw some very unique and exciting boats. What is in store for 2013!? Who knows? The more creative, the better!



Continuing events for the Festival include the TJ Slalom Race, open to boaters of all levels and types of whitewater boats, with classes for Expert, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Cadets, the Brush Creek Race for expert paddlers. A **Standup Boarder-Cross** will be held with the slalom race on Sunday. Standup Boards will be available for demo and use in the race by CorranSup and ULI. A special **SUP** event will be preceding the **HOOLIGAN** Parade on Saturday with demo runs and a Boarder-Cross Race.

Sponsor booths will be set up in the Park during the entire event, along with a silent auction of whitewater boating goodies on Saturday evening. A BBQ dinner, kayak videos and a live band highlight Saturday evening activities at Riverside Park

We’ve expanded our **BIATHLON** to a **TRIATHLON!** It includes an 8-mile ride from Kernville to Wofford Hts and back, a two-mile run from Riverside Park to the Powerhouse Put-in, then a two-mile paddle-as-fast-as-you-can run back to the Park. Participants may enter to do all legs, or form a team with different members doing each leg. Classes will be for plastic, race, inflatable boats and SUPs; men or women; and teams or single persons.

We are glad to again offer **FREE CAMPING** for registered boaters. Each person registered for any Festival event except Hooligan Race will be entitled to one free night of camping at Camp Kernville, across the street from the Park. Non-registered people and Hooligan racers may get a space for \$5.00 a night (Friday & Saturday) Spaces are limited in number of campers, two-car limit. See registration for exact details.

The **GEAR SWAP** is returning this year. As a principle fundraiser for the **Riverside Park Restoration**, we will be offering for sale **ANY TYPE OF USED OUTDOOR OR INDOOR GEAR** that has been donated or brought in on consignment. The owner of any big ticket items will get 25% of the sale if sold by the end of the Gear Swap. For unsold items, the owner may leave it as a donation or take it back home. The Gear Swap will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Riverside Park. Bring in anything you no longer use but is still in good condition and help us with the Riverside Whitewater Park & Restoration Project!

RIVERSIDE PARK RESTORATION AND WHITEWATER PARK PROJECT—STATUS UPDATE

The process for getting the required permits from Kern County and the Army Corps of Engineers for the Riverside Park Restoration and Whitewater Park is nearing completion. It has taken over two years to do the permitting and through all the donations and grants received, we raised the funds needed to complete the process. Finally we are seeing the time when we will be able to begin construction, which we hope will be this fall.

It has been a slow process to do the permitting. However we have been very encouraged by the fact that as we went through the required steps, we gained the enthusiastic support of all the agencies involved. Kern County Department of Parks & Recreation and the Army Corps of Engineers have been staunch supporters of the project all along, and in fact, have taken on various aspects of the project itself.

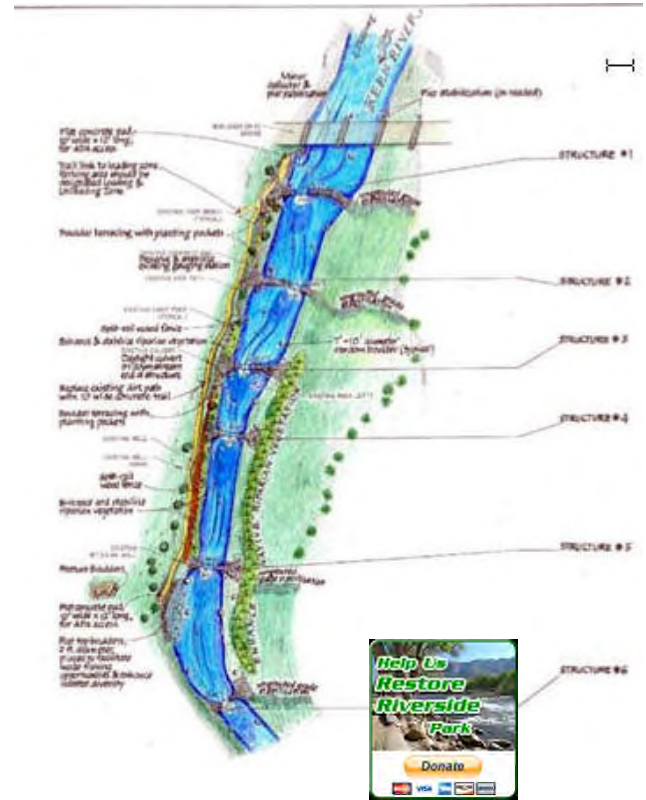
As we near the time to start construction, we have been concentrating on major fund-raisers and obtaining additional grants. We have initial funding to start the construction, but need a lot more. We will be posting on our websites and sending out emails inviting people to the upcoming fundraisers. We also need donations, which can be made at any of our various websites using the "DONATE BUTTON" as shown below. A \$100 donation from 5000 people will go a long way!.

If you would like to donate to this project or for more detailed information, go to the following web sites: www.kvrc.org, www.kernfestival.com, www.sierrasouth.com or www.kernvillerriversidepark.com and use the "Donate Button." A donation through these sites will be dedicated only to the whitewater park project and is tax deductible.

Our thanks to all of you that have already donated!

Kern River Cleanup Day

If you love the Kern River, then here is your chance to show you care. July 6th is the official Kern River Cleanup Day. This is the seventh year of this event. We meet at Miracle Hot Springs and will be providing rafts and buses for those who don't want to go on the water. Kayakers and those with their own rafts are needed. This is a joint project of private and commercial boaters to clean up our river. Please join us. T-shirts and a BBQ dinner are provided. For further information, contact Brian Cosgrove at blastmann@aol.com



2013 KERN FESTIVAL RAFFLE!!

Grand Prize:

A Jackson Whitewater Boat
Choice of a *RockStar* *Funrunner* or *Zen*



Cost: \$1.00 per ticket
25 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing to be held at Riverside Park on Sunday, 4/21 at 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds to Kern Valley River Council
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KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL

FOURTH ANNUAL HOOLIGAN BUILD YOUR OWN BOAT PARADE!!

On April 20, 2013 at Riverside Park, Kernville
Open to EVERYONE!!!

The Rules? Not much....

- Only MAKE-SHIFT boats, using NON-BOAT MATERIALS
- All participants must wear Type III-Whitewater PFD's. Helmets Recommended
- Participants under 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult on the river.
- EVERYONE MUST CHECK IN WHEN THEY GET OUT OF THE WATER



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MAD TEA PARTY

If you are up to the Challenge, get your group together and start building a boat. Can be for a single person or a group of people. Will have to navigate the boat from the bottom of Ewings Rapid (not through the rapid) to the bottom of Riverside Park. Sounds Simple!?!? Well, not really.

Date & Times: April 20, 2013. Hooligan race starts at 3:00 p.m.

MUST REGISTER NO LATER THAN 1:30 P.M. AT RIVERSIDE PARK!!

Entry Fee: \$5 per boat. (Additional Insurance Fee of \$5.00 per person required).

Race Registration: Riverside Park, Kernville CA, Kern River Festival

SUP DEMO AND RACE BEFORE HOOLIGAN BOATS

Festival BBQ with live entertainment and videos right after parade at the Park

For more information call Sierra South River Store, (760) 376-3745

**2013 KERN FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE:**

<http://www.kernfestival.com>

2013 KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL

Hosted by Kern Valley River Council

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 19

12 noon-5 p.m.	Riverside Park	Event Set Up -Volunteers Requested
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Riverside Park	Registration begins when tents & tables set up

Saturday, April 20

8 am - 3 pm	Riverside Park	Registration
8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Slalom Course Practice
9:00 a.m.	Brush Creek Parking Lot	Registration for Brush Creek
10:00 a.m.	Brush Creek	Racers Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Brush Creek	Brush Creek Race begins
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	Riverside Park	Gear Swap
1:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	SUP meeting – Demo / Race follows
2:00 p.m.	Camp Kernville	Boaters Meeting – Hooligan Boaters
3:00 p.m.	Riverside Park	Hooligan Parade
5:30 p.m. (After Hooligan Parade)	Riverside Park	BBQ Dinner with KRBC Beer, soft Drinks, etc. Live Band. Whitewater Videos. Awards for all events completed.
5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Silent Auction during Dinner

Sunday, April 21

No Registration!	No Registration!	No Registration!
8:00 a.m.	Riverside Park	Triathlon Meeting (mandatory)
8:30 a.m.	Riverside Park	Triathlon Run starts, (Awards after race)
8:45 a.m.	Riverside Park	Meeting--Slalom Judging & Timing
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Park	TJ Slalom Boaters & SUPs Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Riverside Park	TJ Slalom Race / Boarder-Cross
1:00 – 3:00 P.M	Riverside Park	Gear Swap
1:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Drawing for Raffle awards
After last race	Riverside Park	Slalom & SUP Awards



**ONE NIGHT FREE CAMPING FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS AT THE OFFICIAL
CAMPGROUND FOR THE 2013 KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL.**

Pick up a camping voucher when you register and present it to the CAMP KERNVILLE office upon arrival. All Festival campers **MUST** check-in at the office upon arrival. Additional nights & non-registered persons cost \$5 per night. One vehicle per 2 guests allowed. Extra vehicle pass is \$5 per day.

**ANY PERSON ON CAMPGROUND WITHOUT A DAY PASS WRISTBAND WILL BE
CHARGED \$20 PER DAY OR ASKED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.**



2013 WW RACE SCHEDULE



Race	Location / Events	Dates	Organizer
#1 Kern River Festival	Kern River, Kernville California www.kernfestival.com Slalom / SUP / Brush Creek Hooligan Parade / Triathlon	April 20-21 2013	Kern Valley River Council Terry Valle (818) 340-3083 tvalle@ix.netcom.com
#2 Cache Creek Whitewater Races	Cache Creek, West of Woodland, California Cachecreekraces@blogspot.com Slalom / Downriver	May 18-19 2013	Sierra Club RTS, SF Bay Chapter Marguerite Young (510) 654-1446 Myben@sbcglobal.net or Keith Kishiyama (925) 455-8850 k_kishiyama@sbcglobal.net
#3 Reno / Truckee Whitewater Races	Truckee River Downtown Reno, Nevada Slalom / Downriver / SUP	May 11-12 2013	Sierra Nevada/Reno Whitewater Paddlers – Contact Lynn Zonge (775) 883-1698 lynnzonge@charter.net Charlie Albright (775) 324-5102 cralbright@juno.com
#4 Miracle Hot Springs Slalom Race	Lower Kern River Miracle Hot Springs Campground Slalom Race Course http://www.kvrc.org Slalom / SUP	Aug 3-4 2013 Depending On Water	Kern Valley River Council Judy Neukirchner (info only) (760) 376-3745 Judy@sierrasouth.com
#5 American River Festival	South Fork of the American River Nugget Campground www.americanriverfestival.org Slalom / Freestyle / Riverboarding	Sept 7-8 2013	American River Festival Contact: Dan Crandall (530) 333-9115 dan@kayaking.com
#6 Eddy Hop Slalom Race	Rancheria Rapid Section Lower Kern River Bakersfield, California http://www.kernriver.org Slalom / Downriver/SUP	Sept 7-8 2013	Kern River Alliance Mary Wilkening mfwilkening@gmail.com
#7 Mokelumne Whitewater Races	Mokelumne River Jackson, California http://www.mokeraces.com Slalom / Downriver/SUP	Sept 14-15 Or Sept 21-22 Check Web	Loma Prieta Paddlers Contact: Tom Musolf info@mokeraces.com



KERN RIVER FESTIVAL SPRINT TRIATHLON

Pedal, Plod, Paddle! - Sunday, April 21, 2013

SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL KERN FESTIVAL TRIATHLON!!

AN EASY MULTI-SPORT EVENT OPEN TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS!



THE COURSE (RACE BEGINS AND ENDS IN RIVERSIDE PARK):

8 MILE PEDAL	LOOP FROM RIVERSIDE PARK TO WOFFORD HEIGHTS AND BACK
2 MILE RUN	RIVERSIDE PARK TO SCE POWERHOUSE PUT-IN
2 MILE PADDLE	BACK TO RIVERSIDE PARK (CLASS II SECTION "POWERHOUSE RUN")

CATEGORIES / CLASSES

MEN / WOMEN ** TEAM / INDIVIDUAL ** COMPETITIVE / RECREATIONAL (FUN)

EQUIPMENT CLASSES:

Competitive Grouping:

Boats 3.5 meters or longer (11.5 feet)
And/Or
Road Bike

Recreational Grouping:

Any boat under 3.5 meters (<11.5 feet)
Inflatable Kayak (IK)
Standup Paddle Board (SUP)
Mountain Bike

**NEED A TEAM? INQUIRE BY EMAIL OR AT REGISTRATION, WE WILL TRY TO MATCH YOU UP
RENTAL BIKES AND INFLATABLE KAYAKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE RACE (SPECIAL RATES)**

COST: \$40 / TEAM ** \$30 / INDIVIDUAL ** (\$5 / person if registered in other KRF events)
Register Friday or Saturday at Riverside Park (April 19-20), limited registration race day (4/21)

RACE TIME: Sunday, April 21, mandatory competitors meeting at Riverside Park at 8 a.m.
Race starts at 8:30 a.m. Awards ceremony at conclusion of race.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DONNI OR JUDY AT SIERRA SOUTH
760-376-3745 * www.kernfestival.com, paddle@sierrasouth.com**

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PRIZES * PRIZES * PRIZES

The Kern River Festival is calling on CREATIVE, FUNNY, and ENTHUSIASTIC people to motivate our triathletes at:

THE FIRST ANNUAL KERN FESTIVAL TRIATHLON - BEST SIGN CONTEST!!

Funny!

Motivating!

Sunday, April 21, 2013

Creative!

The best sign will be chosen from a panel of mystery athletes and the winner awarded a \$25.00 gift card! Prize awarded in Riverside Park at end of race.



Bring your sign and your enthusiasm to the race course between 8:30 and 10 on Sunday, April 21:



- Bike Path:** Corner of Siretta & Kernville Rd. to Reel Cinema (Park Way & Wofford Blvd) & back again (8:30am-9am, approximate)
Run Path: Riverside Park to Buena Vista Dr to Sierra Way to SCE Powerhouse (9am-9:30am)
Paddle Path: Alongside river in Riverside Park (arrive at park between 9:30am-10am)

Times are approximate

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