



KERN RIVER NEWS

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Kern Valley River Council

www.kvrc.org and www.Kernfestival.com

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Special Points of interest:

- Events at Kern Festival
- Hooligan B.Y.O.B – Build Your Own Boat!
- Riverside Whitewater Park – Permitting Begins
- July 9th – Kern River Clean Up Day
- 2011 Sierra Cup Slalom Schedule

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. For shore safety, need to know how to use a throw-rope. For on-water safety, need kayakers and rafters will be placing people all along course, from end of Ewings to end of Park. Need people to check in boats at start and at end to make sure everyone is accounted for. This is a volunteer-intensive event, so all help will be appreciated. Contact Tom Moore at Tom@sierrasouth.com

KERN RIVER FESTIVAL 2011

April 15-17, 2011

Returning Events – HOOLIGAN RACE New – Kayak Movies Film Nights Free Camping With Registration

Returning for this year is the **HOOLIGAN B.Y.O.B – Build Your Own Boat Race**. 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 2010 we saw some very unique and exciting boats. What is in store for 2011!? Who knows? The more creative the boat, 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, and the Downriver Race. 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 Image Surf Standup Boards.

Sponsor booths will be set up in the Park during the entire event, along with a silent auction of whitewater boating goodies on Saturday. A BBQ dinner will be held on Saturday evening at Frandy Park where awards will be given and videos shown for the events along with two new Whitewater Kayak movies. Everyone is invited!

New for this year is **FREE CAMPING** for registered boaters.

Each person registered for Slalom, Brush Creek, Boarder Cross or Down River will be entitled to a free two-night camping space at Frandy Park, location of our Dinner, film shows and the **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (Sat & Sun), a fundraiser for the Whitewater Park & Restoration. Non-registered people, and Hooligan racers may get a space for \$10.00 (for both nights). Spaces are limited in number of campers, two-car limit. See registration for exact details.

The Kayak movies will be shown on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 at Frandy Park. These are two of the latest releases of extreme whitewater kayaking:

“WildWater” and “Frontier”

Starting this year is the **GEAR SWAP**. 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 they stay with their goods at the booth until sold. 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-- PERMITTING BEGINS!!

In January, 2011, the process for getting the required permits for the Riverside Park Restoration and Whitewater Park finally began. The focus of this project is to improve river access, create a safer place for boating and playing through streambed and riparian restoration, and improvement of fish habitat. After several years of working to get funding for this project, Kern Valley River Council (KVRC) a 501(c)(3) non profit organization received an initial grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for Streambed Restoration of \$24,600, enabling the beginning of the permitting and design process. Additional funding has been received from Gene Hacker and Lucian Whitman, who both ran for the Whiskey Flat Mayor position, and with their "election" ended up with a total of over \$6,000 donated to this project. With many



After Shore Restoration



Before Shore Restoration

contributions received from private donors, this project is well underway. It is hoped that the first stage of the construction can be done following the summer season. The ultimate cost of this project is well over a \$1 million dollars and will take a few years to complete. Continued funding is being sought through grants and donations. If you would like to donate to this project, go to 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.

For more detailed information, visit the official website: www.kernvillerriversidepark.com

Kern River Cleanup Day

If you love the Kern River, then here is your chance to show you care. July 9th 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 blasttmann@aol.com

2011 KERN FESTIVAL RAFFLE!!

Grand Prize:

A Jackson Whitewater Boat Of Your Choice

(Super Linear Plastic & Not Duo)



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

Drawing to be held at Riverside Park on Sunday, 4/17 at 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds to Kern Valley River Council
A California non-profit organization



KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL

SECOND ANNUAL HOOLIGAN BUILD YOUR OWN BOAT COMPETITION!!!!

On April 16, 2011 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



PIRATES REVENGE



TALENT AGENCY



K.R.A. KOOL KIDS



Oxy Morons aka BUCKET BOAT



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 16, 2011. Hooligan race starts at 3:00 p.m.
Entry Fee: \$30 per boat. (Additional Insurance Fee of \$5.00 per person required).
Race Registration: Riverside Park, Kernville CA, Kern River Festival
Festival BBQ and Hooligan Videos right after race at Frandy Park

For more information call Sierra South River Store, (760) 376-3745 or Terry Valle (818) 340-3083

**2011 KERN FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORMS
ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE:**

<http://www.kernfestival.org>

2011 KERN RIVER WHITEWATER FESTIVAL

Hosted by Kern Valley River Council

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 15

12 noon-5 p.m. 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Riverside Park Riverside Park	Event Set Up -Volunteers Requested Registration begins when tent & tables set up.
7:30 p.m.	Frandy Park	Film Show: "WildWater"

Saturday, April 16

7:30 a.m.	Frandy Park	Pancake Breakfast
8 am - 3 pm	Riverside Park	Registration
8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Slalom Course Practice
9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Brush Creek Parking Lot Brush Creek Brush Creek	Registration for Brush Creek Racers Meeting Brush Creek Race begins
1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	Riverside Park	Gear Swap
2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Riverside Park Riverside Park	Boaters Meeting – Hooligan Race Hooligan Competition
5:30 p.m. (After Hooligan Race)	Frandy Park	BBQ Dinner with KRBC Beer, soft Drinks, etc. Live Band. Whitewater Videos. Including Film "Frontier" at 7:30 Awards for all events completed.
5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	Frandy Park	Silent Auction during Dinner

Sunday, April 17

No Registration!	No Registration!	No Registration!
7:30 a.m.	Frandy Park	Pancake Breakfast
8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Powerhouse Put-In Powerhouse Put-In	Downriver Meeting Downriver Race
8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Riverside Park Riverside Park Riverside Park	Meeting--Slalom Judging & Timing TJ Slalom Boaters Meeting TJ Slalom Race / Boarder-Cross
1:00 – 3:00 P.M 1:30 p.m.	Riverside Park Riverside Park	Gear Swap Drawing for Raffle awards
After last race	Riverside Park	Slalom & Downriver Awards



2011 SIERRA CUP SERIES



Race	Location / Events	Dates	Organizer
#1 Kern River Festival	Kern River, Kernville California www.kernfestival.com Slalom / Downriver / Brush Creek and Hooligan Competition	April 15-18 2011	Kern Valley River Council Terry Valle (818) 340-3083 tvalle@ix.netcom.com
#2 Cache Creek Whitewater Races	Cache Creek, West of Woodland, California www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/rivertouring Slalom / Downriver	May 13-14 2011	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	May 7-8 2011	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	Aug 27-28 2011 Or Sept 24-25	Kern Valley River Council Lynne Siodmak (805) 844-5966 Lynne_Siodmak@patagonia.com
#5 American River Festival	South Fork of the American River Nugget Campground www.americanriverfestival.org Slalom / Freestyle / Riverboarding	Sept 10-11 2011	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	Sept 10-11 2011	Kern River Alliance Mary Wilkening mfwilkening@gmail.com
#7 Mokelumne Whitewater Races	Mokelumne River Jackson, California http://www.mokeraces.com Slalom / Downriver	Sept 17-18 Or Sept 24-25 Check Web	Loma Prieta Paddlers Contact: Tom Musolf info@mokeraces.com

