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Whitewater Rafting on the American River

Leave: Friday, July 12, 2002

Return: Sunday, July 14, 2002

Trip Limit: South Fork - 18 max /Middle Fork – 18 max .

Cost: South Fork \$332 / Middle Fork - \$364 (Non-Members: +\$5)

Pre-trip meeting: May 1, 2002 @ 12:00 -1:00 pm in room 301-169

The full amount is due **by May 15** to guarantee your space. Cancellations before May 15 will be fully refunded. After May 15 the amount is nonrefundable unless you find a replacement. Club members and guests have priority. To sign up please fill out the attached form and send in with your deposit to Becky Thompson, MS 301-125L, Office: 301-130D, Extension 4-5768. Or you may sign up at the pre-trip meeting.

THIS IS A TRIP YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS! We are offering two different and exciting rafting experiences:

On the **South Fork**, there are over 30 exhilarating rapids in a Class 3 environment, which are a great deal of fun and enjoyment. This is best for beginners and youths. The first few rapids you'll encounter on the lower stretch are small but spirited and will allow you to practice your new paddling skills. Then a huge deli-style lunch to match those big, outdoor appetites will be set out for you by the side of the river. After lunch you'll be off to challenge "The Gorge" and experience the excitement of outstanding rapids such as Satan's Cesspool and Hospital Bar, which plunge through the steep canyon walls. You'll catch your breath during the calmer water and enjoy the sights along the golden foothills speckled with oak and pine trees.

The **Middle Fork** offers more impressive rapids in a Class 4 environment, including the ultimate in "Big Drops" at the Tunnel Chute Rapid. Here the river descends 18 feet through a very narrow chute, over a distance of 80 feet. Then you'll suddenly find yourself underground for 90 feet traveling through a tunnel blasted by the gold miners long ago. You'll also encounter a mandatory portage at Ruck-A-Chucky Rapid, Part II, which is an event in itself.

At the end of the day's rafting cold beverages and return transportation to camp are provided. At camp you can enjoy some tasty hors d'oeuvres, a hot shower and some free time until you are served a wonderfully delicious, healthy dinner that will satisfy even the heartiest appetite. Later

you'll watch a hysterical slide show featuring YOU going through the rapids from that day! Then you'll relax as the campfire is lit, and music and camaraderie begin around the warmth of the flames.

The second day of your river adventure begins with the aroma of fresh coffee followed by a hearty breakfast that will get you going down the river again. This time the thrills start swiftly on the upper stretch with the outstanding whitewater rapids such as Meatgrinder, Triple Threat and Troublemaker. A tasty lunch completes your unforgettable 2-day trip. You'll leave with memories of beautiful scenery, the satisfaction of challenges met, shared friendships old and new, and the fun and exhilaration of whitewater rafting. **SIGN UP TODAY! SPACES ARE ALREADY BEING RESERVED AND GOING FAST!**

CAMPsites at their campground are grass-covered, feature restroom restrooms with showers for “roughing it” in comfort.

WHAT TO BRING: Tent, sleeping bag & pad, comfortable clothes for getting wet in, hat, flashlight, travel alarm, towel, wash cloth, suntan lotion, hat, etc. Tent and sleeping bag rentals are available from Whitewater Expeditions.

DELUX BUS TRANSPORTION with restrooms, reclining seats, multiple video screens and complimentary soft drinks will most likely be arranged. This is included in trip package.