

Several are coming back from Grand Canyon trips to row. So we should have a good group. I'll be around the Sacto office most of the time next week so if you got any questions call up, or write quick. Also my home phone is 916-456-7537. ^{collect} Call anytime. Also is there any way I can phone you - for last minute info etc.? Thanks for support. See you on the water.

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P. S. Working on getting food for "rowers" donated.

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Friends of the Stanislaus River has released the itinerary for its "Row for the River" trip. This is a 200-mile publicity trip conducted in support of Proposition 17, the Stanislaus River Protection Act of 1974. A group of kayakers and canoeists will travel the Stanislaus River from Camp Nine near Angels Camp to the River's end in San Francisco Bay. Financial sponsors are being solicited by individual kayakers who will "row the River." It will be possible to view these dedicated kayakers and canoeists, as well as talk to and photograph them, at several points along the trip.

The trip participants will begin rowing at Camp Nine 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 14th. Camp Nine may be reached via the Mother Lode towns of Angels Camp or Sonora. The first section of the trip, which includes some very challenging whitewater, will be run only by experienced kayakers. The River Rowers will arrive at Parrot's Ferry Bridge around 2:00 PM where they will be joined by canoeists and other kayakers. From there the group will travel to Melones Crossing, the first night's campsite. Melones is halfway between Angels Camp and Sonora on Highway 49.

The second day of rowing will commence at 7:00 AM in Oakdale, after a long portage around various dams and low, rocky river passages. The Rowers will meet at the Highway 108 bridge just north of Oakdale on September 15. The Rowers may be viewed this day at Riverbank, McHenry Ave., Highway 99 near Ripon, and at the camping spot for the second night, Coswell State Park.

On the third day, Monday, September 16, the Rowers will proceed down the Stanislaus to the confluence with the San Joaquin River and then north along the San Joaquin to Mossdale. Mossdale is between Manteca and Tracy on Highway 50. On the fourth day the River Rowers will proceed to Lost Isle, an inaccessible island in the Delta. On the fifth day, Wednesday, September 18, "Row for the Stanislaus River" participants will proceed to Antioch where they will stay on the southwest end of the Antioch Bridge. Thursday the rowers will continue through the Delta and Benecia on to the Carquinez Strait, spending the night on the west side of the bridge.

On Friday, September 20, the River Rowers will cross San Pablo Bay and proceed under the Richmond Bridge to the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon staying the night there. Saturday the "Row for the River" members will continue across the Bay and make their grand entrance to San Francisco. The boats will arrive at Aquatic Park shortly after noon. The River Rowers will have followed the Stanislaus River from its beginnings in the Sierras to its end in the Pacific Ocean, over 200 miles in all.

Dear Ty,

So happy to receive your letter today. And contribution.

The "Row" as noted on this info is Sept 14-21. These should give you a pretty good rundown on the program. Also we will be using vehicles (trucks for boats, buses for paddlers, etc) and drivers supplied by various outfitters. If yours can make it to Sac or Melones fine. If not we might arrange for you to meet someone from the bay area & come up with them. And, if you can get here we'll get your kayak patched some way. Don't worry about Knights Ferry stones - were skipping it. Will set aside a T shirt for you. I'm going up to Truckee River Races ~~the~~ tomorrow to drum up some more participation. Buers will be rowing; Keith Ulisse is coming out of Yosemite to row!

PARTICIPANTS IN ROW FOR THE RIVER

'Cave man' Fred Dennis- Freddie is well known among the river rats for his perseverance against all odds. Whether pumping up a raft, making a kayak or cleaning his fingernails, he's in deep thought while singing a song from the '50's. He finds and explores every nook and cranny in a cave with his powerful yet gentle body. For many years Fred has been on the river, shooting every possible (or impossible) chute, and hiking hills that few have known. Three summers, he brainstormed having 'free trips' for children who never get a chance to be outside. These trips are still in existence.

Jackie Smithson- As a member of WOW(Women On the Water), Jackie has lead a crew of boatwomen down the Stanislaus this past summer. Three years ago she started living among the oaks and daddy long legs and has been on the river ever since. Even in the chilly winter she is found walking along the river banks. The identification of flowers, trees and shrubs is a great love of hers. This coming winter on the river she plans on having an outdoor bathtub so that the Canyon will then offer her all that she could wish for. Among the storms of winter she keeps the river protected.

Robin Magneson- Last spring and summer she lived in the Stanislaus canyon and shared food with the skunk and animals along the riverside. She has devoted this summer to taking down children who wouldn't otherwise have a chance to go down the river. During the trips she leads nature jaunts and 'animal being' games. Robin was rowing the raft of women when WOW(Women On the Water) was originated. Drawing, laughing, skillful rowing and water throwing are her specialties.

Dave Westphal- I have spent my last three summers enjoying the Stanislaus River Canyon. In that time I have come to realize that the beauty of this canyon should be preserved for everyone. We can preserve it if you and your friends pledge your support for me for as little as a nickle a mile on my 200 mile 'row for the river'.

Jay H. Power- I am a geologist who spent most of my youth in Tuolumne County within several miles of the Stanislaus River. I spent high school days camping beside the Stanislaus, studied the geology of the area while in college. Recently I have experienced the joys of floating down the river on a raft. There is no question in my mind that the Stanislaus is a unique and valuable resource that should be paped from flooding by a needless water reservior.

Keith Ullisse- is a student at the University of California at Davis and also worked as a fireman in Woodland. He is an avid skier(alpine and cross-country) and mountain climber. This summer he worked at Yosemite National Park. He has also worked as a boatman for commercial reiver outfitters. Of all his outdoor pursuits his favorite is kayaking. During the past several years he has run many of California's rivers and creeks, large and small, turbulent and tranquil. He is eager to paddle the full 200 mile route for 'row for the river'.

Bruce Simbala- is currently running the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon as a doxy boatman. He has been running trips on the Colorado the last several seasons and has also worked there for the Park Service in the winter. He worked this spring to help qualify the river initiative for the ballot and will be back this fall to work on getting Proposition 17 passed in November. One of his efforts will be the "Row for the River".

Richard O'Toole- I am fully aware of man's necessity for progress, but there comes a point in time when a man should stand by his beliefs. My belief is that the Stanislaus River should be saved, should be preserved for our children, should be left wild and beautiful. I have taken the time with my life to be aware that man can and will make heedless mistakes with our environment. I am also aware that the wilderness is a vital part of this earth's existence. So what I am doing now is to let other people know that the Stanislaus River is worth saving for the children and should not be taken away by the maney and power interest that seems to surround and direct our everyday life.