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Jump In to the 16th Year of River Camp

River Camp Programs with the River Parkway Trust

It is never too early to begin thinking about activities for your kids for the summer. The Trust's Education staff is working hard to plan for another fun-filled summer down by the San Joaquin River. This year, we will offer programs for youth ages 3 1/2 through high school. Energetic counselors, life guards, visiting scientists and artists lead a variety of activities to help children experience the great outdoors. Dates for River Camp at Scout Island and River Camp at Owl Hollow are now posted on our website.



For registration information about River Camp at Scout Island (Ages 3 1/2 through 8th grade), call Diadre Metzler at 559-248-8480 ext. 152 or email dmetzler@riverparkway.org.

For registration information about River Camp at Owl Hollow (Ages 13 to 19), call Mary Aldern at 559-248-8480 ext. 115 or email maldern@riverparkway.org.

Parties for the Parkway



Make your Kickoff Reservations Today

We are now accepting reservations for the 18th annual Parties for the Parkway Kickoff event, to be held on Thursday, March 18, at 5:30pm, at the beautiful Clovis Veterans



Memorial District Building, located at 808 Fourth St. in Clovis.

Once again, you will enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres from a selection of Fresno's and Madera's finest establishments. See complete list below. Live and silent auction bidding will be held on over 80 pieces of art by San Joaquin Valley artists. There will be live musical entertainment including Rosetree Celtic Music, and the River Bottom Band. Most importantly there will on-site "live" reservations for all 71 Parties for the Parkway in the 2010 season. Remember, many of the parties sell out at the Kickoff; make your Kickoff reservations today so you don't miss out!

Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres from:

Bella Pasta- Food for Thought- Karsh's Catering- La Ryan Catering- Love & Garlic- Max's Bistro and Bar- Pardini's Catering- Parma Ristorante- Sam's Italian Deli & Market

Cedar View Winery- Chateau Lasgoity Winery, Englemann Cellars- Ficklin Vineyards- Milla Winery- Sunfire Estate- Quady Winery- Z Wines, Sequoia Brewing Company and More...

Reservations can be made through our website at www.riverparkway.org or by calling the Parties hot-line at 559-248-8476. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Did you Know?

Thank you for helping us introduce thousands of people to the River

Did you know that the River Parkway Trust has provided community programs and activities for over 20 years? Over the years we have



reached nearly 40,000 youth through field trips, classroom presentations, preschool programs and our fantastic River Camp at Scout Island. An estimated 30,000 residents of Fresno and Madera Counties have paddled downstream on a canoe trip and explored the Parkway with Nature Walk guides. Thousands of people have visited the Coke Hallowell Center for River Studies to enjoy the ongoing exhibits in the Ranch House and a variety of special community events.

You can read about all of our programs and events on our [website](#). We hope to see you soon on the Parkway!

Congrats to our Milestone Achievers

The River Parkway Trust will be celebrating several staff members who have reached milestone anniversaries of service to our organization in the past year.

Terri Figgs, Finance Director - 15+ years

Kathy Lustig, Development Director - 10+ years

Sharon Weaver, Deputy Director - 10+ years

Patty Pittman, Executive Office Manager - 5+ years

We'd like to thank these individuals for their hard work and continued dedication.

Save the Date!

Saturday Evening, May 8, 2010

Parties for the Parkway party #20 has been reinvented by Board and Staff to celebrate Dave Koehler's 20 years of leadership as Executive Director of the River Parkway Trust. Details to come...

San Joaquin River Restoration Update



**San Joaquin River
Restoration Program
Restoration Goal
Technical Feedback Group**
February 22, from 1:00pm to
4:00pm

Save the date for the next Restoration Goal Technical Feedback Group meeting. An agenda with meeting location information will be posted on the River Parkway Trust's [website](#) next week for your convenience. You can also find information on the restoration program website at www.restoresjr.net. This meeting will focus on the alternatives and analysis approach for key resource areas in the upcoming Draft Program Environmental Impact Statement/Report.

Note that these meetings are open to the public and input is appreciated. We encourage you to attend.

No Child Left Inside Day: Free Event!

**Saturday, March 6, 10:00am
to 4:30pm**

Ages 6 to 14. Free.

Bring your youngsters to the San Joaquin River Parkway for the day and they will be able to catch and release trout, play games, create art, and explore in a well supervised setting at the River Center and nearby Willow Lodge. Activity leaders will be members of the Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation and the Education staff of the River Parkway Trust. All fishing equipment and other supplies will be provided. Please bring a lunch and an extra solid-color T-shirt to print. Registration is required. Call Diadre at 559-248-8480 extension 152.



A Retreat Closer to Home



**Rent a Conference
Room at the River
Center**



Are you looking for a getaway for your staff? Need a location for a business meeting? The River Parkway Trust has two beautiful conference rooms available for rent in the historic River Center Ranch

House and the new Headquarters Building. Each room is available for rent on weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm. There are also several picturesque outdoor meeting areas surrounded by wildlife and gardens. We offer the perfect retreat location that is closer to home. For more information contact Sharon Weaver at 559-248-8480 ext. 105 or email sweaver@riverparkway.org.

Upcoming Activities

Elk, Ducks and Wetlands - A Guided Tour to the Merced and San Luis National Wildlife Reserves Near Los Banos

Saturday, February 20, from 7:30am to 3:30pm

Wetlands are places teeming with life and the Central Valley's wetlands are no exception. This guided tour of the State's oldest protected wildlife area will include information on the management of this important waterfowl habitat. You won't want to miss the sight of the Tule Elk on US Fish and Wildlife Service Lands along the way. Our guide will be Jack Sparks, Outdoor Recreation Planner with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

\$10 per person, \$5 for Trust members



Legends of Ledger Island

Saturday, February 20, at 8:30am

Visit the I-Ball Saloon, a popular haunt along the river from a by-gone era and hear stories of the San Joaquin River along the way. You will enjoy crossing the "cement bridge" and walking beneath the spreading branches of some of the Parkway's largest and oldest Valley Oaks.

Easy 3-mile walk - Free, \$3 suggested donation.

To make your reservation call 559-248-8480 ext. 111.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Hope to see you soon at one of the many upcoming opportunities to enjoy the Parkway.

Sincerely,

Sarah Parkes

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