



## EXPEDITION EEL RIVER!

WILDERNESS CANOEING TO THE REDWOODS

A hidden gem of Northern California, the Eel River's pristine waters begin in the Oak Woodlands and then wind their way westward toward the ocean through foggy coastal redwoods. Each day brings the magic of river life! Students wake up to the smell of the campfire and the gurgling flow of the river, and then experience the joy of a sun-filled day paddling their canoe through canyons and forests. An engaging expedition, students will learn to maneuver their own canoe through small rapids and swiftly moving water with a partner, and become proficient in reading the river.

River life and the necessities of expedition travel are punctuated by the rhythmic task of setting up our wilderness camp along the banks of the river. Here, students will work in teams to set up tents, gather firewood, clean the boats, and prepare food. On some days after camp chores students will carve spoons, complete fire-making challenges, go on hikes, play games, and have time to spend with each other. As the stars come out we reflect on the day's travel around the fire.

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## What's included?

- Planning and executing the logistics for a safe and fun expedition.
- Providing experienced and qualified instructors.
- One free adult chaperone is included with every 12 students.
- An info packet for students and parents including packing list and medical questionnaire.
- A video Q&A session with parents 6 weeks prior to program start.
- Obtaining and maintaining all required licenses and permits
- Meals and snacks: hot, abundant, and nourishing.
- All specialty and group equipment.
- Involving students with every step of expedition life. Each student is given a specific expedition responsibility with high and achievable expectations. Staff mentor students closely so they can be empowered to succeed at their responsibility and experience the satisfaction of contributing meaningfully to the group.
- Photos will be taken by our staff throughout the expedition and made available at the end.
- Wilderness life curriculum, mentorship, facilitating community, and fun!



## Logistics and Transportation:

- This trip can be booked any time from the last half of April through May. Our standard length itinerary is 6 to 7 days.
- Note: Trip can also be combined with a farm experience at a biodynamic CSA nearby, which adds two days to the experience.
- School is responsible for student transportation to and from program beginning and ending locations. Program begins near Alderpoint, CA and ends near Weott, CA. Details depend on specific itinerary.
- For groups of over 16, part of the expedition will be split into smaller groups, to allow for a more cohesive small team experience.

## Trip Fees, Payment, and Cancellation

- **Trip cost per student:** 6 days: \$1250 7 days: \$1525 Farm experience adds 2 days at: \$475.
- Minimum number of students billed is 10, but we are happy to run a program with fewer than 10 students.
- After the contract is signed, students may be added to the trip at full calculated cost (contingent on group size). For students subtracted from group, school will receive a refund for that student's fee if change is made prior to 6 months before program start, and a credit for that student's fee if change is made prior to 6 weeks before the trip start. Fees are non-refundable after that point.
- A 10% non-refundable deposit reserves your trip. A 40% payment of total contract cost is due at 4 months from program start. 100% of payment due 30 days from program start.

