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On the River: Native Dads Network Rafting Trip

This past weekend, Friends of the River hosted one of our favorite trips of the year on the South Fork American River with the Native Dads Network. Together, 21 teens and chaperones spent the day experiencing the river, building community, and creating lasting memories on the water.

The Native Dads Network is dedicated to strengthening Indigenous families through culture, education, and intergenerational healing. We were honored to share the river with this incredible group and help foster a deeper connection to California's rivers.



River Advocacy Leadership Weekend - Join us Aug 21-23!

Experience the river. Build your voice. Lead the Movement.

Join us for a two-day immersive River Advocacy Leadership Weekend on the South Fork American River, where adventure meets action. Whether you're new to advocacy or looking to become more involved, this weekend offers an opportunity to learn, connect, and grow alongside a passionate community of river defenders. Become a powerful advocate and a voice for the places you love. [Register Today!](#)



Meet our FOR River Guides

Behind every unforgettable river trip is an incredible team of volunteer river guides. Their passion, expertise, and dedication help create safe, welcoming experiences that connect people to California's rivers. Meet a few of the amazing volunteers who make our river program possible. [Read more.](#)



Be a River Hero: 10 Simple Ways to Protect California's Rivers This Summer

Every river visit is an opportunity to make a difference. Small actions, like respecting wildlife, wearing a life jacket, and leaving no trace, add up to healthier rivers for people and wildlife alike. Check out our 10 simple tips for protecting rivers during your next visit. [Read more.](#)



Rendezvous by the River - Oct 3rd

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! - Every victory for a river begins with people who care. Join us for an unforgettable evening by the river and under the stars as we celebrate our community, our shared accomplishments, and the rivers we're working together to protect.

[Get Your Tickets!](#)

Currents: *Victories and Threats*

We're excited to bring you this month's Currents—highlighting key news on California's rivers and the actions Friends of the River is taking to protect them.



Whittier Narrows Dam, the Price of Keeping Nature at Bay

Whittier Narrows Dam is a reminder of the hidden cost of building communities on Southern California's alluvial fans and relying on massive infrastructure to control nature. This personal reflection from Ron Stork explores how decades of flood management have reshaped our rivers and why maintaining those systems comes with a billion-dollar price tag. [Read more.](#)

Become a voice for California's rivers.
Join the **River Activist Network!**

[Learn more](#)



Give with confidence. Friends of the River has a [4 out of 4-star](#) rating on Charity Navigator.

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