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## KINGS RIVER TRIP INFORMATION

Welcome to ZEPHYR WHITEWATER EXPEDITIONS and the KINGS RIVER! Please read all of the enclosed information, and make sure that you understand how to get to where we are via the map. We have outlined the routes with the least amount of stop signals and traffic NOTE' DRIVING TIME FROM THE FRESNO/KINGSBURG AREA TO OUR BASE CAMP IS JUST ABOUT 2 HOURS!!!

**ONE AND TWO DAY MEETING TIME AND PLACE:** You are welcome to spend the night prior to your trip at our base camp, located approximately 43 miles (and 1.5 hours) from the intersection of Belmont and Academy just outside the town of Sanger (see map). Ideally you should arrive no earlier than 5:00 p.m., and no later than 11:00 p.m., the night before your trip. Our camp generator and lights go off at 11:00 p.m. and our host is no longer on duty, so if you do arrive after 11:00 p.m., you will have a harder time setting up. If you are very late, you might consider camping at Kirch Flat Campground which is easier to access after dark (about 1/2 mile before our base camp). If you elect not to camp the night before your trip, you can arrive in the morning. We serve breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. If you are not having breakfast with us, you should be in camp no later than 9:00 a.m.

**1/2 DAY MEETING TIME:** 12:00 p.m., the day of your trip. Please arrive **no earlier than** 11:00 a.m., and **no later than** 12:00 p.m.

**CAMPING AND LUNCH ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE HALF DAY TRIPS.** Please eat before you arrive, or bring your lunch with you and have a picnic at our base camp before we raft. Other campgrounds in the area are **CHOINUMNI CAMPGROUND (559) 488-3004**, about 1 hour from our camp. First come/first served camping is also available at **KIRCH FLAT (USFS)**, just 2 minutes from our camp.

**MEALS:** Our full-time head chef will prepare five meals on all 2-day trips (*starting with breakfast and ending with lunch on the second day*), and two meals (*breakfast and lunch*) on all one-day trips. Snacks are provided at the end of each day, in addition to cold beverages. We do serve wine with dinner, and we do offer a choice of entrees (*beef, chicken, and vegetarian*). We do need your entree selection at least one week prior to your trip. NOTE: If your group has any special dietary needs, please let us know. **No alcohol of any kind is allowed during the day on the river!**

**ABOUT OUR CAMP:** Our beautiful five acre base camp boasts sandy beaches for camping, fresh mountain spring drinking water, a volleyball court in the sand, and horseshoes. Picnic tables and BBQ's dot the camp, for those of you wishing to camp before your trip and cook your own dinner that night.

**MOTELS:** If you elect not to camp with us the night before your trip, there are plenty of motels in the Fresno area. The closest motel to our base camp is the Townhouse Motel (*a very basic motel*) in Sanger (559) 875-5531. If you do stay in the Fresno area, don't forget it will take you 1 1/2 to 2 hours driving time to our base camp, and we need you there by 9:00 a.m.

**WET SUITS:** For spring trips (*through mid-late June*), wet-suits are a must. During the spring, the water is high and cold, and we want you to be comfortable. **Wet-suits are provided at no charge.** Our suits are designed for whitewater rafting. NOTE: We no longer provide booties, as our self-bailing rafts keep your feet out of the water most of the time. You should bring along tennis shoes and wool socks, or water socks to wear on the river. A nylon swimsuit (*or other thin material suit*) should be worn underneath the wet-suit.

**CARS:** Your cars are parked just above our base camp, and are accessible when you are in camp. Since we do not need to carry gear on the rafts, you can bring along that extra large tent, sleeping cot, guitar, etc. **No radios or portable T.V.'s, pets or firearms please!**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** For low cost travelers insurance, call (800) 937-1287 or (925) 932-1287. Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, PST  
**WHAT TO BRING...**

### *For on the river:*

- Shorts/swimsuit
- T-Shirt or long sleeve shirt  
(for sun protection)
- Tennis shoes/Sport sandals  
(required to be worn while in the boats)
- Wool socks  
(when wet, wool keeps your feet warm)
- Sunglasses with tie-on
- Hat with front brim and tie-on
- Camera
- Sun-tan lotion
- Light unlined nylon parka

### *For camp:*

- Extra shoes and socks
- Sweater or jacket
- Sleeping bag (*Warm bags for May and June, and summer bags for July on*)
- Ground cloth/tarp
- Pad or air mattress
- Comfortable old clothes
- Towel
- Toiletries (*toothbrush, etc.*)
- Prescription medications if applicable
- Tent
- Mosquito repellent
- Flashlight

### *Optional:*

- Clean set of clothes  
(left in your car for the ride home)
- Fishing gear with license
- Musical instruments
- Books, cards, games, etc.
- Rain jacket

# DIRECTIONS TO ZEPHYR WHITEWATER BASE CAMP ON THE KINGS RIVER:

ZEPHYR BASE CAMP is located on the banks of the mighty Kings River, approximately 63 miles east of Fresno. Travel time from the Fresno area is about 2 hours. You will be traveling around the entire northern edge of Pine Flat Reservoir on what seems like an endless windy road. Stay on all paved roads until you reach the Kings River Bridge. Cross the bridge, and stay on the paved road for another 1/4 mile and you will see our base camp. Follow directions from one of the next three sections depending on where you are coming from.

## COMING FROM THE NORTH ON FREEWAY 99:

We are giving you two options.

OPTION 1. About mid way through Fresno on Highway 99, take the Highway 180 exit and head east on the new freeway. This freeway currently ends at **Chestnut Avenue**. Get off at Chestnut, turn right and immediately get in the left lane and turn left (east) on **Belmont Avenue**. Continue east on Belmont until you come to the Belmont/Academy intersection, and then follow directions under "Everyone".

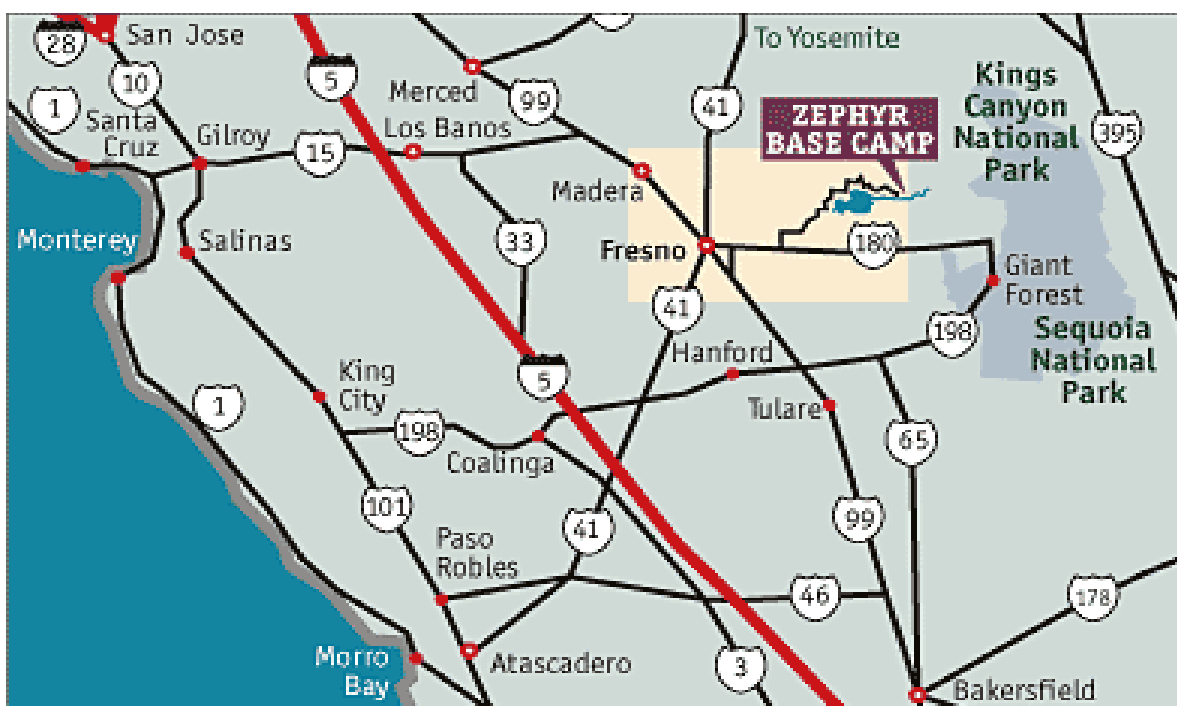
OPTION 2. Stay on Highway 99 through Fresno, and take the **Jensen Avenue Exit**. Turn **left** and travel east 12 miles to the town of Sanger. Jensen dead ends at Academy Avenue. Turn **left** on Academy and proceed though Sanger approx. 2.5 miles to the stop sign at **Belmont Avenue**. *Note: Make sure you continue thru the Highway 180/Academy Avenue intersection and continue on to the Belmont Avenue/Academy Avenue intersection.* Turn right (east) on Belmont Avenue and now follow directions under "Everyone".

## COMING FROM THE SOUTH ON FREEWAY 99:

Take the **Mendocino Avenue Exit (also known as Exit #111) in Kingsburg**. Turn **right** and follow the signs to Sanger, which is 14 miles away. You will actually be on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue for several blocks, but don't worry - 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue will turn into Mendocino. Heading northeast on Mendocino, go through Kingsburg and into Parlier. Go approximately 9 miles on Mendocino until you hit Adams Avenue. Turn **left (west) on Adams**, and drive 1/2 mile to Academy Avenue. Turn **right on Academy**, and you are again heading north towards the town of Sanger. Continue traveling through Sanger, until you come to the stop sign at Belmont Avenue. Turn **right on Belmont**. Now follow directions under "EVERYONE." Last gas stops for night arrivals are in Kingsburg, or in Sanger on Academy Avenue. Last gas stop during the day will be at Doyal's Market in Piedra.

## COMING FROM THE COAST ON HIGHWAY 41:

Heading north on Highway 41, turn **right on Jensen Avenue (the first stoplight before entering Fresno)**, and travel east approximately 12 miles. Jensen dead ends into Academy Avenue in the town of SANGER. Turn **left on Academy** and proceed through Sanger approximately 3.5 miles to the stop sign at Belmont Avenue. Turn **right on Belmont**. Now follow directions under "EVERYONE". Last gas stops for night arrivals are on Jensen, or Academy Avenue in Sanger. Last gas stop during the day will be at Doyal's Market in Piedra.



## EVERYONE:

At the Belmont/Academy intersection, set your trip odometer to zero. Proceed east on Belmont, which eventually turns into Trimmer Springs Road. Stay on Trimmer Springs, and match your trip odometer with the following checkpoints:

At approximately 13 miles you will pass the tiny community of Piedra (*daytime gas and store*). The community of Trimmer (*last phone, part-time store*) will be at mile 25.6. At mile 30.7 you will pass Sycamore Campgrounds. Big Creek Bridge is mile 33.3. You will be getting close when you pass a power station on your right (*brightly lit at night*). At mile 42, you will pass Kirch Flat Campground and immediately past Kirch Flat you will cross the Kings River Bridge. Once across the bridge, follow the paved road and go approximately 1/4 mile to the Zephyr Base Camp. The sign says "**ZEPHYR RIVER EXPEDITIONS BASE CAMP.**" You will also see our blue and white bus.

### NOTE:

**DRIVING TIME FROM THE BELMONT/ACADEMY INTERSECTION TO OUR CAMP IS APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 HOURS.**

Parking at our Base Camp is just past the sign that says "**ZEPHYR BASE CAMP**". Please do not drive down the smaller dirt road into the actual camping area. **TO UNLOAD YOUR GEAR**, go 100 yards past our main parking area, and there is a small turnout on your left. There are steps leading down into our main camping area from this turnout, and this is the best place to unload your car. After your gear has been unloaded, please drive back to the main parking area to park your car for the duration of the trip. Up until 11:00 p.m., this turnout spot is lit, and it is easy to find.





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**IMPORTANT**  
**PLEASE RETURN A.S.A.P.**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Registration Information (please print or type)**

*Note: We update our mailing list from this form, so please print name, address and zip clearly.*

TRIP/RIVER:       **KINGS**       TRIP DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_

If a minor is listed, please provide the relationship of the person signing this document to the minor. \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Address

Phone

**Medical Information**

Please describe your general health: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any physical handicap which might affect your safety or health on the trip?     Yes  No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: to bee stings \_\_\_\_\_ to certain food \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other helpful medical information: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you carry any medical insurance?     Yes     No

If so, Insurance Company or Provider \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Information**

Please tell us your choice of dinner menu (two- and three-day trips only).

Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preference for paddle or oar option:    Paddle Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Oar Boat \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FILL THIS AND THE NEXT PAGE**  
*These forms must be returned to office prior to trip in order to participate.*

# ZEPHYR WHITEWATER EXPEDITIONS

## Acknowledgment of Risk Agreement

In consideration of the services of ZEPHYR WHITEWATER EXPEDITIONS, their officers, agents, employees, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (hereinafter collectively referred to as "ZEPHYR"), I agree as follows:

I recognize the element of risk in any adventure, sport or activity associated with the outdoors. I am fully aware of the risks and dangers associated with the sport of whitewater rafting. I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to go on this whitewater rafting trip with ZEPHYR WHITEWATER EXPEDITIONS. I know and fully understand that a whitewater rafting trip, whether on a raft, an oar boat, a kayak, a paddle boat, or any other type of vessel, is an outdoor adventure activity with inherent risks and hazards where serious accidents can occur, participants can die, sustain injuries, and property damage. I acknowledge and willingly assume all risks and hazards in whitewater rafting and river related camping, including but not limited to loss of control of the raft, collision with other participants, rocks, trees, and any portion of the interior of the raft, other rafts, and any other manmade or natural obstacles, whether they are obvious or not; submersion in water, drowning, encounters with animals, wildlife and insects, exposure to extreme temperatures and inclement weather, wilderness terrain and unavailability of immediate medical attention in case of injury.

I further understand and acknowledge that ZEPHYR provides foot cups in some of its rafts to assist participants in stabilizing themselves. Although foot cups assist participants from falling out of the raft, the use of foot cups may present an increased risk of knee, ankle, or other injuries because of their restrictive nature. Use of foot cups is totally voluntary. Finally, I understand that Class 4 and 5 whitewater represent the most difficult and dangerous levels of whitewater, and recognize that the risks associated with whitewater rafting are increased with higher ratings. MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACTIVITY IS PURELY VOLUNTARY, AND I ELECT TO DO SO KNOWING THE RISKS INVOLVED.

I certify that I have the necessary skills and ability to participate in a whitewater rafting trip, and assume full responsibility for myself for bodily injury, death, and loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of my negligence in participating in said activity.

I also agree to abide by the rules or instructions given to me either verbally or in writing by ZEPHYR. I further understand that ZEPHYR reserves the right to refuse to allow any person to participate who is judged to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participation in whitewater rafting.

As parent or legal guardian of a participant under 18 years of age, I have read and voluntarily agree that said minor may participate in this whitewater rafting trip, and I sign this form on their behalf. In addition, I give ZEPHYR permission to treat said minor in case of illness, injury, emergency, or accident.

I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon me, my heirs, executors, administrators, and for all members of my family including minors accompanying me. I also agree that ZEPHYR may use film or photographic records from this trip for its promotional and/or commercial purposes.

The venue of any dispute that may arise out of this agreement or otherwise between the parties to which ZEPHYR, or its agents is a party shall be the Municipal Court or the County or State Superior Court in Tuolumne County.

I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT. I AM INFORMED AND UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INHERENT IN WHITEWATER RAFTING, AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME AS EVIDENCE OF MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF UNDER AGE OF 18): \_\_\_\_\_



## **TENT & SLEEPING PACK RENTALS**

*Tent and sleeping pack rentals are available on all Zephyr trips. This is great for the person who likes to travel light. We have limited quantities, so early reservations are recommended.*

*Sleeping packs include one sleeping bag with a sheet liner, therma-rest pad and ground cloth.*

*Platform Tent includes up to 6 inflatable ground pads. Available on Kings trips only.*

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### **PRICES FOR RENTALS**

*Sleeping packs are \$25.00 per person / per trip*

*4-Person dome tents are \$25.00 for 1 night or \$35.00 for 2 nights (each)*

*Platform Tent is \$45.00 for 1 night or \$60.00 for 2 nights (Kings trips only)*

*Inflatable Ground Pads are \$10.00 for 1 night or \$15.00 for 2 nights (each)*

*Yes, please reserve for me \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping pack(s)!*

*Yes, please reserve for me \_\_\_\_\_ four-person tent(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ night(s)!*

*Yes, please reserve for me \_\_\_\_\_ platform tent for \_\_\_\_\_ night(s)!*

*Yes, please reserve for me \_\_\_\_\_ inflatable ground pad(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ night(s)!*

*I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my rentals! I understand that full payment must be returned with this form in order to reserve camping gear.*

**RIVER** \_\_\_\_\_ **TRIP DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GROUP NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY & ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_