



# KERN RIVER NEWS

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Kern Valley River Council

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## Special Points of Interest:

- Events at Kern Festival
- Sierra Cup Series in Seventh Year
- California Kayakers Qualify for U.S. National Junior Team
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Kern River Clean Up Day
- Winners of the 2008 Sierra Cup

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REGISTRATION FORM  
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

[www.kernfestival.org](http://www.kernfestival.org)

## KERN RIVER FESTIVAL 2009

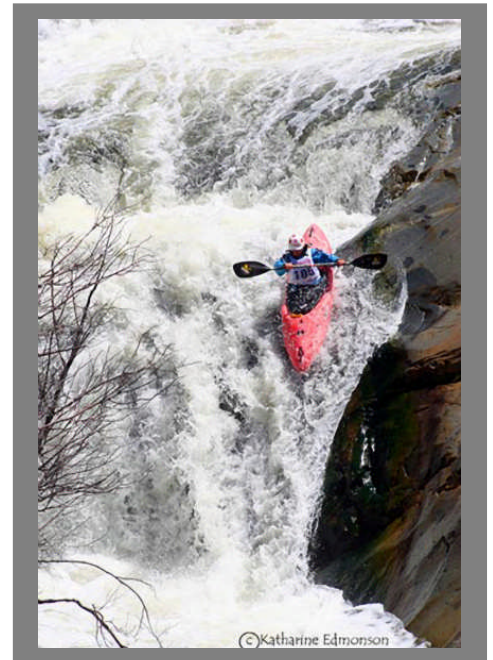
April 18-19, 2009

### New Events – Kern River Triple Crown and Inflatable Kayaks Beginners Slalom Class

The Brush Creek race has been expanded to the “Kern River Triple Crown” Racers will compete in three different events, with scores from each combining to determine the Triple Crown Winner. The events consist of the Extreme Down River run through the falls, the Extreme Slalom, also at Brush Creek, followed by a run through the slalom course in Riverside Park. Boaters must use the same boat for all three events. Winners will receive prizes donated specifically for this event.

Also new for this year is an inflatable kayak class in slalom for the novice paddler, with all equipment, including PFD and helmet provided by Hyside and Sierra South. I.K.s will be available to use on Saturday for practice and Sunday for the race. This class and the use of the boats are available to all, from new to the experienced paddlers. This is a great opportunity for those who have never paddled to get a chance to try this sport.

The 50/50 Poker Run is in it's fourth year. For \$5 per entry, everyone paddles Lickety Split and draws one card at the various stops along the run. At the end, the person with the highest hand gets 50% of the proceeds paid to enter the Poker Run. Anyone can win! You just need to be able to paddle the Lickety Split run and have the luck of the draw!



The Sierra Cup Slalom Series is now in its seventh year. The Kern Festival is the first event of the series, followed by the Cache Creek races, Reno Truckee slalom, American River Festival, Miracle Hot Springs Slalom, Eddy Hop, Lower Kern and the Mokelumne River race. The top ten winners of last year's Sierra Cup will be given their awards at the Kern Festival Happy Hour get-together on Saturday night. Congratulations to Jessica Subido, Nick Wilkening, and Bruce Schumacher as the top three winners for 2008!

# California Kayakers Qualify for U.S. National Junior Slalom Team

Two California kayakers qualified for the U.S. National Junior Team in 2008. Stein Beals of Kernville and Jessica Subido of Rocklin, California finished in the top three at the Junior Team Trials held in Golden, Colorado last May. As members of the U.S. National Junior Team, Stein and Jessica qualified to compete in the Junior World Championships held in Prague, Czech Republic. They traveled to Europe to race in July and finished very well in this very tough competition, both



placing the highest for all the U.S. team racers.

Stein began kayaking at the age of eight and began slalom racing four years ago. Jessica also started kayaking at an early age and became a slalom racer just a few years back. It has been through hard work and dedication that both of these excellent athletes have been able to achieve this high level of performance. We congratulate both Stein and Jessica for all they have achieved. We are very proud of them both!

## ~~~~~ RIVER QUOTES ~~~~~

Courtesy of River Network Resources

*"If you dam a river, it stagnates. Running water is beautiful water. So be a channel."*

English Proverb

*"Sometimes if you stand on the bottom rail of the bridge and lean over to watch the river slipping slowly away beneath, you will suddenly know everything there is to be known."*

Winnie the Pool

*"If you are going to live by the river, make friends with the crocodile."*

Indian Proverb

*"Eventually all things merge into one and a river runs through it."*

Norman MacLean

*"Only the man who crosses the river at night knows the value of the light of day."*

Chinese Proverb

*"There's nothing, absolutely nothing, half as much worth doing as simply messing around in boats."*

Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

*"What makes a river so restful to people is that it doesn't have any doubt—it is sure to get where it's going and it doesn't want to go anywhere else."*

Hal Boyle

*"It is best not to swap horses when crossing the river"*

Abraham Lincoln

# 2009

## A CELEBRATION OF WHITEWATER

Hosted by Kern Valley River Council

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, April 17

12 noon-5 p.m.	Riverside Park	Event Set Up - Volunteers Requested
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Riverside Park	Registration begins when tent & tables set up.

#### Saturday, April 18

8 am - 4 pm	Riverside Park	Registration
8 a.m. – end of day	Riverside Park	Slalom Course Practice
11:00 a.m.	Powerhouse Run Put-In (KR3)	Poker Run Boaters Meeting
11:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Powerhouse Run Put-In (KR3)	Poker Run begins – must have all hands turned in by 1:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	Brush Creek	Racers Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Brush Creek	Brush Creek Race begins
6:00 p.m.	Sierra South	Happy Hour with KRBC Beer, Soft Drinks & Appetizers. Awards for all events completed.

#### Sunday, April 19

<b>No Registration!</b>	<b>No Registration!</b>	<b>No Registration!</b>
8:30 a.m.	Powerhouse Put-In	Wildwater Racers Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Powerhouse Put-In	Wildwater Race Begin
8:30 a.m.	Riverside Park	Meeting Slalom Judging & Timing Leaders
9:00 a.m..	Riverside Park	TJ Slalom Boaters Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Riverside Park	River Boarding Mass Race
10:00 a.m.	Riverside Park	TJ Slalom Race & Junior Olympic Qualifier & River Boarders Slalom
11:00 p.m.	Riverside Park	Silent Auction Opens
1:30 p.m.	Riverside Park	Drawing for Raffle awards
2:00 p.m.	Riverside Park	Silent Auction Closes
After last race	Riverside Park	Slalom Awards

**Sponsor Displays and Demos in the Park throughout the Festival**

# 2009 KERN FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.kernfestival.org>

## 2008 WINNERS SIERRA CUP SLALOM SERIES

Seven slalom races were held at Kern River, Cache Creek, Truckee River, American River and Mokelumne River last summer. Points were awarded to each racer according to the position they placed. No difference was made to class; that is, a novice could earn the same points as an expert. There were 159 racers throughout the six races. The top ten awards winners for 2008 are:

1. Jessica Subido	K1 Womens	88.625 pts
2. Nick Wilkening	K1 Mens	86.650 pts
3. Bruce Schumacher	K1 Mens	82.336 pts
4. Krisztina Peterfy	K1 Womens	81.246 pts
5. Sharon Schumacher	K1 Womens	78.833 pts
6. Gary Valle	K1 Mens	78.825 pts
7. Mary Wilkening	K1 Womens	78.343 pts
8. Stein Beals	K1 Mens	76.800 pts
9. Nancy Dagle	K1 Womens	63.250 pts
10. Miklos Peterfy	K1 Mens	61.764 pts

Of the people who placed in the 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> positions, had they attended just one more race (average races attended for this group was 5), they would have finished in the top ten. Complete results, including results for each race are at: <http://www.kvrc.org>

### Kern River Cleanup Day

If you love the Kern River, then here is your chance to show you care. July 11<sup>th</sup> is the official Kern River Cleanup Day. This is the fifth year of this event. We meet at Miracle Hot Springs and will be providing rafts and buses for those who don't want to go on the water. Kayakers and those with their own rafts are needed. This is a joint project of private and commercial boaters to clean up our river. Please join us. T-shirts and a BBQ dinner are provided. For further information, contact Brian Cosgrove at [blastmann@aol.com](mailto:blastmann@aol.com)

### SIERRA CLUB – RIVER TOURING SECTION – LOS ANGELES

If you are interested in making new friends, exploring new rivers and finding paddling partners, the Sierra Club River Touring Section, Los Angeles is the place to go. Throughout the year, RTS members offer several trips to various rivers throughout the west. Not only do they have several trips to the Kern, but also venture to the Kings, American, Carson, Yuba, and other great places to paddle. In addition, surfing and flat-water river trips are available. RTS is open to all types of paddlers...whitewater, canoeists, rafts, and I.K.'s. They have monthly meetings at Griffith Park in Glendale, but it is not required to attend the meetings to participate in their trips. For more information, check out their website:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/rts/outings.asp>

There is also a web group site for impromptu trips, announcements, etc at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rivertouringsection/>

### 2008 KERN FESTIVAL RAFFLE!!

#### Grand Prize:

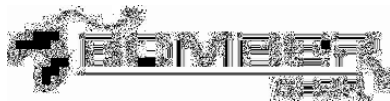
A Jackson  
Whitewater Boat  
Of Your Choice



Cost: \$1.00 per ticket  
25 tickets for \$20.00

Drawing to be held at Riverside Park on  
Sunday, 4/20 at 1:30 p.m.

All proceeds to Kern Valley River Council  
A California non-profit organization



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# 2009 SIERRA CUP SERIES

Race	Location / Events	Dates	Organizer
#1 Kern River Festival	Kern River, Kernville California <a href="http://www.kernfestival.org">www.kernfestival.org</a> Slalom / Downriver / Raft / Brush Creek	April 18-19 2009	Kern Valley River Council Terry Valle (818) 340-3083 <a href="mailto:tvalle@ix.netcom.com">tvalle@ix.netcom.com</a>
#2 Cache Creek Whitewater Races	Cache Creek, West of Woodland, California <a href="http://www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/river touring">www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/river touring</a> Slalom / Downriver	May 2-3 2009	Sierra Club RTS, SF Bay Chapter Bruce Schumacher (925) 447-3110 <a href="mailto:BSSchu@aol.com">BSSchu@aol.com</a> Keith Kishiyama (925) 455-8850 <a href="mailto:k_kishiyama@sbcglobal.net">k_kishiyama@sbcglobal.net</a>
#3 Reno / Truckee Whitewater Races	Truckee River Downtown Reno, Nevada Slalom / Downriver	May 16-17 2009	Sierra Nevada/Reno Whitewater Paddlers – Contact Lynn Zonge (775) 883-1698 <a href="mailto:lynnzonge@charter.net">lynnzonge@charter.net</a> Charlie Albright (775) 324-5102 <a href="mailto:cralbright@juno.com">cralbright@juno.com</a>
#4 Miracle Hot Springs Slalom Race	Lower Kern River Miracle Hot Springs Campground Slalom Race Course <a href="http://www.kvrc.org">http://www.kvrc.org</a> Slalom	Aug 29-30 2009	Kern Valley River Council Terry Valle (818) 340-3083 <a href="mailto:tvalle@ix.netcom.com">tvalle@ix.netcom.com</a>
#5 American River Festival	South Fork of the American River Nugget Campground <a href="http://www.americanriverfestival.org">www.americanriverfestival.org</a> Slalom / Freestyle / Riverboarding	Sept 12 -13 2009	American River Festival Contact: Dan Crandall (530) 333-9115 <a href="mailto:dan@kayaking.com">dan@kayaking.com</a>
#6 Eddy Hop Slalom Race	Rancheria Rapid Section Lower Kern River Bakersfield, California <a href="http://www.kernriver.org">http://www.kernriver.org</a> Slalom / Downriver	Sept 12 -13 2009	Kern River Alliance Mary Wilkening <a href="mailto:mwilkening@bak.rr.com">mwilkening@bak.rr.com</a>
#7 Mokelumne Whitewater Races	Mokelumne River Jackson, California <a href="http://www.mokeraces.com">http://www.mokeraces.com</a> Slalom / Downriver	Sept 19-20 2009	Loma Prieta Paddlers Contact: Tom Musolf <a href="mailto:info@mokeraces.com">info@mokeraces.com</a>

