

Kodiak 2007 Whitewater Adventure

Venturing Crew 360 of Snohomish, WA and Venturing Crew 7 from Pomona, CA. announce their third annual Kodiak Course on a whitewater river. In 2007, Northern California's Klamath River will be the location for another weeklong Kodiak Course. The trip will include 50 miles of class II and III rapids during the first four days, and a day trip on the class IV Upper Klamath on Friday. Local commercial guides have been retained for the day-trip on the Upper Klamath. Participants will meet near Redding, CA on Sunday, June 24, and put in on the river on Monday. We will take out on Friday afternoon, June 30. For graduates of previous Kodiak Courses, a Kodiak X Course will also be offered. This may be the first river based Kodiak X in the nation.

After completion of the 5 day Kodiak Course, an optional Shooting Sports weekend is being offered by Crew 1006 of Redding, CA. Participants will camp at a local shooting range and participate in NRA safety training and NRA Marksmanship Qualifications in rifle and pistol.

The inclusive cost of the Kodiak Course will be \$350 per person. The optional shooting sports weekend will cost an additional \$50, which covers camping, food, ammunition and incidental fees.

Venturing Crew 360 specializes in whitewater rafting and conducts annual whitewater guide certification training at Wave Trek Rescue, LLC. in Index, WA. Seven youth members and 5 adult members of the Crew are currently WA State Certified Whitewater Guides. Five members are also Whitewater Rescue Technicians. Two of the adult leaders are American Canoe Association Certified Whitewater Raft Guide Instructors. Annual whitewater guide certification training is scheduled for April, 2007, and several members are already registered in this course. Two alumni of Crew 360's program have gone on to become professional guides on rivers in Washington, Oregon, and West Virginia.

Crew 360 participated in the first river-based Nature of Leadership Trek on the Yukon River in Central Alaska in July, 2001. In 2002, they hosted a Nature of Leadership Trek on Oregon's Deschutes River, and in 2005, they hosted a Kodiak Leadership Course (same course, new name) on the Colorado River in eastern Utah. This year's Kodiak Course was taught on Idaho's Lower Salmon River in July.

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