

Get Outdoors! Teen Counselor Program Description

The Kings River Conservancy (KRC) is looking for youth ages 16-18 to join our Get Outdoors! (GO!) program as Teen Counselors! The GO! program aims to introduce youth and families to the Kings River through free fun and engaging activities throughout the year. Teen Counselors will act as representatives of KRC and work alongside KRC Education Staff to implement program activities throughout the 2025-2026 season (November 2025 through July 2026). Program events take place at the Kings River Wildlife Area in Sanger, CA or at other nearby locations along the Kings River.

Teen Counselor Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly 1.5-hour program preparation meetings (held virtually via Zoom, November through June)
- Attend an introductory 5-hour team-building day in November
- Attend monthly Saturday GO! program events (typically the first Saturday of each month, November through June, with a break in January) and assist KRC Education Staff in facilitating program activities for members of the public
- With support from KRC Education staff, act as Teen Counselors at the 5-day GO! program summer camp session held in July, including attending 18 hours of pre-camp training
- Aid in program evaluation and provide feedback to KRC Education Staff regarding the GO! program and Teen Counselor positions

Program Benefits:

- Transportation and meals for all in-person events
- Full set of outdoor gear (hiking boots, water shoes, backpack/fanny pack, water bottle, t-shirt, sweatshirt, etc.) upon acceptance into the GO! Teen Counselor program
- Monthly professional development and career pathways presentations from local experts representing a variety of fields during program preparation meetings
- Outdoor and leadership skills through participation in monthly Saturday events
- First Aid/CPR certification included in Summer Day Camp training (possibility for additional Lifeguard certification if eligible)
- Up to \$1,830 stipend upon completion of program (must complete at least 80% of total program hours); W-9 form must be completed for eligible participants



Commitment:

To be eligible to receive the Youth Stipend, participants must attend at least 80% (94 hours) of Teen Counselor program activities (118 total hours). The anticipated program schedule* is as follows:

- Monthly virtual event prep and professional development meetings (evenings, exact time TBD): November 12th, December 3rd, February 4th, March 4th, April 8th, April 29th, June 3rd
- GO! Teen Counselor and KRC Education staff team-building activity day: November 22nd (tentative)
- Monthly Saturday GO! Program events (approx 8:30 am 3:30 pm, includes travel time for those using provided transportation): November 15th, December 6th, February 7th, March 7th, April 11th, May 2nd, June 6th
- 3-day Summer Camp & First Aid/CPR training (approx 9:00 am 3:00 pm): July 15th -17th
- 5-day GO! Summer camp session (approx 8:30 am 3:30 pm): July 20th 24th

*Note: program schedule is subject to change based on participant availability, severe inclement weather, scheduling conflicts, or other unforeseen circumstance; all Teen Counselor participants will be notified of any schedule changes with as much advance notice as possible.

To Apply:

To apply to the GO! Teen Counselor program, <u>please complete this application by November 1st</u>. A KRC Education Staff member will contact you to schedule a short phone or virtual interview upon receipt of the completed application form. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by November 8th, 2025.

