



## **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 season (January through July). Program events take place at the Kings River Wildlife Area in Sanger, CA.

### **Teen Counselor Responsibilities:**

- Attend monthly 2-hour program preparation meetings (held virtually via Zoom, January through May)
- Attend monthly 6–hour Saturday GO! program events (held the first Saturday of each month, February through June) and assist KRC Education Staff in facilitating program activities for members of the public
- Alongside KRC Education Staff, act as Teen Counselors at the 5-day GO! program summer camp session held in July, including attending 16 hours of pre-camp training
- Aide 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 \$1,550 stipend upon completion of program (must complete at least 80% of total program hours; stipend based on actual program participation completion at \$15.50 per hour); form 1099 must be completed for eligible participants

### **Commitment:**

*The “Get Outdoors” Youth Led Program is another community access project through the California Natural Resources Agency to improve youth access to natural and cultural resources.*



To be eligible to receive the Youth Stipend, participants must attend at least 80% (80 hours) of Teen Counselor program activities (100 total hours). The anticipated program schedule\* is as follows:

- Monthly virtual event prep and professional development meetings (evenings, exact time TBD): January 29th, February 26th, April 2nd, April 30th, June 4th
- Monthly Saturday GO! Program events (approx 8:30 am - 3:30 pm): February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th
- 3 Days training (approx 9:00 am - 3:00 pm): July 8th - 10th
- 5 Day GO! Summer camp session (approx 8:30 am - 3:30 pm): July 14th-18th

*\*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, [please complete this application by January 10th](#). 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 January 17th, 2025.