



**Junior Ranger Programs
Upper Lake Clementine
August 2009**

**2-2:45 pm Saturdays/Sundays
Kids ages 7-12**

Sat, Aug. 8th: Reading the Rapids

Sun, Aug. 9th: Reading the Rapids

Sat, Aug 15th: Scat and Skulls

Sun, Aug. 16th: Where does the Water Go?

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Sun, Aug. 23rd: Scat and Skulls

Sat, Aug. 29th: Rocks through History

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Sat, Sept. 5th: Who Lives in the River?

Sat, Sept. 6th: Animals of Lake Clementine

Mon, Sept. 7th: Solar Smores

September 19th : Park Cleanup!

September 20th Paddle Safety Day



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August Junior Ranger Programs Descriptions

Reading the Rapids:

Learn to read strainers, holes, eddies and waves in the rapids and how to keep yourself safe in whitewater. Then step into the riffle rapids at Upper Lake Clementine to build your own dangerous whitewater rapids and watch how Lego people survive them.

Scat and Skulls:

What animals live at Upper Lake Clementine? You may not see the animals, but all animals eat, so all animals poop. Discover how you can track animals through their scat and find out what the skulls of many of the canyon's animals look like.

Where Does the Water Go?

The Pacific gyre is a place in our western ocean where miles of plastic collect. Find out what you can do at Lake Clementine to protect river and ocean animals from plastic once it gets into the water. Act as an archaeologist, excavate the trash at Upper Lake, and find out how you can make a trash-free lunch.

Rocks Through History:

The Maidu people used them for arrowheads and to boil their acorn mush. During the gold rush they became a precious commodity and were crushed and pulverized. Some build with them, others make art with them. What are they? Rocks! Learn about the history of the park through rocks. Learn to gold pan and make your own rock sculpture.

Who Lives in the River?

Use nets and buckets and scopes with park naturalists to look at the insects, amphibians and fish that live in Upper Lake Clementine. Help document the animals and plant life that you find.

Animals of Lake Clementine:

Learn about river otters, bears, deer, squirrels and other animals that live in the park through songs, activities and stories.

Solar Smores:

Help us celebrate the end of the summer season by cooking with the sun. Find out how to build your own solar oven and cook your very own smore with solar energy!

Park Cleanup Day, Saturday, September 19th, 8am – 1 pm:

Join in cleaning the Auburn State Recreation Area at the annual Autumn American River Cleanup. We will meet at the Old Foresthill Bridge at the Confluence Area just beyond the Highway 49 Bridge three miles from Auburn. Check in at the PARC information booth to register, receive trash bags, and a complementary American River Confluence Parkway map. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. For more info contact State Parks at 530-823-4141. A special thanks to the organizer, Protect American River Canyons and cosponsors Auburn Placer Disposal, Keep California Beautiful, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

Upper Lake Clementine Paddle Safety Day,

Sunday, September 20th, 11am- 3pm

Join Protect American River Canyons, Sierra Outdoor Center, and Canyon Raft Rentals, and California State Parks for a free Paddle Demonstration Day at Upper Lake Clementine. This event offers families an opportunity to try out a variety of boats suitable for white water and lake paddling in the calm waters of Upper Lake Clementine. Kids can participate in Junior Ranger activities that emphasize "reading the river," water safety, and netting some of the creatures that live in the river.