Thank you for signing up for an Outdoor Adventure Whitewater Rafting trip! We could not be more excited to take you on a fun-filled, one-day trip down the South Fork of the American River. The 9-mile section of river we run begins at The Nugget Campground and ends at Camp Lotus. Please read below for an overview of your trip with important details included:

Trip Overview

For this river section we will meet at Camp Lotus, our ending location, at 8am. Here you will pay for parking, and change into river-ready clothes/gear, before heading up to the put-in location in the UC Davis vans. Once at put-in, the Nugget, we will work to get the rafts inflated and do a safety briefing before putting on the water. Once on the water, you will go through a brief introduction by one of our experienced guides on proper paddling technique, and basic commands. This stretch starts with an action packed class III rapid named “Meat Grinder” so make sure to pay attention to the paddling instruction because your new skills will be tested right away. Rapids of note on this river section are Meat Grinder, Race Horse Bend, and Trouble Maker.

Transportation

- You must provide your own transportation to Camp Lotus the morning of the trip. It is each participant's responsibility to find transportation to and from the river.
- Our meeting location in the morning is Camp Lotus 5461 Bassi Road, Lotus, CA, 95651 which is approximately 1 hour and 15 min from Davis.
- Please arrive at this location at 8:00am. We will be leaving to drive up to put-in as quickly as possible so please be on time or early.
- You will need to pay for parking at this location. Please make sure to bring $8 cash to pay. Payments can be made in the office which is located on the right as you come into the campground area (there is often a sign out front requesting you to register).
- Lock up anything you don't want on the river, get dressed in your river clothes and give your keys to the OA staff. These keys will be locked in an OA vehicle so you don't have to worry about them while on the river.
Maps

Google Maps Directions from Davis to Camp Lotus

Clothing/ Items to Bring

Please Note: Cotton is strongly discouraged because of its cooling properties

- Shirt (long/short sleeve) to prevent sunburn
- Swimsuit
- Tennis shoes/sandals w/ankle strap (no flip flops or crocs)
- Nylon shorts
- Hat for shade w/leash
- Sunglasses w/leash
- Change of clothes and towel when you return to your car
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle (please no single use water bottles)
- $8 cash for parking

Food

This trip does not include food, so eat a hearty breakfast and pack snacks and a lunch in a non-crushable container. We recommend a plastic Tupperware that contains your lunch. A ziplock bag will work but your lunch may be crushed! Bring something to drink (no alcohol and no glass bottles or containers that are likely to break/leak). Each raft will have a water jug as a backup for communal water, but everyone should still bring a water bottle!

What Outdoor Adventures Will Provide

- Wetsuits
- Splash jackets
- Helmets
- PFDs (life jackets)
- Paddles
- Communal first aid and safety gear

Cancellation/Refund Policy

All reservations are final. Refunds will be granted only if we can sell your spot on the trip or if OA cancels the class for any reason. If a trip is cancelled by OA you will receive a full refund. If you cancel your spot and we can sell it, you will be given a full refund in OA credit or a refund minus $10 processing fee.

Participants who are intoxicated or under the influence of illegal drugs will not be allowed on the trip.