Dear Riverstone Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Parents,

On Tuesday, September 6, the Riverstone Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten classes are heading for the river! The back to school rafting trips on the Payette River are one of the school’s longest running outdoor program activities and it’s wonderful to bring the school’s youngest members into the fold!

Cascade Raft Company, with whom Riverstone has partnered since our float trip tradition began, will provide guides, rafts, and life jackets. The trip will take place on the same lower section of the Main Payette that grades K-2 float, and Cascade’s guides will ensure that everyone has a safe and fun experience. Parents should be assured that the trip is age-appropriate.

Holding with tradition, parents and family members are welcome and, in the case of this Preschool trip, required to participate and help make this a community-building event.

Please read the following details about the trip closely. Parents who plan on participating and driving their own vehicle should pay close attention to pick-up and drop-off locations. A map and driving directions are available on the Forms and Downloads page on the school website.

**Schedule of Activities for Tuesday**

- **8:30** Students arrive at school for normal morning classes
- **9:45** Begin loading Cascade bus or parent vehicles
- **10:00** Depart for Horseshoe Bend
- **11:15** Arrive in Horseshoe Bend Park (across the railroad tracks on the right) for picnic lunch. *Students and participating parents need to bring their own lunches!*
- **12:00** Load onto Cascade buses and drive to put-in at Cascade Raft Company headquarters
- **12:15** Fit life jackets, load rafts and begin raft trip
- **2:15** Float ends
- **2:30** Depart for Riverstone
- **3:30** Arrive at Riverstone in time for regular pick-up and school bus route

**Parent Participation**

At least one parent or guardian will need to accompany each Riverstone Preschool student, and will be charged $30/person (payable to Riverstone International School) to float with Cascade Raft Company.

*All adults and children must return a completed release form to Mrs. Stilinovich or Mrs. Flynn on Monday, August 29, the first day of school.*
Planning on Driving Your Own Vehicle?

Parents may choose to drive their children to and from the raft trip or ride on the bus. If you are going to be driving your own vehicle, please notify Mrs. Stilinovich, Mrs. Flynn or James Hamilton. Parents may only drive their own children and children of parents riding with them. You must be in the same vehicle as your child.

Students riding with parents should either be picked up at 9:45 AM at school or meet the group at the park in Horseshoe Bend at 11:15 AM. After picking up any students, parents should proceed to the Horseshoe Bend Park (just across the railroad tracks on the right). When lunch ends, parents driving vehicles should drive to the take-out where they will leave their vehicles (follow the Cascade bus when it leaves the park). A second Cascade bus will then pick up and shuttle these parents and their students to the put-in at Cascade headquarters.

All parent vehicles should be left at the take-out. When the river trip ends at the take-out, parents may sign their students out with James Hamilton and then take them home.

Waivers
Trip waivers and releases of liability have been attached to this letter. They must be completed for every individual participating in the trip and returned to Mrs. Stilinovich or Mrs. Flynn on Monday, August 29, the first day of school.

Clothing and What to Bring
Be prepared to get wet on this trip! If the day looks like it will be warm, Cascade suggests shorts or swimsuit, a T-shirt, sunglasses with a strap, sunscreen, a hat, and river sandals or tennis shoes that can get wet. If the day looks like it will be cool, be sure to bring dry clothes to change into after the trip.

Students should bring their own lunches and plenty of water. Food will not be provided by Cascade Raft Company.

Leave waterguns, etc., at home.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Ben Brock at bbrock@riverstoneschool.org or James Hamilton-Vail at jhamilton@riverstoneschool.org. We’re looking forward to a great day!

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