



**Library, Recreation,  
and Cultural Services**  
River House  
Outdoor Program

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Dear Parents and Students,

The Young Writers Association Program has made arrangements with the City of Eugene Outdoor Program to provide an opportunity for each young person to participate in an educational, fun, life enriching outdoor activity. The City will provide: expert, safety conscious staff, and state of the art equipment, for this summer's outing on Fern Ridge Lake. The young people will be paddling our 29 foot canoe. The canoe will be captained by two experienced City of Eugene guides.

You can also trust the professional staff at the River House Outdoor Program to teach them about: caring for the environment, making good decisions, watching for and avoiding hazards, and having a great time recreating outdoors. The natural environment also lends itself to introducing life skills such as, choice making, demonstrating respect, practicing cooperation, enhancing teamwork, displaying appropriate behavior, group problem solving, and giving each other support.

### **CLOTHING**

In choosing clothing for boating, remember that expensive high-tech gear is not necessary. **On hot days boys usually wear swimsuits with a t-shirt, and girls usually wear swimsuits with shorts over their suits.** Your feet and shoes will be wet. Please wear tennies, or river sandals. Dress shoes, dress sandals or boots are not appropriate. **On cold days it is important to dress in warm layers.** Please bring an extra set of dry clothes and towel, sunscreen and sun hat.

All technical and safety equipment (canoe, life jackets, paddles, etc) will be provided through the City of Eugene Outdoor Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the River House at 682-5329, and direct your question to Roger Bailey.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share this experience with your child.

The River House Staff