

Bear Creek Yacht Club Inc.
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Bear Creek Yacht Club Inc. is a registered 501c(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to revitalize Bear Creek, and the surrounding waterways, as natural sanctuaries and places of recreation through: Education, Advocacy and Community Stewardship.

The Bear Creek Yacht Club was formed in September of 2021 by Co-Founders Zachary Wells and Jeremiah Greggains. Since then, The Bear Creek Yacht Club has hosted and co-hosted several community clean ups(Op57, CreekFIT,222) resulting in over 35 Tons of trash, litter, 100's of shopping carts and other miscellaneous objects. Our Goal is to hit 50 Tons of trash,litter and debris removed from our creeks and waterways by the end of September 2022.

Up to this point, our hosted events have been centered around stewardship with the majority of work being done within a few square miles in/around Bear Creek. In the coming year we have planned to roll out our Outdoor Education and Recreation Programming. We believe it is our duty to BE ACTION and revitalize our treasure here in Merced, Bear Creek.

This proposal focuses on opportunities in Outdoor Recreation, Outdoor Education and Community Stewardship to strengthen community, empower youth and provide opportunities for impact. We believe with this grant money we will accomplish our goals and create opportunities for this community not seen before.

Bear Creek Yacht Club Inc. is in understanding of services requested by this council and grant. Requested funds for : Target populations enrichment, Development of Training Programs, Enhanced Service Delivery & Community Events.

KEEP THE BEAR CLEAN
Zachary Wells
Bear Creek Yacht Club - President/CoFounder

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LEAD STAFF EXPERIENCE
Bear Creek Yacht Club

Zachary Wells- President/Co-Founder Bear Creek Yacht Club

- Certified California Naturalist
- B.S Sports Management
- CPR/AED/First Aid Certified
- Veteran
- Avid Hiker

Jeremiah Greggains - Vice President/Co-Founder Bear Creek Yacht Club

- Social Worker
- Veteran
- Certified Kayak Instructor*_{May 2022}
- Avid Fisherman
- CPR/First Aid Certified

George Colmenero - Member At Large Bear Creek Yacht Club

- Pilot
- Veteran
- Avid Fisherman
- CPR/First Aid Certified

Misty Regalado - Community Member

- Master Gardener
- Certified California Naturalist

Marcus Padilla - School Nurse

- LVN
- Accomplished Sierra Trail Steward
- Certified California Naturalist
- Avid Hiker

Jeanne Knapp- Educator, Consultant & Advocate

- Executive Director, Four Rivers Natural History Association 501c(3)
- Coordinator, Project WILD Conservation Education
- Certified California Naturalist
- Instructor, CALnat

Destiny Bousquet - Middle School Teacher

- Licensed California Educator

SCOPE OF SERVICES
Bear Creek Yacht Club

Outdoor Recreation Programs

1. Team G.O. (Get Outdoors)
2. Kayak/Water Safety Course

Overview:

- Provide outdoor recreation opportunities for all ages in community
 - Fun Floats, Fishing & Hikes
- Provide Workshops in Outdoor Recreation
 - Kayak/Water Safety
 - Fly & Reel Fishing

Recreation Opportunities

7/22 - 12/22 (Session 1)

2/23 - 6/23 (Session 2)

Fun Floats:

- Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Date: Friday June 10, 2022, Saturday July 2, 2022, Saturday August 6, 2022
- Location: Bear Creek (Starting/End points will vary on water levels)
- Ages: 16 and up with Parent/Guardian signed Waiver
- Leisurely Floats organized by BCYC down Bear Creek *Depending on water levels

Fishing

- Time(s):9:00am-10:00am, 6:00pm-7:00pm*
- Date(s):9/3/22*,11/19/22, 12/10/22, 3/25/23
- Location(s):Bear Creek Trail- Yoga Park
- Ages: All Ages(15 & under with Parent/guardian)
- *Depending on water levels

Interpretive Hikes

- Time(s):9am-12pm
- Date(s): 6/13/22, 6/27/22, 8/10/22 , 8/24/22, 10/19/22 , 12/14/22 & 3/1/23
- Location(s): Bear Creek, Yosemite Lake, Merced Bicycle Trail
- Ages: All Ages(15 & under with Parent/guardian)
- *Depending on weather and AQI

Workshop Opportunities

Kayak/Water Safety

- Time(s):10:00am-12:00pm; 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Date(s): Winter 2022/Early Spring 2023 *depending on water levels
- Location(s): Bear Creek
- Ages: 16 & up (with Parent/guardian signed waiver)

Learn how to paddle by taking an instructional class! The Stewardship Program offers basic kayaking and paddling classes this year at Yoga Park on Bear Creek. Each person learns water safety, strokes, rescues and participates in fun activities. Kayak classes are designed to prepare you for fun floats and personal water recreation.

- Prior knowledge and ability to swim are required*
- All Person(s) under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult, all under 18 must have a parent/guardian present to sign a waiver.

Fly Fishing 101

- Time(s):8:00am-9:00am, 5:00pm-6:00pm*
- Date(s):9/3/22*,11/19/22, 12/10/22, 3/25/23
- Location(s): Henderson Park(Snelling), Bear Creek & Lake Yosemite
- Ages: All Ages(15 & under with Parent/guardian)

Our hosts & guides love the art and sport of fly fishing and make it our goal to pass our enthusiasm down to you. The waters we will be learning and fishing on primarily are rich waters full of many species of Trout, Smallmouth Bass, Carp, and many others off of the Lower Merced River and Bear Creek.

Outdoor Education

Bear Creek Yacht Club Presents: Project Wild

- Facilitation and Hosting of Workshops and Daycamps/Classes inspired by Nature with Fun Activities and Information for all ages

Talks on Trails

- Interpretive Walks & Speaker Series
- Field Professionals & Community Members Share educational, informational and historic knowledge of Merced and our surrounding area.

Naturalist & Interpretive Opportunities

Talks on Trails

- Time(s): 10am-12pm, 5:30pm-7:30pm*
- Date(s):7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 12/1, 3/2 & 4/29
- Location(s):Bear Creek Trail, Black Rascal , Merced Bikeway
- Ages: All Ages(15 & under with Parent/guardian)
- *Depending on weather and AQI

Camp Wild

- Time(s): 9am-12pm, 7:00pm-9pm*
- Date(s): Session 1-Tuesday 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 & 8/5*
Session 2- 4/10/23-4/13/23 (Spring Break)
- Location(s): Yoga Park, Rahilly, Applegate & Lake Yosemite
- Ages: 4-9 with parent/guardian present, Ages 10-16 with Group Chaperone(4-1 ratio)
- *Depending on weather and AQI

Workshop Opportunities

Project Wild: Growing Up Wild

- Time(s): 10:00am-2:00pm
- Date(s): 7/26/22
- Location(s): MAC , Edzoocation
- Ages: 16 & up

Workshop designed for educators of children ages 3-7, Growing Up WILD builds on children's sense of wonder about nature through outdoor exploration and 27 field-tested lessons that include over 400 experiences to share with students. These experiences involve concepts in science, math, vocabulary, art, music and movement, health and safety, and nutrition, and other subjects. The curriculum is aligned with NAEYC standards, the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, and the USDA's MyPlate guidelines for child nutrition.

Stewardship & Community Impact

Crew 2-2-2

- Moderate to Strenuous Labor Intensive Large Scale Community Clean Ups

S.O.S

- Smaller scale clean ups targeting urgent requests and areas of Need

Community Stewardship & Volunteer Opportunities

Crew 2-2-2

- Time(s): 9am-11am
- Date(s): 5/14/22, 7/9/22, 9/10/11, 11/12/22, 1/14/23, 3/11/23, 5/13/23 & 7/8/23
- Location(s): Bear Creek Trail
- Ages: All Ages(15 & under with Parent/guardian)
- Rain or Shine
- *Depending on AQI

All we ask is two hours of your time (2), on the second Saturday (2) of every other month (2) = CREW 222. (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov)

S.O.S

- Time(s): 9am-12pm
- Date(s): May vary as needed
- Location(s): May vary as needed
- Ages: All Ages(15 & under with Parent/guardian)
- *Depending on AQI

**SCOPE BUDGET
Bear Creek Yacht Club**

Indirect Costs: \$1,000

Marketing: \$890

- \$180 - Social Media
- \$400 - Printed Materials(Swag,Hats,Pamphlets)
- \$310 - Table, Canopy & Cloth

Team GO: \$1,500

- Zachary Wells (\$600, 24 hours at \$25/hr)
- George Colmenero(\$400, 16 hours at \$25/hr)
- Materials: \$500
 - Extractor Bite Kit (\$25 x 2, \$50)
 - Portable Floatation Devices(P.F.D \$75 x 6 - \$450)

Kayak/Safety: \$800

- Jer Greggains (Instructor) 6 hours x \$25/hr - \$150
- Portable Floatation Devices(P.F.D \$80.91 x 6 - \$485)
- Portable Microphone & Speaker \$75 x 2 - \$150
- Water & Snacks \$50

Outdoor Education

Trail Talks: \$1,500

- Facility Rentals: \$450
- Guest Speakers: \$1050
 - \$150 Per Speaker x 7

Camp Wild: \$1,800

- Facility Rentals: \$450
- Materials & Supplies: \$500
- Water & Snacks: \$300
- Camp Staff/Counselors: \$500
 - 2 Staff at \$20/hr (12.5 hours each, 25 total hours)

Project Wild-Growing Up Wild: \$750

- Facility Rental \$150
- Water & Snacks \$100
- Supplies \$300
- Jeanne Knapp (Instructor) \$200

Crew 2-2-2: \$850

- Supplies \$650
- Water & Snacks \$200

S.O.S: \$250

- Supplies \$150
- Water & Snacks \$100

Labor: \$5,625

- 15 hours per week
- Hourly Rate \$25
- 15 Weeks
- Administrative Duties and Programming under Direction of BCYC President, Zachary Wells, Vice President Jeremiah Greggains and Secretary Rhonda Batson.

Indirect-\$1000	
Marketing - \$890	
Team GO - \$1,500	
Kayak/Safety - \$800	Total \$15,000
Trail Talk - \$1,500	
Camp Wild - \$1,800	
Project Wild - \$750	
222/SOS - \$850/\$250	
Labor: \$5,625	

REFERENCES
Bear Creek Yacht Club

We are a new organization and haven't yet had the opportunity to work with any large scale public sector entities or cities, other than the City of Merced. This funding would give us the opportunity to run projects and programming opportunities with local public sector entities.

Below is a list of individuals and organizations we have had meeting with and future plans for collaborations:

- Matthew Serratto, Mayor-City of Merced , Chief Deputy District Attorney- Merced County , SerrattoM@cityofmerced.org.
- Hicham Eltal, Deputy GM Water Rights/Supplies- Merced Irrigation District heltal@mercedid.org
- Steve Holmes, Founder/Executive Director- South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition s.holmes@sbcleancreeks.com
- Josh Pedrozo, District 2 Supervisor-Merced County josh.pedrozo@countyofmerced.com
- Jean Okoye, East Merced Resource Conservation District
- Ralph and Lanie Gladwin, MercedWalks-Founders