

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 officially formed in September of 2021 by Co-Founders and current President Zachary Wells and Vice President Jeremiah Greggains. Since then, the Bear Creek Yacht Club has hosted and co-hosted several community clean ups (Op57, CreekFIT & Our Bi-Monthly 222 Program) resulting in over **35 Tons** of trash, litter, dozens of tires, 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 funding we will accomplish our goals and create opportunities for impact, this community not seen before. In our Outdoor Education and Youth Programming we will be using Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L) as an educational framework that focuses on building resilient and persistent leadership skills for youth by building on mental emotional and interpersonal skills to help lead others to positive outcomes for individuals and the community as a whole. Our facilitators, counselors and educators will focus their energy and attention on the core competencies of social skills, self-management, social and self-awareness, responsible decision making.

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
- Avid Fisherman
- CPR/First Aid Certified

**George Colmenero - Member At Large Bear Creek Yacht Club**

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

**Misty Regalado - Community Member**

- Master Gardener
- Certified California Naturalist

**Marcus Padilla - Nurse**

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

**Dr. 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: Saturday August 6, 2022 + Future Dates selected by board and committee
- 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):8:00am-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): 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, Future Dates will be identified by Board and Outdoor Ed Committee

- 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.

A workshop featuring the conservation education Growing Up WILD resource guide, a publication of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Participants will hear from speakers, gain a background understanding of the WILD suite of resources and sample a range of activities. All curriculum materials are backed by sound formal and non-formal educational practices, and are the product of many within the fields of education and natural resource management. This workshop will emphasize Merced area partnerships advancing environmental literacy

### **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): 7/9/22, 9/10/22, 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 Air Quality Index

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)

Community Clean ups that bring groups together to work collectively on the cleaning and revitalization of our treasured waterways.

#### **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

Targeted clean ups in high trafficked areas, whose impact requires expedited action.

**SCOPE BUDGET  
Bear Creek Yacht Club**

**Indirect Costs: \$1,000**

**Marketing: \$1,090**

- \$180 - Social Media
- \$500 - Printed Materials(Swag,Hats,Pamphlets)
- \$410 - Table, Canopy & Cloth

**Team GO: \$2,290**

- Zachary Wells (\$750, 30 hours at \$25/hr)
- George Colmenero(\$500, 20 hours at \$25/hr)
- Materials: \$1,040
  - Extractor Field Snake/Tick Bite Kit (\$40 x 2, \$80)
  - Portable Floatation Devices( US Coast Guard Approved P.F.D \$85 x 6 - \$510)
  - Tinkara Fishing Rods + Line + Hooks ( \$45 x 10 , \$450)

**Kayak/Safety: \$1,520**

- Jer Greggains (Instructor) 12 hours x \$25/hr - \$300)
- Administrative: 20 hours at \$25/hr (\$500)
- Portable Floatation Devices(US Coast Guard Approved P.F.D \$85 x 7 - \$485)
- Portable Microphone & Speaker \$75 x 2 - \$150)
- Water & Snacks \$50

**Outdoor Education**

**Trail Talks: \$2,000**

- Facility Rentals: \$450
- Administrative: \$500, 20 hours at \$25/hr
- Guest Speakers: \$1050
  - \$150 Per Speaker x 10 (Future Speakers to be identified)
    - Joy Baccei - Director, UC Merced Vernal Pool & Grassland Reserve
    - Bill King - Executive Director, Mariposa Trails 501(c)3
    - Shane Peters - California Dept.Fish and Wildlife
    - Tom Hothem PhD - Continuing Lecturer and Founding Faculty, UC Merced

**Camp Wild: \$2,330**

- Facility Rentals: \$450
- Materials & Supplies: \$500
- Water & Snacks: \$300
- Administrative: \$500 , 20 Hours at \$25/hr
- Camp Staff/Counselors: \$580
  - 2 Staff at \$20/hr (14.5 hours each, 29 total hours)

**Project Wild-Growing Up Wild Workshops: \$1,800**

- Facility Rental \$300
- Water & Snacks \$100
- Supplies \$300
- Administrative \$500 (20 hours at \$25/hr)
- Instructor/Facilitator \$600
  - Dr. Jeanne Knapp - Executive Director, Four Rivers Natural History Association

- Dr. Rosanna Ruiz - CSU Fresno, Professor & Lecturer Natural Sciences Dept, Board Member Four Rivers Natural History Association

**Crew 2-2-2: \$1,100**

- Administrative \$250
- 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, Secretary Rhonda Batson and Treasurer Lanie Gladwin

Indirect-\$1,500	
Marketing - \$1,090	
Team GO - \$2,290	
Kayak/Safety - \$1,520	Total \$18,605
Trail Talk - \$2,000	
Camp Wild - \$2,330	
Project Wild Workshops - \$1,800	
222/SOS - \$1,100/\$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](mailto:SerrattoM@cityofmerced.org),
- Dr. Jeanne Knapp - Executive Director Four Rivers Natural History Association , [jeanneknapp@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneknapp@gmail.com)
- Hicham Eltal, Deputy GM Water Rights/Supplies- Merced Irrigation District [heltal@mercedid.org](mailto:heltal@mercedid.org)
- Steve Holmes, Founder/Executive Director- South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition [s.holmes@sbcleancreeks.com](mailto:s.holmes@sbcleancreeks.com)

- Josh Pedrozo, District 2 Supervisor-Merced County [josh.pedrozo@countyofmerced.com](mailto:josh.pedrozo@countyofmerced.com)
- Jean Okoye, East Merced Resource Conservation District
- Ralph and Lanie Gladwin, MercedWalks-Founders