

## Redwood Family Coastal Camp

### *Camp Description and Application Form*



#### **Attention: All Del Norte County Fourth Graders!**

Del Norte County fourth graders and their families are invited to the Redwood Family Coastal Camp (RFCC): a free, ranger-guided, two-day/one-night backpacking trip along the California Coastal Trail in Redwood National and State Parks. No camping or hiking experience is necessary, and all gear and some food will be provided. After summer, participants will continue to enjoy free access to camping and backpacking gear for years to come!

#### **Who Can Participate?**

Any student enrolled in fourth grade (or equivalent) at a Del Norte County school during the 2015-2016 academic year is eligible to participate in the Redwood Family Coastal Camp (RFCC). A parent or legal guardian *must* accompany each student participant for the duration of the camp.

Up to two (2) additional members of the student participant's immediate family or household can

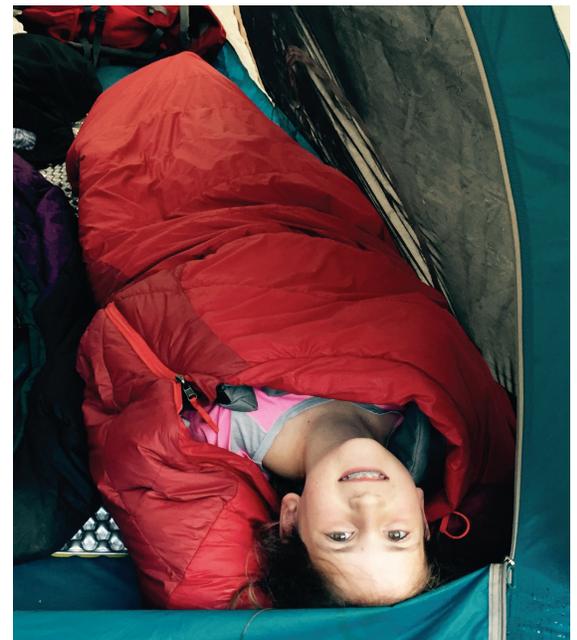
participate for a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) total campers per family group.

All RFCC participants should be able to walk unassisted over uneven, unpaved terrain up to 2.5 miles each day of the 2-day camp. If you're unsure about the abilities of participants in your family group, please contact a RFCC park ranger at 707-465-7397 or REDW\_Camp@nps.gov.

#### **Is it Really Free?**

Yes, it's really free! While participants will need to provide transportation to/from the trailhead in Crescent City and bring some personal supplies (e.g., appropriate clothing, water bottle, toothbrush, some food and snacks, etc.—RFCC staff will provide a checklist upon confirmation of enrollment), we'll provide one dinner, one breakfast, and all the backpacking basics: backpack, sleeping bag, tent, cookstove, cookware, and more!

Inspired by President Obama's "Every Kid in a Park" initiative, RFCC is one way Redwood is celebrating the National Park Service Centennial in 2016. Funding for RFCC is made possible by an Explore the Coast grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy, and partnership contributions from the Patricia D. and William B. Smullin Foundation, Arthur R. Dubs Foundation, and Wild Rivers Community Foundation.



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## How To Apply

A parent or legal guardian must complete and submit the RFCC Application Form for each fourth-grade student participant and up to two (2) additional family or household members. The parent or legal guardian completing and signing the application assumes full responsibility for all participants in the family group.

Further details, including available camp dates, are included in the RFCC Application Form, available by calling 707-465-7397 or online at [go.nps.gov/coastalcamp](http://go.nps.gov/coastalcamp)

Submit your completed and signed Application Form in any one of the following ways:

### *By mail:*

Redwood National and State Parks  
Attn: Redwood Family Coastal Camp  
1111 Second Street  
Crescent City, CA 95531

### *By email (scanned as attachment):*

[REDW\\_Camp@nps.gov](mailto:REDW_Camp@nps.gov)

### *By fax: 707-464-1812*

### *In person (9 am - 5pm, 7 days/week):*

Crescent City Information Center  
1111 Second Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

### Hiouchi Information Center

1600 U.S. Hwy 199, Hiouchi, CA 95531

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## What to Expect

### Before Camp

After receiving applications, RFCC park rangers will notify parents or legal guardians to confirm participation dates, and provide additional information to help families prepare, including an optional “open house” held several days before camp. It’s an opportunity to meet RFCC staff, ask any last-minute questions, and even take a look at all the cool backpacking gear you’ll be using!

### Camp Day 1

On the first day of camp, you’ll meet with RFCC rangers and other families at 8:30 am at the Crescent Beach Education Center on Enderts Beach Road in Crescent City, CA. After a welcome and brief orientation, everyone will be outfitted with all necessary backpacking gear. Then, you’ll hit the trail with an RFCC park ranger as your guide.

It’s a 2.5-mile hike to Nickel Creek Backcountry Camp along the Coastal Trail: The first 1.5 miles of the trail is easy, flat, and shady, and then climbs about 150 feet over the next half mile to spectacular views at Crescent Beach Overlook. From there, the trail descends downhill about 100 feet over the next half mile to the Nickel Creek Backcountry Camp—home for the rest of the day and night!

Each family group will be assigned a campsite—each site has a picnic table, animal-proof storage locker, and campfire ring; there is also a shared, composting toilet at camp. RFCC park rangers will demonstrate and assist families in setting up camp, pitching tents, etc. Then, rangers will guide participants to nearby Enderts Beach for an exploration of area history, coastal ecology, geology, and even tidepools (if the tides are right)!

Back at camp, ranger/chefs will demonstrate preparation of a simple, one-pot meal while each

family group follows along with their own cookset. After cleanup and as evening sets-in, you’ll gather around the campfire to share some final thoughts, instruction, and Q & A with rangers before they say “goodnight” and depart camp for the night (they’ll return bright and early the next morning with breakfast!). Enjoy a quiet night in one of the most beautiful places on Earth!

### Camp Day 2

By 8 am, RFCC rangers will return to Nickel Creek Backcountry Camp with a simple, continental-style breakfast for all campers. After breakfast, families and rangers will then break down camp together, pack up, and return to the Crescent Beach Education Center via the same 2.5-mile section of Coastal Trail hiked the day before, arriving around lunch time. Rangers will gather gear from participants, share some concluding thoughts, and then... It’s over. Sort of:

### After Camp

We trust you and your family will leave with a more peaceful and relaxed state of mind; with the experience and confidence to pursue more backcountry camping experiences on coastal public lands in your community; with a greater appreciation for the unparalleled natural and cultural resources of Redwood National and State Parks; and probably with some new friends, too.

And did we mention that, even after the 2016 Redwood Family Coastal Camp, fourth-grade participants will continue to enjoy free access to the same backcountry equipment for as long as they’re students in Del Norte County? The only requirement is a free backcountry permit, available from any Redwood National and State Parks visitor center.

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## Instructions

Please carefully read and complete all three (3) pages of this Application Form. Incomplete forms may not be accepted, or may result in delays and possible unavailability of preferred camp date(s).

The National Park Service will not share information from this form with anyone other than RFCC park ranger staff for use in planning and leading the Redwood Family Coastal Camp.

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## Person Completing this Application Form

Must be parent or legal guardian of Student Participant identified below.

Age, height, and weight information is used to outfit participants with appropriately sized gear.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (secondary): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student Participant (see below): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fourth-Grade Student Participant

Age, height, and weight information is used to outfit participants with appropriately sized gear.

Full name of fourth-grade student participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Del Norte County School attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Participants (no more than 2)

Must be members of Student Participant's immediate family or household.

Age, height, and weight information is used to outfit participants with appropriately sized gear.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact

(Not participating in RFCC)

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Preferred Camp Date(s)

Select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice by writing "1," "2," or "3" in boxes

- Saturday, June 18 – Sunday, June 19
- Saturday, June 25 – Sunday, June 26
- Friday, July 1 – Saturday, July 2
- Thursday, July 7 – Friday, July 8
- Wednesday, July 13 – Thursday, July 14
- Thursday, July 21 – Friday, July 22

- Friday, July 29 – Saturday, July 30
- Saturday, August 6 – Sunday, August 7
- Saturday, August 13 – Sunday, August 14
- Friday, August 19 – Saturday, August 20
- Friday, August 26 – Saturday, August 27

## Meals and Dietary Restrictions

RFCC will provide dinner for participants on Day 1 of camp, and breakfast on Day 2. Participants will need to provide any additional snacks or meals for themselves. A checklist will be provided to participants upon confirmation of enrollment.

Please identify any dietary restrictions for participants in your family group (check any and all that

apply). Any accommodations to RFCC-provided meals will be shared by all participants in your family group.

- Vegan (no meat, eggs or dairy)
- Gluten-free
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

## Photo and Art Release

Applicants will not be denied RFCC participation if they disagree with these terms.

I hereby assign the National Park Service a non-exclusive right to use all photos, art, and/or other creative medium created by the participants identified on page 1 of this Application Form during Redwood Family Coastal Camp for use in ways including but not limited to public relations, publishing, and promotions. Participants shall not be entitled to any compensation for the use of their photos, art, and/or creative medium by the National Park Service. Participants will be credited (by first name only to protect their privacy) for any of their photos, art, and/or other creative medium that appears in exhibits, publications, and promotions.

- Agree
- Disagree

Initials of parent or legal guardian completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant permission to the National Park Service to disseminate, for promotional purposes at their discretion, photographs, videos, and/or voice recordings taken during Redwood Family Coastal Camp activities in which participants identified on page 1 of this Application Form appear.

- Agree
- Disagree

Initials of parent or legal guardian completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Participant Acknowledgement of Risk, Behavior Policy, and Cancellation Policy

In consideration of the services of the National Park Service and California Department of Parks and Recreation, their employees, partners, and all other persons or entities associated with those agencies (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Redwood National and State Parks”), I the undersigned agree as follows:

Although Redwood National and State Parks has taken reasonable steps to provide me and all other participants identified on page 1 of this Application Form (herein collectively referred to as “My Family Group”) with appropriate equipment and skilled guides so we can enjoy an activity for which we may not be skilled (i.e., the Redwood Family Coastal Camp), Redwood National and State Parks has informed me and My Family Group that this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. Redwood National and State Parks does not want to frighten me or My Family Group or reduce our enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for us to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks.

I recognize that the Redwood Family Coastal Camp will be conducted in a wild, unpredictable, backcountry field setting. I acknowledge that participation in the Redwood Family Coastal Camp involves both ranger-guided and independently performed activities that are commonly available to the general public visiting Redwood National and State Parks, and that My Family Group and I accept the same inherent risks and rules of behavior as does the general visiting public engaging in these same or similar activities, including (but not limited to) hiking, backpacking, camping, cooking, beachcombing, and tidepooling. I understand that My Family Group and I will be participating in these activities with other Redwood Family Coastal Camp participants whose personal backgrounds and information have not been researched, investigated, and/or verified beyond that requested in the RFCC Application Form.

I understand that any written or verbal description of these inherent risks provided by Redwood National and State Parks may not be complete and that other unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility of myself and My Family Group for the risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. I acknowledge that participation in this activity is purely voluntary; no one is forcing me or My Family Group to participate, and My Family Group and I elect to participate with full knowledge of the inherent risks.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different than other activities, and that My Family Group and I have responsibilities as participants. I acknowledge that the staff of Redwood National and State Parks has been available to more fully explain to me and My Family Group the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I certify that My Family Group and I are fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself and My Family Group, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death, or loss of personal property and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and, as a result of my negligence in participating in this activity.

I acknowledge that as Redwood Family Coastal Camp participants, My Family Group and I are expected to respect ourselves, our peers, fellow participants, RFCC staff, other visitors to Redwood National and State Parks, and the natural and cultural environment. I understand that any behaviors by me or My Family Group that RFCC staff interpret as negatively affecting other people or the environment may result in cancellation of Redwood Family Coastal Camp activities and/or removal of My Family Group from further participation. I acknowledge that possession or use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or weapons of any kind (including pocket knives) will not be allowed.

I understand that RFCC staff may cancel scheduled camps or activities at any time if they feel that natural conditions or other circumstances pose a significant threat to the safety of participants. RFCC staff will attempt to contact affected participants and may reschedule alternative camp dates and/or activities as possible or appropriate.

I have carefully read, clearly understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, My Family Group, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate and for all members of my family, including minor children.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Student Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_