



# AZRivers – RRE Student Application Form

Participants for Arizona River’s Riparian Research Experience (RRE) will be selected based on their interest in environmental science, their willingness to learn and ability to work well with other students and adults. While we expect this experience will be exhilarating, the schedule is challenging and requires a strong desire to stay focused and learn new things.

We expect that students who take part in the RRE will develop a longer-term research project during the regular school term. Examples of research projects might be anything from monitoring the water quality on a near-by stream, working with a local watershed group to stabilize the bank of the stream, monitoring birds or reptiles found in a dry wash near your home or developing an aqua-culture system at your school. While we understand that not all students will have a good idea of what they might study, please do your best to describe something you are interested in that you would be willing to work on during the school year. Like all good science, we expect this plan to evolve and even change as you become more knowledgeable. We encourage RRE students to work with other students and their teachers to implement their school research projects.

Student safety and student mentoring are also extremely important to us. Below, we ask you for the name of a research mentor. Again, this may be hard to determine before your project is finalized so start by asking teachers or perhaps an environmental scientist you already know – someone who can at least help you get started. Let us know if you need help to find a specific water professional/ mentor in your area. One of your parents might be a good initial mentor but we encourage you to look beyond your family in the long-term.

Please type answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper – 2 pages maximum. Please be sure that your application includes your name and how to contact you.

1. Your grade level next Fall: 9 10 11 12  
School name Spring \_\_\_\_\_ and School name Fall \_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe your interest in rivers and riparian systems.
3. Describe what you expect to get out of this experience.
4. Describe any previous outdoor education experiences.
5. Describe any previous leadership experience.
6. Describe a *preliminary* idea for a follow-up research project related to the study of riparian rivers and/or ecology.
7. What is the name of your research mentor and their relationship to you? How will you benefit from this collaboration?

**Applications are being accepted now! Application Deadline - April 30, 2010**

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