



AZRivers – RRE Basic Plan of Events Workshop and Field Experiences

Welcome to the Arizona Rivers Riparian Research Experience! We look forward to meeting you in June. As you may know, the main focus of our Southwestern Academy training on June 13-15 is to prepare a small group of high school students and their mentors/teachers for the Riparian Research Experience (RRE), which will continue on through June 27th and over the succeeding school year. That said, we are also looking forward to having several teachers and science collaborators there for the whole 3-day workshop to explore how they can get their students involved in local riparian research projects. A preliminary outline of how we expect the workshop and subsequent RRE to take place is outlined below. Most mornings will start with breakfast at 7am, lunch at noon and dinner at 6pm – meals during field days will be variable, but the sooner we get in the field, the cooler it will be!!

June

- 12 Participants arrive at Southwestern Academy (Rimrock, AZ) between 2:30-3:30pm
3pm Workshop Registration and room assignments
4pm Southwestern Academy tour
6pm Dinner for workshop participants (students, teachers, collaborators & staff)

- 13-15 7am Breakfast in Cafeteria
8am AZRivers workshop starts
Morning content
12pm Lunch
Afternoon content
6pm Dinner

- 16 8am Field Excursion to Fossil Creek, Tonto Natural Bridge SP and Tonto Creek (sack lunch; students and invited teachers)
6pm Dinner at Southwestern Academy

- 17 8am Travel to Roper Lake SP – meet with Mike Fernandez (park manager). Set up camp and conduct water studies of Roper Lake and Dankworth Ponds (RRE students)

- 18 Upper and Lower Gila Box and San Francisco River riparian studies

- 19-20 Travel to Grayhawk Ranch, San Pedro River – meet with Sandy Anderson. Set up camp and start San Pedro riparian study

- 21 Travel to Biosphere 2 – sample Cienega Creek and Canada del Oro Creek. Tour Biosphere 2.
- 22 Aravaipa Creek field trip

- 23 Travel to Southwestern Academy – tour Montezuma’s Castle and work on Presentations & Research Projects
- 24 Oak Creek Canyon & Slide Rock SP. Work on Presentations & Research Projects
- 25 Tuzigoot NM and Verde River headwaters. Work on Presentations & Research Projects
- 26 Work on Presentations & Research Projects
- 27 7am Breakfast
10am Student Presentations and Graduation
12pm Lunch for students and guests
2pm Check-out and student pick-up from Southwestern Academy

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