

Busy October at Lake Berryessa with America's Great Outdoors Events and Interpretive Activities

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October 2014 was a very active month for Lake Berryessa Park Rangers as dozens of young people participated in the water education programs that are conducted annually during the spring and fall while other folks – young and old(er) alike – enjoyed other Ranger-led activities, including hiking and paddling adventures. A summary of the many activities follows:

Oct. 9 – Fifth- & sixth-grade students from Adventist Christian School in St. Helena learned about the local watershed, the water cycle, and the importance of Lake Berryessa in serving the region's water needs.

Oct. 10 – Sixth-graders from Steffan Manor Elementary in Vallejo learned about the water cycle, water conservation, water use, and the local watershed while engaging with the natural resources of Lake Berryessa.

Oct. 12 – A Lake Berryessa Park Ranger led kayakers on a two-mile paddling tour, launching from the Oak Shores Day Use Area, paddling out to Goat Island, and then returning back to Oak Shores.

Oct. 16 – Fifth-grade students from Browns Valley Elementary in Napa were introduced to the local watershed and learned to appreciate the surrounding landscape and the reservoir that helps provide the region's water supply.

Oct. 18 – Cub Scouts from the Silverado Boy Scout District participated in an environmental education program at Steele Canyon, learning about the natural history, ecology and resources of Lake Berryessa.

Oct. 18 – Park Rangers led visitors on a hike along the Smittle Creek Trail where they were introduced to the natural history of the area, explored a Blue Oak woodland ecosystem, and watched an otter family at play in a cove.

Oct. 23 – Fourth-grade students from St. Helena Elementary School participated in an environmental education program, hiking the loop portion of the Smittle Creek Trail and engaging in Ranger-led activities and lessons.

Oct. 24 – Fourth-graders from St. Helena Elementary School learned about Lake Berryessa's natural history, ecology and resources on a Ranger-led hike of the Smittle Creek Trail.

Oct. 30 – Fifth-graders from the North-Hill Christian School in Vallejo participated in activities led by Park Rangers while getting exercise and learning about water use and conservation.

Oct. 31 – Fourth- and fifth-grade students from Snow Elementary school in Napa were introduced to the local watershed by Park Rangers and learned about the lake's natural resources and the water cycle.



Students from Snow Elementary School in Napa hold the America's Great Outdoors banner on a soggy Halloween at Lake Berryessa.