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Dear <recipient>,

The San Francisco Bay Rafting Chapter of Inner City Outings is looking forward to a successful 2009 whitewater rafting season. Last year over 600 participants from a wide ranging diversity of backgrounds rode the rapids of several California whitewater rivers such as the South Fork of the American, Merced, Tuolumne, Trinity, and Kings rivers. We invite your organization to join us this season and share the excitement and challenge of the river as well as the warmth and camaraderie of working together with our dedicated volunteers to provide an unforgettable wilderness experience.

Inner City Outings (ICO) is a Sierra Club community outreach program. ICO volunteer leaders work with community agencies and schools to provide wilderness opportunities for people who would not otherwise have them. Our rafting trips teach teamwork, outdoor leadership skills and environmental awareness. We supply rafting, camping and cooking equipment, and a trained volunteer guide staff who will work with your group to ensure a safe and memorable day or weekend on the river.

The estimated cost is \$40 to \$60 per person for a weekend trip, and \$25 to \$35 per person for a one-day trip. These estimates are only for expenses incurred for the trip, such as food, camping, transportation, land use permits and other miscellaneous fees. As a non profit/all volunteer organization, ICO does not collect any money from our participant groups. We realize that 2009 may bring greater financial challenges to some community agencies and ICO will make every effort to accommodate the needs of your organization and financial assistance may available upon request.

The 2009 rafting season will begin in early May and runs through September. If your group would like to raft with ICO this season, please fill out the enclosed application and choose your dates carefully. Most groups who apply can be accommodated but trips in May and June are typically the most sought after and flexibility in dates is important. Our trips are typically on the South Fork of the American River, located about 2.5 hours from the Bay Area. However, if you are interested in exploring a different river, please state that on the application. We have run trips on other Class 3 rivers such as Trinity and Upper Sacramento River, which are approximately 4 hours north of the Bay Area; as well as the Kings River which is approximately 5 hours south of the Bay Area. We have rafted the East Carson, which is a scenic Class II river. We also have run trips on advanced rivers (Class 4) such as the Merced and Tuolumne, both located near Yosemite National Park.

Send your completed application by March 1, 2008 to:

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We look forward to working with you!

If you have any questions feel free to email us at outreach@icrafting.org

We hope to see you this summer!