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## Volunteers will pluck trash from rivers

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Volunteers on Saturday will pull on gloves and pick up trash that litters the banks of the Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers.

Events in Modesto, Riverbank and Oakdale are part of the fifth annual Great Sierra River Cleanup, involving streams that arise in the mountains and flow across the Central Valley.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy puts on the cleanups with help from local groups. Each event in Stanislaus County will run from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by a free lunch.



NAN AUSTIN — [naustin@modbee.com](mailto:naustin@modbee.com). Liz Ghiselli, left, and members of Daisy Troop 399 Nina Hoobyar, center, and Gates Fox, right, helped Volunteers clean up Tuolumne River Regional Park during a previous river cleanup.

Participants should bring drinking water, sunscreen, hats, work gloves and old shoes. All ages are welcome.

More details for each event:

- **Tuolumne River:** Volunteers will gather at Legion Park, south of the airport neighborhood, and at Seventh Street and Tuolumne Boulevard. The Tuolumne River Trust is organizing the event with several partners.

At Legion Park, the pickup will be from canoes, as well as along the banks. Lunch also will be at Legion Park.

More information is at (209) 236-0330 or [rivercleanup2013@gmail.com](mailto:rivercleanup2013@gmail.com).

- **Stanislaus River:** Cleanups will take place at Jacob Myers Park, off Santa Fe Road in Riverbank, and at the Oakdale Shopping Center, where Highway 120 crosses the river. They are sponsored by the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District and its partners.

Prizes will be awarded for the most trash picked up by one person, the most unusual item, the best trash sculpture, the biggest item and the heaviest. A barbecue lunch will be served at the park from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

More information is at (209) 491-9320, ext. 138, or [stanislausrivercleanup@gmail.com](mailto:stanislausrivercleanup@gmail.com).

General information about the Great Sierra River Cleanup is at [www.sierranevada.ca.gov](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov).