

# 2024 Klamath-Siskiyou Outdoor School (KSOS)

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **What is the Klamath-Siskiyou Outdoor School (KSOS)?**

KSOS is a cost-free summer experience for youth (ages 12-14) living in the Mid Klamath region. Since 2008, KSOS has engaged over 270 local youth in river recreation, wilderness experiences, stewardship activities, and teambuilding during this weeklong summer camp. KSOS is organized each summer by the Mid Klamath Watershed Council (MKWC), a non-profit based out of Orleans, with the help of many different agencies, businesses, foundations, and community members.

### **What is the tentative 2024 KSOS schedule?**

River rafting, watershed stewardship, arts and crafts, games, mountain exploration, fishing, and so much more! The schedule below is tentative and may change between now and KSOS.

#### **Monday, June 24**

Meet at Dillon Creek Campground for a day of rafting on the Klamath River. Camp in Forks of Salmon.

#### **Tuesday, June 25**

Explore the Salmon River and prepare for the wilderness backpacking trip. Camp at Carter Meadows.

#### **Wednesday, June 26**

Drive to the wilderness trailhead and begin the backpacking trip. Camp in the wilderness (location TBD).

#### **Thursday, June 27**

Explore, fish, swim, and build outdoor skills in the high country. Camp in the wilderness.

#### **Friday, June 28**

Hike out of the wilderness, clean up, and debrief. Camp in Forks of Salmon.

#### **Saturday, June 29**

Spend one last day on the Salmon River, pack up, and say goodbye.

### **Do I need special equipment to participate?**

No! We will send out a packing list before KSOS and participants can borrow any backpacking/camping supplies they need from the list.

### **How do I apply?**

Find the application on the MKWC website: [mkwc.org/youth-summer-programs](https://mkwc.org/youth-summer-programs) and submit electronically, in person, or by mail. Applications are due April 26, 2024. See the application checklist for more information.

### **Am I guaranteed a spot at KSOS if I apply?**

Sadly, we cannot guarantee a spot for every applicant because of limited space. Having your application fully completed and submitted on time, responding to the camper essays, and living in the Mid Klamath region are all great ways to increase your chances of securing a spot.

### **Are you hiring junior counselors?**

You know it! If you are 14 years old and interested in taking on a leadership role during KSOS, please apply to be a Junior Counselor. Junior Counselors assist Counselors to keep camp running smoothly, lead activities, and help fellow campers throughout the week. Junior counselors receive stipends for their hard work. To apply, please fill out the general KSOS application as well as the Junior Counselor application. On occasion, we do open KSOS to 15-year olds as Junior Counselors.

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## Application Checklist



Have you read all the application materials? Have you completed all the forms?  
Use this handy checklist to double check that you have fully completed your application before submitting.

- Applicant Information
- Health Information
- Parent/Guardian Release Forms
- Camper Essays and Contract of Understanding
- Junior Counselor application (if you are applying to be a Junior Counselor)

**All application materials must be completed to be considered for KSOS.**

### Apply by April 26th:

1. Find the general application and Junior Counselor application online here: [www.mkwc.org/youth-summer-programs](http://www.mkwc.org/youth-summer-programs) or scan the QR Code.
2. Fill out the application online OR print out the application and fill it out by hand.
3. Submit by one of the following methods:

**Email to** [youth-programs@mkwc.org](mailto:youth-programs@mkwc.org)

**Mail to** Mid Klamath Watershed Council

Attn: Maya Williams

PO Box 409

Orleans, CA 95556

**In Person** to the Mid Klamath Watershed Council office in Orleans



**Please direct questions to MKWC's Community & Stewardship Program:**

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