

Sierra Nevada Conservancy to hold Great Sierra River Cleanup Sept. 17

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Online registration is now available for the 3rd annual Great Sierra River Cleanup, taking place Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon, along rivers, lakes and streams throughout the Sierra Nevada, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) said.

Last year some 88 organizations brought together more than 4,000 Great Sierra River Cleanup volunteers, who pulled 140 tons of trash and debris from beaches and shorelines in every major Sierra watershed. Bottles, cans, cigarette butts, tires and even old household appliances were removed.

“The Sierra Nevada provides good, clean drinking water and great recreation for millions of Californians,” said Miriam Limov, event coordinator with the South Yuba River Citizens League, which has sponsored several cleanup events every year. “The Great Sierra River Cleanup coalesces and unites our community around the stewardship of the river.”

Three years ago the event partnered with the California Coastal Commission’s annual Coastal Cleanup Day to expand cleanups from the Sierra to the sea, making this the largest annual one-day volunteer effort in the state, according to an SNC news release.

For registration, the SNC has created an interactive website. Log on to the SNC home page www.sierranevada.ca.gov and click on the Great Sierra River Cleanup

logo. Volunteers can choose a cleanup event from a map, and send in their registration information.

To pick up trash, volunteers should wear gloves and close-toed shoes, and bring a bucket if they have one. Sunscreen should be worn as well. For more information about registration or other aspects of the Great Sierra River Cleanup contact Brittany Juergenson, (530) 823-4670