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A feeling of awe. A feeling that captivates every nerve in my body as my whole being gravitates towards the radiant beauty that is manifesting right before my eyes. For the first time my mind stops racing, and I think of nothing other than the magnificence of the environment around me. My mind focuses on how every organism in the world, whether it be miniscule or grand in nature, has a type of radiant allure that leaves one speechless. This is the exact feeling I am lucky enough to experience whenever I come face to face with the truly magnificent American River.

The American River and its Canyons are exceptionally important to me as every facet of the area has manifested a passion for nature inside of me and has taught me how to find the beauty of the world wherever I go. I have been going to the American River for as long as I can remember, yet no matter how often I am there I still manage to be left wonderstruck with the history, beauty, and life that the area has to offer.

I have taken advantage of almost everything the American River and canyons have to offer as I have hiked the enchanting canyons, canoed along the river when it was tranquil, and rafted the river when it was turbulent. I along with many others was immediately drawn to this haven from the second I arrived and felt a connection to nature like none I had ever experienced before; however, unfortunately some who are unaware of this area will never know what they are missing. This is why I believe that the best way to improve the area is to promote the Auburn State Recreation Area through social media sites, community activities, local chambers of commerce, and non profit organizations.

In today's era many younger generations are continuously connected to their mobile devices; however, rather than seeing this as an disadvantage, this can become an advantage as the American River can be promoted through many of these social media sites that teenagers tend to be fixated on. If a few solid social media sites promoted the activities and offered education of the region, many younger generations would be likely to want to see the beauty of the area themselves and to also help keep it clean and safe.

To further keep the area clean many non profit organizations and community activities can be very helpful in doing trash clean up and helping better some of the trails by adding more educational posts to raise awareness on major issues such as water conservation and safe and eco friendly practices. The Auburn State Recreation Area is an area for the people to enjoy and protect and thus I am certain if more people were introduced to this magnificent area the amount of community clean ups, eco-friendly practices, and many more beneficial activities would sky rocket.