

Dear Bodaciously Bouncing Boating Scramblers,

We hope you are all as excited as we are for this amazing Scramble that will include flotillas down lazy stretches of the Snake River, fast and turbulent whitewater on the Salmon River, and white sandy beaches along the way! Whether you're already an experienced rafter or have never touched a paddle in your life, this trip promises to be a great learning experience, a chance to bond with some of your new classmates, and a splashing good time all around. You will be led on this wonderful river adventure by six Whitman raft leaders:

Chloe Alley-Sarnack – Since my first rafting trip at the tender age of 6, I've been in love with the river. If you ask me what I love most about it, I'll tell you it's the powerful water and breathtaking vistas and the wonderful people you will find there. During the academic year, I can usually be found rafting or kayaking when I'm not studying biology, or eating ice cream. During the summers, I work as a commercial river guide in the Sierra Nevada of California, in southern Oregon, or on the slopes of Mount Adams. I hail all the way from Tucson, Arizona, where I was raised on a diet of hiking, star gazing, and food from the family garden. I'm so excited to see you all on the water!
Certifications: River Guide Leadership, commercial guide school, WFR, Swiftwater

Emily Ford - After two and a half years on the Whitman Campus, I went to study on the island of New Zealand. I have spent my last six months traversing mountains, romping in valleys, and sloshing about in glacial rivers, spring fed lakes, glow-worm lit caves, and the powerful ocean. But I have gone there and come back again to finish my senior year studying geology. I return with even more of a passion for climbing, rafting, backpacking, and spending time with the most wonderful people in the world: my dear Whitties.

Certifications: River Guide Leadership, WFR, Swiftwater

Zach Hartzell -

Things Zach Likes...	Things Zach Doesn't Like...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafting • Dim Sum • Astrophysics • Always having an earbud in • Sunshine • Dancing • Spontaneity • Soft and cuddly objects/creatures • Having awkward tan line • Being a San Francisco, California local • Having a twin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes before 10am • Winter • EZ-Cheez • Rivers without current • Rivers that go uphill • Mayonnaise • Feeling insecure • Chemistry goggles • Analog clocks • Having to go to the bathroom when inside a tent

Certifications: River Guide Leadership, WFR

Sara Friedberg - I have been a water baby since day one. I was raised in a yurt out in the mountains across from Mount Hood in Oregon where I grew up living in the outdoors. Now I call Telluride, Colorado my home and have been doing outdoor activities my whole life. My love for rivers has

been growing over the years with each trip that I go on, having most experience in rafting and a taste of whitewater kayaking. While waiting for the rivers to fill with fresh water, I love going skiing and snowboarding all winter long. I am a sophomore and will most likely be majoring in Biology. Get excited to go rafting!

Certifications: River Guide Leadership, WFR, Swiftwater

Jenny Gruenberg - Since my first rafting trip during the summer between sixth and seventh grade, I've been hooked on the river. On my numerous family river trips around the Northwest, I've fallen in love with the rhythm of the water, the thrill of the rapids, and the native wildlife you can spot lounging around on the riverbanks. I'm proud to call myself a Portland, Oregon native and grew up exploring the outdoors with my family. At Whitman, my love of the outdoors has continued to grow and I try to spend as much time outside as possible, whether it's throwing a frisbee around or going on a run with friends. I'm a junior Sociology major with a Politics minor and have a particular interest in social justice issues. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and am excited to be spending a week together on the river!

Certifications: River Guide Leadership

Quinn Piibe - At the age of five, I spent all the money I owned on a picture frame to put my family in. I had decided that I needed something to remember them by, since I would be camping every weekend, and wouldn't see them very much. For good or bad, I was not allowed to become a five-year-old vagabond camper, and I had to deal with my family every once and a while. However, this did not dampen my love for the outdoors, and I have backpacked the Inca Trail in Peru, rafted class V whitewater in Alaska, and gone rock climbing in Joshua Tree. I hail from the golden land of Claremont, California, and love everything about Whitman except that it is not summer all the time there. I'm a Biochemistry, Biophysics & Molecular Biology major, and enjoy playing volleyball and guitar when I'm not leading trips or doing homework. I'm stoked to spend time with you all on the river!

Certifications: River Guide Leadership, WFR

Now that you have been introduced to your leaders there are some important logistical things to go over:

Itinerary – We will meet on **August 20th at 1 pm** at the Reid Campus Center for a Scramble orientation and gear check. Early on the 21st we will load into our vehicles and drive four hours to White Bird, Idaho, where we will get on the water and paddle to our first campsite. For the next six days we will average a leisurely 12 miles on the river. This will include everything from mellow flat water sections to bodacious class III-IV rapids. There will be ample time on the river to play and swim, as well as lots of time in camp to lounge on white sand beaches, eat, and bond with your fellow Scramblers. On the 26th we will arrive at Heller Bar on the Snake River, take out, load up, and drive back to school; once there we will unload, and spend the night at College Cabin (Whitman's cabin in Oregon about 20 minutes from Walla Walla). The next morning, the 27th, we will roll back into Whitman and spend some time wrapping up and returning gear to its rightful place. At 6pm we will attend the Scramble Picnic, where your parents can join us if they are around. After the picnic you will have access to your permanent dorms, although you will not have access to your belongings in storage (see next section) until the next morning.

Arriving at Whitman – Please fill out the Travel Plans Google Form online so that we can greet you with sufficient flare and enthusiasm. If you are flying or taking a bus into Walla Walla, we will come pick you up at the airport or station. If you are arriving a day or two before the trip don't worry, we will have a place for you to stay. You will be able to leave your belongings in campus storage when you arrive, however you will not have access to them until the morning after the Scramble Picnic (the morning of the 28th).

Safety – Whitewater rafting does include elements of risk. We will share various safety talks both on and off the river and we will expect everyone to act responsibly. Every one of us has completed raft guide leadership training and/or commercial training, we have five Wilderness First Responders, and three of us are Swiftwater Rescue certified.

Gear – Take the gear list seriously, but don't panic and go on an REI binge. Many items are available to rent from the OP. Before we leave we will go through your gear with you to make sure you have all the necessities, and weed out un-necessities like anvils and hair gel. All boating-related gear will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you've got it and want to have it at school with you.

So, that should cover the basics of what you need to know. However, if you have any further questions, comments, concerns, or funny jokes, please don't hesitate to email, call, or text Chloe to which she will promptly respond. We are all so excited to meet and get to know each and every one of you! So, until then, have an excellent, safe summer, and we will see you in August!

Sincerely,

Chloe, Emily, Zach, Sara, Jenny, and Quinn

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NOTE: Please go to the Scrambler Resources Page (<http://www.whitman.edu/academics/whitman-signature-programs/outdoor-program/scrambles/2014-information/scrambler-resources>) and follow the link to the Travel Plans Google Form. This is so we know when and where to pick you up!

