

Future Glacial Glow Scrambler!

We are psyched you are joining us on this wilderness adventure. We can't wait to welcome you to Whitman and spend some time outdoors.

Your Scramble leaders are...

Theo, a rising senior, came to Whitman from Washington D.C., so he has a natural understanding of students from the East coast, big cities and small state sizes. He is focusing on Politics and French in school, but he's really a "wanna-be" theater major. Theo went on a Scramble trip as a first year student and led a Scramble on the Olympic peninsula his sophomore summer. He absolutely loves afternoon naps. Theo also hopes to talk about map reading, camp skills and wilderness etiquette. He is also sure you will have a lot to teach him and is looking forward to bonding over seven days in the wilderness

Catherine is a rising sophomore, and a Geology/Pre-med major from Yakima, the Palm Springs of Washington. She has been backpacking since she could walk, and as a native of the North Cascades is thrilled to be leading a trip there. She loves spending her time hiking, running, biking, stargazing, rock climbing, and really anything outside. Catherine is a certified Wilderness First Responder and certified in CPR. When she is not spending her time outside she enjoys cooking, eating, reading, and watching nature documentaries.

Mona is a sophomore from the wonderful city of Portland, OR. She is a planned Biology-Environmental Studies major because she loves plants and the earth. She loves them so much that she is going to be spending all semester learning about the environment and sleeping under the stars. Before spending time with you all, she'll be working as a camp counselor on the Oregon coast, geeking out about plants. Besides plants, she loves to run (a LOT: she runs for Whitman's cross country team), sing, play guitar, make art, and be outside. She's so excited to spend time in the wilderness with you and welcome you to the wonderful Whitman community!

We are going to begin our trip in Walla Walla, the sweet onion capital of the world. We will first meet you at 1 pm at Reid Campus Center on August 19th. Here we will bore you a bit with the preparation (checking gear, storing luggage, etc), but you will start to dream about the gourmet backcountry meals we will be preparing. After this we will play games, get to know each other, and hang out a bit. We will spend our first night on campus and then drive out to Bedal Campground and start the wondrous adventure of trekking through the North Cascades.

We will be making a thirty-seven mile loop that will include about 6,500 feet of elevation gain, and with the possibility of adding three miles through Boulder Basin to the foot of Glacier

Peak. Our first day we will hike 5 miles to Mackinaw shelter, we will then be heading from there to White Pass. This second day is going to be a bit more strenuous with a 4.5 mile hike and a gain of about 3,000 ft of elevation. From White Pass we will hike 10 miles down to Chuck river. From here we will head to Camp Lake, a 6 mile trek, where we will have the optional day hike to Boulder Basin (3 miles roundtrip). After Camp Lake we hike 6.5 miles down to Round Lake - supposedly one of the most beautiful camping spots (not that any of this trip won't be). Our last day we will be hiking steeply down to Bedal Campground, a 5 mile day with a 3,000 ft elevation drop. We will camp in Bedal for the night and then head back to Whitman the next. At Whitman we will clean up, check in gear, and attend the legendary and delicious Scramble Picnic at 6 pm on August 27th at the Reid Campus Center. If any of your family is there they are welcome to come enjoy the food and festivities. After the picnic you can check into your resident halls and explore your new home.

This trip is going to be amazing and you are going to have an even better time if are prepared! Please follow our packing list and prepare for all kinds-a-weather, the Cascades can be tricky any time of year. If there is any gear that you don't have you can rent it from our super stocked Outdoor Program Rental Shop. You will want to reserve things early just to be safe. Most importantly, bring some CD's of your favorite music for our car ride!

If you have any questions about the scramble Theo is our summer contact. You can reach him at 202-384-5754, or ciszewtm@whitman.edu to talk about any pre-trip questions or Whitman in general.

Lots of outdoor love,

Theo, Catherine, and Mona