

Hello Slammin' Salmon Scramblers!

It may have been hard to choose between all the amazing trips going out this August, but you are about to start a great adventure on the Salmon River. Idaho is nationally known for its quality whitewater of all difficulties and warm sandy beaches.

Your guides to this last frontier include **Connor Dixon**, a lifelong paddler as humble as he is great. He led the same scramble 2 summers ago and is enthusiastic to pass on his deep well of knowledge to a new generation of whitewater Whitties. He is an incoming senior Biology major who spent the spring 2014 semester at sea on the Atlantic. Connor also claims to have taught **Tom Whipple** everything he knows about kayaking 3 years ago (sure, Connor) and Tom has since rather taken a liking to it. He is a Wilderness First Responder and certified by the American Canoe and Kayak Association as a kayak instructor. Tom, a rising senior, is working as a deckhand on a fishing boat in June and then returning to Hood River, OR to work as a kayak guide. **Jeremiah Jurich** also likes to flaunt his gills. A rising junior, kayaking has captured this lad's heart and soul since he arrived at Whitman. He is also WFR and ACA certified and is spending his summer in Yellowstone National Park working at Mammoth Hot Springs Lodge as a busser. Jeremiah led a backpacking scramble last year and is stoked to lead another this year. Your leaders are all very eager to return to the river and introduce new friends to the sport!

Here are a few more details on our schedule and what you can expect from our days on the river. We want to get on the water as soon as possible, so after everyone arrives in WW on August 20th at 1pm. We will jump in the pool and play around, getting used to the boats and working on basic paddling skills. In the evening we will put our boats on the trailer so we can get an early start to the Salmon River in Idaho the next day (see the map attached, on flip side of paper).

Once we set up camp upstream of Riggins, ID, we will hop in some eddies and get used to the river. From our base camp over the next five days we will be running different sections of the river, learning the different skills required and having a blast no doubt. Topics we will cover include various paddle strokes, river safety, reading water, and rolling your kayak. The sections we will run range from Class I-III. Beyond action on the river, sightings of deer, bighorn sheep and other game are not uncommon in this ID valley. In the evenings we will hang out on the beach, relaxing, playing Frisbee, and rustling up some delicious grub. After our days on the river, we will break camp and return to campus by 3 pm on the 27th of August so we can unpack and clean up in time for the Scramble closing picnic. That evening you can check into your residence hall room and you will have access to your stored belongings the next morning.

We are righteously stoked to meet each and every one of you and be able to share our love of paddling over the week. If you have any questions whatsoever, *please* contact Jeremiah Jurich and he will return your call ASAP. We hope y'all are all just as excited as we are, and we will see you in August!

Viva la Kayaking!

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