

Dear Elkhorn Service Extravaganza Scrambler,

We are excited to have you participate in the 2014 Scramble Program on the Elkhorn Service Extravaganza scramble. Scrambles are a unique experience for Whitman students to meet fellow Whitties, both new and old. Our week together will include a variety of adventures and bonding experiences that will lead to lasting relationships.

**Here's what you can expect:**

We will all meet as a group on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm at the Reid Center Ballroom. Contact us if you will need to find transportation and accommodation prior to this time. (Some scramblers may want to spend the night at Whitman on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and we would be happy to accommodate that.) On August 21st there will be an introductory presentation at 1pm then we'll grab gear and food and spend our first night on campus. The following morning we will get some breakfast, then drive about three hours to Summit Lake. That day we will hike a casual two miles to our first camping site. We will eat lunch along the way, wherever we can find a beautiful rest spot, and will make dinner after setting up our camp. The next day we will eat a hearty breakfast to prepare for our hardest day, when we will hike six miles from Summit Lake to Lost Lake. Day three will be a four and a half mile hike to Dutch Flat Lake, and day four we will stay at Dutch Flat Lake, where we will have the opportunity to hike two and a half miles to the summit of Gunsight mountain. On the fifth day we will hike out four miles to Anthony Lake Campground where we will begin our service project in the afternoon. We will complete our service project the next morning before returning to Whitman campus by 3:00pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

When we return to campus we will unload, clean up, and reconvene at 6:00pm for the Scramble picnic. You will be able to meet up with your families as soon as we are done unloading our gear. You will be allowed access to your dorm room after the Scramble picnic.

During the trip you will be able to store any non-Scramble related possessions in Anderson storage. You will not be able to retrieve stored items until move-in day, which is August 28<sup>th</sup>. We would advise bringing along a toiletry bag with a towel, change of clothes, and sheets for your first night in your dorm, since you will not be able to get these things out of storage.

We: Kyle, Aleyna, and Audrey, will be your friends and leaders during your Scramble. Together, we have a whole lot of experience both in and out of the outdoors. We are all Wilderness First Responder and CPR certified as well as capable and confident in the wilderness settings. We wanted to share a little about ourselves:

I'm **Aleyna!** I am sophomore Whittie from Boulder, Colorado. I have a passion for learning and the outdoors, and have been leading wilderness survival trips, primitive skills courses, and camping trips for the past six years. I took a year off before starting at Whitman during which I lived at a wolf sanctuary, then traveled for seven months with my family. I like snow, archery, climbing, blue skies, and just generally being outside. Meeting new people and making new friends is one of my favorite things and everyone at Whitman has something awesome to share, so I can't wait to meet all of you. Contact me anytime if you want to chat before our Scramble starts.

Hi guys, I'm **Audrey**. I will be a senior (gah!) studio art and history major this next coming school year. I am from Seattle like three-eighths of Whitman, but I am writing this from my home stay in Spain where I have been for the last semester and where I wish I could be for the next thousand semesters. I like a multitude of quite varied things, as you can probably guess from my strange combination of double majors. This means that I can get super excited about almost anything you start talking to me about, and I already am super excited to meet all you guys! We're going to have a super duper time, I'm absolutely positive, but if you have any questions or doubts PLEASE feel free to get in touch!

My name is **Kyle**. I will be a Junior Math and Physics Major. I was born in Los Angeles and spent my childhood backpacking in the Sierras. I joined the Boy Scouts when I was 13 and quickly rose to the rank of Eagle Scout. I enjoy video games, reading, and cooking. I am a powerful wizard and have eaten an entire oak tree (I am required by law to tell you that this is not a proven fact). This summer I will be working in Jewel Cave in South Dakota exploring and preserving the cave system.



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Contact any of us with any questions, concerns, or random thoughts about life this summer. We can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

Your Scramble Leaders