

Welcome, San Juan Wanderers!

It may have been hard to pick which scramble to go on, but rest assured, you have made an excellent choice. You are in for a fun-filled week exploring the amazing San Juan Islands – famous for their wonderful weather, beautiful campsites, and calm waters. We will be kayaking an average of about 6 nautical miles per day, and will visit Lopez, James, Doe, Orcas, Blind, and Jones Islands. We will be teaching you the basics of sea kayaking and safety techniques, but the main goal of the trip is to have a fun introduction to your Whitman College experience! Look forward to frisbee on the beach, campfire stories, sunsets, great cooking experiences, and much more.

Your fantastic leaders include Hilary Nelson, Haley Forrester, and Kincaid Hoffman:

Hilary hails from the wide-skied, buffalo-filled, beautiful state of Montana. In August, she will be leaving her landlocked state to get out on the beautiful waters surrounding the San Juan Islands to lead her first scramble! When she isn't out exploring with friends, you will most likely find her in the science building working on her biology major. This summer she will be participating in a neuroscience internship at Princeton for her senior thesis research.

Haley is so excited to be a leader for this scramble! She is passionate about sea (and whitewater) kayaking, and absolutely loves camping in the San Juan Islands. Haley involves herself in many groups on campus, including the theater department, whitewater club, gumboot dancing, Renaissance faire, and of course the Outdoor Program. When she is not working, Haley can be found crafting or hula hooping on Ankeny. This summer she is dividing her time between working as a camp counselor in her hometown of Eugene, Oregon and going on backpacking trips with her family.

Kincaid is a sophomore who started kayaking on his scramble last year and is excited to be headed back to the San Juan Islands for another week of fun! On campus Kincaid hangs with the swim team, leads trips for the OP, and works on his economics major. Kincaid is spending his summer lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons at home in Colorado. Outside of the pool he can be found hiking, rafting, and mountain biking.

A note about logistics: please plan to arrive by 1:00 pm on August 19th for the pre-Scramble meeting in the main ballroom of the Reid Campus Center. If you are arriving earlier than Aug. 19th and need a place to stay, Hilary has a house that you are more than welcome to stay at. Her number and email are listed below, and if you have any questions please feel free to contact her. We'll be on campus the first night, and then set off on our mighty adventure the next day! We'll be returning August 27th in time to clean our gear, shower, and attend the scramble picnic at 6pm on the Reid side lawn. You'll be able to check into dorms that evening between 8-9pm, and move-in day will be the following day, August 28th (you'll be able to access Anderson storage at this time).

If you have any questions at all please feel free to get in touch your two summer contacts:

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We can't wait to meet you all! See you soon,
Hilary, Haley, Kincaid

Map of the San Juan Islands, with approximate campground locations

