

## Hello Outrageous Orcas Orbiters!

We will soon be meeting to embark on a wonderful adventure, taking us all the way to the San Juan Islands! We will be meeting on campus in Walla Walla at 1pm on August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Reid campus center. We will then check gear, pack, and stay the night at Whitman before driving to the San Juan Islands. There, we will be kayaking in a clockwise loop around Orcas Island, staying at awesome camp sites, eating lots of tasty food, seeing many pretty things, and getting to know some great new people!

Our route will be slightly strenuous, as Orcas is one of the larger islands in the San Juan's. We will be averaging around 7 miles a day of travel, starting with a few longer paddles and ending with some shorter, more relaxing days. We will likely see seals and other marine wildlife, and will definitely be seeing a lot of saltwater! It is also entirely possible to encounter rain or other poor weather, so make sure you come prepared, and it is also possible that we may need to get up early in the morning to catch the tides.

Make sure to look at the Whitman College Outdoor Program website for a list of gear. If you have any questions, really any questions at all, even slightly related to the trip, feel free to contact any of the leaders. This trip will be a great way to meet new people, get ready for the even bigger adventure that is your first year of college, create some memories that will last you for the rest of your life, and be tons of fun! So get excited for some awesome kayaking!

Your leaders:

**Adam Oken** is thrilled to be leading his first scramble coming off a summer working at Camp Orkila leading kayak expeditions around the San Juan Islands. You can find him during the weekend on the water either leading sea kayaking/white water kayaking trips for the Outdoor Program or kayaking/rafting down whitewater with friends for the whitewater club. In his time on campus, he plays trumpet for the symphonic band and hopefully the Jazz band as well as club and IM tennis. After having an awesome freshman year, he is debating between BBMB major with a math minor or a physics and math combined major. Hailing from Portland, he's excited to meet all of you as you start your college experience!

**Andrew Wildman**, a junior chemistry major, is excited to be leading Outrageous Orcas Orbiters for the second time. He was born and raised in Casper, Wyoming, but now lives in Spokane, Washington. When he's not in class or studying, he likes to spend his time in the theater, in the lab, or playing videogames. He's going to be in Walla Walla over the summer, researching in a Chemistry lab, and he's looking forward to finishing the summer off navigating the sea with all of you!

**Addison Richter** is a first time Scramble leader, and a sophomore at Whitman. She is a native of San Diego, where she fell in love with the ocean and has worked as an ocean kayak instructor and snorkeling tour guide for the past two summers. She also loves skiing, Japanese cooking, and painting. Addison plans on being a geology major, and hopes to work as a research scientist. At Whitman during the year, Addison fills what hours are not spent in the lab by leading Outdoor Program trips, doing community service, and running. She is so pumped to meet her scramblers and can't wait to look for bugs and little critters around her various campsites.

We would just like to say once again how excited we are to have all of you on our Scramble, and to help you all transition to the wonderful place that is Whitman College. Have a great summer, and we look forward to meeting you!

Adam, Andrew, and Addison

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