

Dearest Tidal Trekkers,

We are so excited to be taking you out to the Olympic Peninsula, a spectacular region of mountains and tides, multitudes of wildlife, and heartfelt stories. We are glad that you chose our Scramble and we cannot wait to meet you!

Before we get to the logistics, allow us introduce ourselves:

My name is **Asa** and I am from Burlington, Vermont. This year I will be a Junior studio art and biology double major. At Whitman I am a member of the all-male singing group, I write and draw comics for the newspaper, run a small t-shirt printing business, and try to get outside whenever possible, whether it is rock climbing, skiing, or hiking. The last few summers I have worked at a canoe camp in Ontario as a trip leader. This summer I am working at a new genre art studio and gallery in Burlington, gardening, and spending time with my chickens. I am Wilderness First Responder, Red Cross Lifeguard, and Wilderness Water Rescue certified.

Hey guys! My name's **Claire**, and I'm from Seattle, Washington. I'm a rising sophomore, and am thinking about majoring in Environmental Studies and Film and Media Studies. At Whitman you're likely to find me playing ultimate with our team, the Sweets, bouldering in the rock climbing gym, or studying at a coffee shop. I'm also a member of the Whitman Mentor Program. Before adventuring with you guys on the Olympic Coast I'll be spending my summer coaching tennis and traveling to Italy to play ultimate frisbee. I'm certified in Swift Water Rescue, and am also a Wilderness First Responder.

Hello folks! My name is **Fiona**, and I will be heading out to lead this Scramble fresh off another summer of farm work. I'm a rising Sophomore from Bellevue, Washington. My major is Geology, and I am thinking about an art minor. This year I'll be a vice-president of Whitman's cycling team, and I love hiking and backpacking almost as much as I love riding my bikes. Here in Walla Walla I am a member of Walla Walla County Search and Rescue, and I also lead Open Gardens at the Organic Garden here on campus. I love wilderness medicine, and I am a Wilderness First Responder, Wilderness First Aid and King County SAR First Aid certified.

With this trip, we hope that you will gain confidence during a transition time that can be as nerve-wracking as it is exciting. The beauty of the coast is unforgettable, and you will learn, if you don't already know, how to cook delicious backcountry meals, traverse over rocks, under forest canopies, and move to the time of the tides. We will meet in the Reid Campus Center Ballroom at 1pm on August 19th and spend the afternoon getting to know each other, taking inventory of our gear, and generally getting ready for an early start in the morning. The next morning we will make the drive to the Olympic Peninsula while listening to the soothing voice of Ira Glass and plenty of good music, and camp that night at Mora Road. From there our days will consist of 4-8 miles of hiking- our longest day coming near the end, once we have our beach legs. Our evenings will be filled with campfires, relaxing, frisbee, stories, and Pacific sunsets. The area is full of rich history, with some of our campsites located at the memorials of shipwrecks, and the end of our hike dropping us out on the Makah Reservation.

Recap of Important Details:

What's our Scramble called? Tidal Trekking

What are we doing? Backpacking along the Olympic Coast

When do we start? 1pm on August 18th

Where do we meet? Reid Campus Center Ballroom

We are so thrilled to be leading this trip, and to meet you all in August and share our love of backpacking and the The Evergreen State. If you have any questions at all leading up to the trip, or just want to share your excitement with someone who's equally as stoked, *please* contact Fiona Bennitt, and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

Sincerely,
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