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The 38th Annual Whitman Scrambles

Welcome!

Welcome to Whitman College! The Outdoor Program fosters personal growth, facilitates learning and creates recreational opportunities through skills and risk management training, leadership development, and environmentally sound trips in a supportive community. Seven programmatic areas fulfill the Outdoor Program’s mission: Scrambles, Sports Studies, Recreation and Athletics (SSRA) classes, Climbing Center, Rental Shop, speakers and events, trainings, and trips. Trips typically center on the following skill areas: backpacking, rock climbing, mountaineering, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, cross-country skiing, telemark skiing, and snowshoeing.

This August, the Outdoor Program is sponsoring 20 Scrambles designed to introduce new Whitman students to “Seasoned Whitties” and to offer some fun-filled, non-academic aspects of college life. Scrambles help ease the transition from summer activities to college life by giving you the chance to meet new friends before school begins. So, how about starting your Whitman career with a backpacking, canoeing, sea kayaking, climbing, whitewater kayaking or whitewater rafting trip in the spectacular Northwest? This brochure is your invitation to join us on one of 20 wilderness trips for an experience you will never forget!

What are Scrambles?

Scrambles are optional first year wilderness orientation trips and a chance to start college by exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Many colleges offer similar programs, so what makes our program unique? Scrambles trips are 6-9 days in length, twice as long as most other programs’ trips. Scrambles are also led by other Whitman students involved in the Outdoor Program. Additionally, Whitman is proud to support one of the oldest wilderness orientation programs in the nation.

What are Scrambles like?

Many graduating seniors will tell you that their Scramble was one of the best experiences of college. These trips are fun and a great opportunity to make new friends and start building a community. Students often claim that Scrambles helped them start school more confidently, with a group of friends and a better understanding of life at Whitman. Scramblers have
the opportunity to ask their upperclassmen trip leaders about college life, classes, clubs and sports, and to find out about great things to do in Walla Walla.

Scholarship Program

The Scrambles Program offers scholarships to students receiving significant need-based financial aid. The Outdoor Program will work closely with the Office of Financial Aid and the Dean of Students office to determine eligibility. We have a limited number of scholarships which will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Generally, the scholarships, if granted, will cover 50 percent of the Scramble cost. Depending upon circumstances, some students may qualify for additional funding. When registering for your Scramble, you must provide the remaining 50 percent. If you are applying for additional funds (beyond the 50 percent) you will need to contact the Dean of Students office at (509) 527-5158. If you do not receive a scholarship, you may choose to receive a full refund of your registration fee and deposit or provide the remaining balance for your registration fee by July 15. You should submit your application with 50% of the Scramble’s price and a note that you think you qualify for a need-based scholarship. We will then check your name and level of aid on a list given to us from the financial aid office. You will be contacted and notified if you qualify for financial aid and are granted a scholarship. If you seek additional funding from the Dean of Students office and some is granted then you will receive a partial refund from your initial deposit.

Experience and Fitness Level

Unless otherwise noted, most Scrambles are geared toward beginners with little or no experience. Some of the trips are more rigorous, while others are more relaxed. If you are in reasonable shape, you should have an enjoyable time, but be sure to check the trip descriptions for more details and specific requirements. Experienced student trip leaders plan and lead all of the Scramble trips.

Space is limited so register right away!

Scrambles are extremely popular and fill up quickly so sign up right away. Send your application and full payment before June 15. On June 15 we will process applications by random lottery and will try to assign trips based on stated preferences. We will continue to accept and process applicants after June 15 on a first-come, first-served basis until all trips are full. We normally have a long waiting list so turn in your application by June 15 to improve your chances of getting on a Scramble.

We will notify you of your trip placement within two weeks after the lottery. Please do not call about registration status before June 30. Payment
should be in the form of a check or money order payable to the Whitman College Outdoor Program. When signing up, pay for your first priority trip. You will be refunded or billed for any difference in price if you are not placed on your first priority trip. Paid “Scramblers” will have reserved spots. Failure to pay will place you on the waiting list only.

**Safety and Risk**

There are inherent risks and hazards in living and traveling in the remote wilderness areas through which Scrambles travel. Whitman is committed to minimizing these risks as much as possible, but risk cannot be entirely eliminated. Freezing temperatures, rain, snow, rivers, rock fall, lightning, and other hazards encountered during wilderness activities can challenge even the most experienced outdoor leader. Errors in judgment or the unpredictable forces of nature can become potentially life threatening. Scramble leaders have been selected for their first aid training and backcountry experience. A four-day Scramble leader training further prepares them. They carry first aid kits and are expected to follow Whitman treatment and evacuation guidelines. Each group also carries a cell phone in their vehicle, but these often do not work in remote areas.

The majority of medical incidents such as strains, sprains, scrapes, and minor cuts can be treated in the field. A more serious injury may require evacuation to a medical facility and would need to be covered by a student’s health insurance plan. It could take hours or days to reach definitive medical care depending upon where an injury occurs. It is important that both parents/guardians and participants understand that there are risks. Scramble leaders and participants learn to identify hazards and adapt behavior but they are operating in an environment that can be unpredictable and challenging at times. If you have any further questions about risk management on Scrambles, please contact the Outdoor Program Director or Assistant Director.

All Scramble leaders are required to possess current CPR and First Aid certification. Every Scramble leader team has at least one leader with a more advanced first aid certification such as Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or Wilderness EMT. Most Scrambles have two or more WFR certified leaders. Scrambles have at least one van certified driver for each passenger van. Scramble leaders also participate in a required four-day backcountry Scramble Leader training provided by Whitman College. Many leaders also have taken an optional elective course such as outdoor leadership, river guide leadership, sea kayak guide leadership or advanced climbing, and/or have professional guiding experience.

Each Scramble carries two first aid kits, four epinephrine doses, and a cell phone in the van. Some Scrambles carry additional communication equipment such as marine radios or emergency locator devices. All leaders are trained to utilize safety and communication equipment. Participants
with known allergies and medical conditions are required to bring their own prescriptions. **Participants with specific food allergies or restrictions are encouraged to bring a few special food items and work directly with their trip leaders to ensure their dietary needs are met.**

Some past Scrambles have had to change their route or go to another area due to wildfire or trail conditions. All leaders will check with the appropriate land management agency in their area before starting to obtain permits and assess conditions.

**Expectations**

Every student plays an important part in the success of their Scramble. Participants are expected to transport their own gear and share in all trip responsibilities. A positive attitude and good physical condition are important. You also will be sleeping outdoors and may be in a co-ed tent group. You are expected to take care of yourself in weather conditions that can sometimes be unpleasant, and you will be involved with setting up and taking down camp, cooking, cleaning, and other group tasks. Your Scramble group will practice Leave No Trace (LNT) techniques in order to help protect the beautiful wilderness areas of the Northwest. Expect the unexpected, and be prepared to be flexible. Weather, trail conditions, and other things may not be what you anticipate. Humor, a good attitude, hard work, and tolerance for adversity will help you tackle these challenges should they arise. Furthermore, good group dynamics don’t just happen. They are the result of hard work, thoughtful interactions, good intentions, and respect for people with diverse backgrounds. Please join us if you are interested in building a well-functioning, cohesive group. Scrambles are designed to ease your transition into life at Whitman College and are a great introduction to the popular Outdoor Program. You will get to develop friendships that will likely last your college career and beyond.

*Start your college life on the right foot by joining us on a trip!*  

**Cancellations and Refunds**

- If you cancel before July 15, you will receive the full refund minus a $65 cancellation fee.
- If you cancel after July 15 but 14 days prior to your trip’s starting date, you will receive a 50 percent refund.
- **Fourteen days prior** to the Scramble starting date and throughout the duration of the Scramble, all deposit and trip fees are non-refundable.
- If Whitman cancels a trip, which we rarely do, you will be given the choice of a full refund or an alternative trip, if possible.
Schedule and Travel Plans

There are a limited number of flights to Walla Walla, so you should make travel arrangements as soon as you are confirmed on a trip. In July, you will receive a letter from your Scramble leaders with additional trip details and instructions on how to fill out our Google online travel plans form. We will make arrangements to pick you up at the Walla Walla Airport. You are on your own if you choose to travel to Walla Walla by other means. All Scrambles will start with a group meeting at 2:15 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Reid Campus Center on the start date of the Scramble.

For example, if your Scramble dates are August 18-26, you will meet for the first time at 2:15 p.m. on August 18. If you cannot get a flight to Walla Walla until the mid-afternoon then your leaders can work one on one to catch you up. There are also more flight options into Pasco, WA, and there is a shuttle (the Grape Line (877) 433-4775, www.grapeline.us) that runs three times per day from Pasco to Walla Walla (see additional information below). Your group will spend the afternoon organizing group gear and food. We will provide lodging in Walla Walla for the first night, and the Scramble will leave by van early the next morning. All Scrambles will return to Whitman on August 26, except for the early Scramble returning on August 18. We will have the Scrambles closing ceremony on the side lawn of Reid Campus Center at 6 p.m. on the evening of August 26. Parents are welcome to join us for fun and reminiscing. After this picnic, Scramblers will be allowed to check into their residence halls between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., but will not be able to get access to Anderson storage until the morning of August 27 at 9 a.m.

What if I arrive a day early?

We have no lodging on campus if you arrive early. Lodging will start on the start date for your trip. However, many Scramble leaders have off-campus housing and most are happy to host you for an extra day. If you plan to arrive early please contact your leaders to let them know. Otherwise, you can rent a hotel room for the night in Walla Walla. Food and lodging are not provided prior to the official start time at 2:15 p.m. on the trip start date.

Is there an option for flying other than the Walla Walla Airport?

Scramble participants can also fly into the Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco, WA, and ride the Grape Line Shuttle from the airport into downtown Walla Walla or to the Walla Walla Airport. The shuttle costs $15 and runs three times daily, departing Pasco at 10:05 a.m., 3:25 p.m., and 9:15 p.m. (Times and prices are current as of spring 2015.) Please confirm times and prices by visiting the Grape Line website at www.grapeline.us or calling (877) 433-4775. If you choose this option, note on your travel plans form when you will arrive in Walla Walla so we can arrange to pick you up.
Can I send stuff for the year ahead?

Yes you can, and it is often a good option for getting all your supplies to school for the year. We ask that you mail packages no earlier than August 15. The address is:

Your Name  
c/o Whitman College  
280 Boyer Ave.  
Walla Walla, WA 99362

If you have questions about the post office, contact Marge Jessee, Post Office Supervisor, at jesseema@whitman.edu.

Early Scramble  
(For: Athlete/International/SCORE students)

The “Strawberry Jubilee” Scramble is for incoming students who need to be on campus early for activities. The trip is scheduled for August 13-18 and will end in time for some fall sport pre-season practices, and all international student and SCORE activities (please double-check dates with your respective coaches, leaders, etc.). Due to housing challenges, these are only open for fall sport athletes, international students and SCORE participants. Once the Scramble ends, students need to contact their coaches and/or program staff regarding lodging and meals. Students are typically on their own for food during this time.

Equipment and Food

Transportation, food, and group gear are all included as part of the trip. Participants with food allergies or restrictions are encouraged to bring special food items and work directly with their trip leaders to ensure their dietary needs are met. Group gear includes: stoves, tents, cooking gear, and all water specific apparel and equipment. Personal gear is not included in the cost of the trip and includes these items: sleeping bag, sleeping pad, fleece pants/jacket, rain pants/jacket, gaiters, and backpacks. After Registration, you will receive a Scramble packet including a detailed packing list along with a rental reservation form. If you need to rent items from the Rental Shop, fill out the reservation sheet and mail it back with your other paperwork or call the Rental Shop at (509) 527-5965. The Rental Shop also stocks a variety of high quality retail merchandise and a list of items sold will be included in your info packet as well. If you fail to reserve personal gear in advance the Rental Shop cannot guarantee that they will have the items you need at the last minute!
Storage

We will provide a place for you to store your belongings while you’re on your Scramble. The day your Scramble starts, storage will be available in the Anderson Residence Hall. There will be signs posted on campus to direct you. There will be an Outdoor Program staff member at the storage area to direct you where to put your things. You will need to keep out a small backpack/duffel with one night’s worth of toiletries, towel, a clean sheet for your residence hall bed, and clothes for the night of August 26. You will have access to this bag once you return from your Scramble on the 26th. You will be allowed into your residence hall to sleep on August 26, at 8 p.m. You will NOT have access to the rest of your belongings in storage until the next morning at 9 a.m., the official residence hall opening for all new students. Many students flying to Walla Walla choose to mail their school belongings ahead of time and only fly with their Scramble gear.

The only exception made is for those on the early Scrambles. These Scramblers are encouraged to pack a duffel bag of personal belongings that they will need for the next week on campus before normal move in begins on August 27.

Drug, Alcohol, and Smoking Policy

No drugs or alcohol are allowed on Outdoor Program trips. Smoking is also prohibited due to fire concerns and the dynamic that sometimes results from having a group division between smokers and nonsmokers.

Required Documentation

Be sure to send the following with your payment when you register:

- Whitman Scramble registration form
- Health statement and liability waiver
- Health and diet questionnaire
- Photocopy of your health insurance card
CONTACT INFORMATION

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

1. Look at the Scrambles website:
www.whitman.edu/content/outdoor-program/scrambles
   All forms and many answers can be found here!
2. Email the Scrambles Coordinator.
The Whitman Scrambles 2015
1) Strawberry Jubilee
Backpacking in the Malheur National Forest, Oregon
Little Strawberry Lake Trailhead Loop
For fall-sports athletes, international students and SCORE participants who are required to report to school early.

On this Scramble, you will spend five days in the field with your fellow Early Scramblers exploring the Strawberry Mountains in Malheur National Forest. The trail passes Strawberry Lake, Little Strawberry Lake, High Lake, and Slide Lake and travels through alpine meadows. In addition, there may be an optional summit of Strawberry Mountain (9000’). Expect to hike 3 to 5 miles each day with moderate elevation change. Evenings will be spent learning how to cook backcountry delights with your cooking group, bonding with fellow Scramblers, and enjoying your spectacular surroundings.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 13 to 1 p.m. August 18
Cost: $540*
Leaders: Whitney Wood, Sam Traylor, Kangqiao Liao
Fitness Level: Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Whitney Wood (206) 369-1985 woodww@whitman.edu
2) Rosstafarian Adventure
Canoeing and Backpacking at Ross Lake,
North Cascades, Washington

The first half of this Scramble will be spent canoeing Ross Lake in North Cascades National Park. The group will paddle around 10 miles each day along the shore of Ross Lake and camp lakeside. One day may have a short paddle and a day hike up to Desolation Peak (6100’). Halfway through the Scramble, we will swap canoes for backpacks with our sister Scramble (#3 A Rossin’ and a Rollin’). The second half will be spent backpacking around 7 miles each day back to the vehicles before heading back to Whitman. Highlights include visiting islands on the lake, lounging on docks, and the pristine water of Ross Lake. Evenings are usually spent in lakeside or forest campsites learning the basics of backcountry cooking, playing games, and getting to know your fellow Scramblers.

Prerequisites: Strong swimming ability and comfort around water.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26  
Cost: $810*

Leaders: Stacie Bellairs, Megan Gauglitz, Lauren Rekhelman

Fitness Level: Easy - Moderate  
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Lauren Rekhelman (404) 317-4296 rekhellm@whitman.edu
3) A Rossin’ and a Rollin’
Backpacking and Canoeing at Ross Lake, North Cascades, Washington

On this Scramble, the first half will be spent backpacking along Ross Lake between 3 and 8 miles each day. There may be a day hike up to Desolation Peak (6100’) as well. Halfway through, we’ll swap backpacks for canoes with our sister Scramble (#2 Rosstafarian Adventure). The second half of the trip we will canoe back down to the trailhead, camping lakeside along the way. Expect to paddle 4-9 miles each day. Highlights include panoramic views of Ross Lake and lounging on lakeside docks. Evenings are usually spent in forest or lakeside campsites telling stories, playing games, and cooking with your fellow Scramblers and Scramble leaders.

Prerequisites: Strong swimming ability and comfort around water.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $810*
Leaders: Betsey Olk, Hannah Klaeser, Silas Morgan
Fitness Level: Easy - Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Hannah Klaeser (847) 648-1995 klaeshe@whitman.edu
4) San Juan Wanderers
Sea Kayaking in the San Juan Islands, Washington

This Scramble will be spent on a paddling expedition through the beautiful San Juan Islands. We will cover up to 10 miles each day, paddling amongst Lopez, James, Orcas and Shaw Islands, camping on several different islands. Scramblers will have the opportunity to learn more advanced paddling and rescue techniques as well as the art of fine backcountry cooking. Highlights include camping under the stars (weather permitting), the chance to see marine wildlife, and beautiful views of the San Juan Islands. Paddling can be hard work in rough conditions, so be prepared for both a challenge and a great time!

Prerequisites: Strong swimming ability and comfort around water.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $810*
Leaders: Laura LaGesse, Haley Forrester, MacKenzie Cummings
Fitness Level: Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Laura LaGesse (541) 297-0997 lagessll@whitman.edu
5) Outrageous Orcas Orbiters
Sea Kayaking in the San Juan Islands, Washington
Circumnavigate Orcas Island

This Scramble will be spent on the 39 mile circumnavigation of Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands. Depending upon conditions, the group may explore small, nearby islands as well. We’ll wake up with the tides, learn technical paddling skills, and play in the ocean currents. Expect to paddle between 4 and 10 miles per day. Evenings will be spent camping seaside, cooking up backcountry specialties, and playing fun games with your fellow Scramblers. Highlights include the opportunity to see unique ocean wildlife and paddle along the beautiful coast of Orcas Island. This is the most rigorous paddling Scramble and previous kayaking experience is recommended but not required. Prerequisites: Strong swimming ability and comfort around water.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26
Leaders: Caroline Dickey, Kincaid Hoffman, Katie Darrow
Fitness Level: Strenuous

Cost: $810*
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Caroline Dickey (612) 790-1168 dickeyce@whitman.edu
6) Jonesin’ for Jellies
Sea Kayaking in the San Juan Islands, Washington

On this Scramble, the group will explore the inside passages of Orcas, Lopez, Shaw, and San Juan Islands. These islands offer the chance to experience paddling through a shorter and more protected route that is great for those new to sea kayaking. We will spend most mornings paddling around the Sound and practicing new kayak skills. Most afternoons will have time for beachcombing and exploring tide pools. One day may include a day hike to a vista point overlooking the San Juan Islands, group and weather permitting. Evenings include camp games on the beach, bonding with fellow Scramblers, and delicious backcountry cooking.

Prerequisites: Strong swimming ability and comfort around water.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $810*
Fitness Level: Easy - Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Addison Richter (858) 692-9658 richtea@whitman.edu
7) Seaside Swag  
Backpacking on Olympic Coast – North to South  
Olympic National Park, Washington

One of two rainforest and marine backpacking Scrambles, this trip starts in the north and hikes south around 35 miles along the Olympic Coast through Olympic National Park to swap vehicles with our sister Scramble (#8 Tidal Trekking) headed the opposite direction. Expect to hike 4 to 8 miles each day over slippery, uneven terrain, across streams and headlands, and up steep climbs. Many participants underestimate the difficulty of off-trail travel on slippery and uneven terrain along the coast, so be aware of this and get excited if you are up for the extra challenge. Highlights include the opportunity to explore both the temperate rainforest and tide pools, view abundant wildlife, and traverse across sandy beaches framed by rocky cliffs. Evenings consist of fine backcountry cuisine, beautiful campsites along the coast, and telling stories with your fellow Scramblers.

*Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26  
Cost: $810*  
Leaders: Eva Geisse, Sela Patterson, Jeremy Nolan  
Fitness Level: Moderate - Strenuous  
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

*Summer Contact: Eva Geisse (415) 827-4664 geisseep@whitman.edu
8) Tidal Trekking  
Backpacking on Olympic Coast – South to North  
Olympic National Park, Washington

The second of two rainforest and marine backpacking Scrambles, the group will start in the south and hike north about 35 miles along the Olympic Coast through Olympic National Park and swap vehicles with our sister Scramble (#7 Seaside Swag) hiking in the opposite direction. Highlights include the opportunity to explore both tide pools and the temperate rainforest, sandy beaches with rocky cliffs, and view diverse wildlife. Expect to hike between 4 and 8 miles each day over uneven, slippery terrain, some steep climbs, and headlands and stream crossings. Many participants underestimate the difficulty of off-trail travel on slippery and uneven terrain along the coast, so be aware of this and get excited if you are up for the extra challenge. Evenings include the introduction to backcountry cooking techniques, silly games with your fellow Scramblers, and camping in a truly unique environment.

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26  
Cost: $810*  
Leaders: Mariah Bruns, Hannah Bashevkin  
Fitness Level: Moderate - Strenuous  
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Hannah Bashevkin (510) 590-1092  
bashevhm@whitman.edu
9) **Glacial Glow**  
**Backpacking in the Glacier Peak Wilderness**  
*North Fork Sauk Trailhead*

If you’re interested in trekking past glaciers on your Scramble, this trip is for you! This Scramble will be spent in Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest just southwest of Glacier Peak. The trail follows the North Fork of the Sauk River, through an alpine meadow, and past Blue Lake. Highlights include iconic glacier-carved valleys, breathtaking views of Glacier Peak, and meadows with wildflowers. Expect to hike 4 to 6 miles each day with considerable elevation change, plus a few optional day hikes, which are group and weather dependent. Your evenings will be spent in cozy campsites learning the basics of backcountry cooking and getting to know your Scramble leaders and fellow Scramblers. While previous backpacking experience is not required, this is a strenuous trip, so be prepared for steep, challenging days on trail.

**Dates:** 2:15 p.m. August 18 to 6 p.m. August 26  
**Leaders:** Henry Sanborn, Natalie McBranch  
**Fitness Level:** Strenuous  
**Cost:** $810*  
**Limit:** 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

**Summer Contact:** Henry Sanborn (612) 619-3538 sanborhw@whitman.edu
10) Pyroclastic Pathfinders
Backpacking in Gifford-Pinchot National Forest
Circumnavigation of Mount St. Helens

This Scramble will be spent on the 37 mile circumnavigation of Mount St. Helens in the Gifford-Pinchot National Forest. Expect to hike between 5 and 11 miles each day around the base of Mount St. Helens. Highlights include spectacular views of this dormant volcano, exploration of volcanic debris fields, and a beautiful alpine lake along the way. In the evenings, the group will camp in the forest below Mount St. Helens. In camp, you’ll cook up delicious backcountry meals, swap stories and play games, and get to know your fellow Scramblers. While previous backpacking experience is not required, this is a strenuous trip, so be prepared for longer mileage on trail.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $720*
Leaders: Savannah McNichol, Galen Bishop, Sophie Poukish
Fitness Level: Strenuous
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Savannah McNichol (707) 321-4828
mcnichsr@whitman.edu
On this Scramble, you will spend six days backpacking across the Wallowa Mountains in Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Starting at Hurricane Trailhead in the north and hiking to East Eagle Trailhead in the south, we will swap vehicles with our sister Scramble (#12 Face the Hurricane) who will be hiking the opposite direction. Expect to hike from 4 to 12 miles each day along streams and through alpine meadows. Depending on the group and weather, there may be the opportunity to climb two summits — Eagle Cap (9600’) and Sacajawea (9800’), the highest point in the Wallowa Mountains. In camp during the evenings, you’ll learn the basics of backcountry cooking and spend time getting to know your fellow Scramblers. While this is a Scramble of moderate difficulty, the optional peak ascents are considered strenuous.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26
Leaders: Jacob Frei, Catalina Burch, Sabrina Salkind
Fitness Level: Moderate - Strenuous
*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contacts: Jacob Frei (510) 316-8005 freija@whitman.edu
12) Face the Hurricane
Backpacking in the Wallowa-Whitman
National Forest, Oregon
East Eagle Trailhead to Hurricane Trailhead

The second of two Wallowa backpacking Scrambles in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, we will spend six days on trail hiking from East Eagle Trailhead in the south to Hurricane Trailhead in the north, where we will swap vehicles with our sister Scramble (#11 Sacajawea Scavengers) who will be hiking the opposite direction. Expect to hike between 4 and 12 miles each day across alpine meadows and along mountain streams. Depending on the group and weather, there may be the opportunity to climb two summits — Eagle Cap (9600’) and Sacajawea (9800’), the highest peak in the Wallowa range. Evenings in camp are usually spent cooking delicious backcountry meals, playing games, and getting to know your fellow Scramblers. While this is a Scramble of moderate difficulty, the optional peak ascents are considered strenuous.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26
Leaders: Katie Gillespie, Shane Randle, Lowell Bolton
Fitness Level: Moderate - Strenuous
Cost: $720*
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Katie Gillespie (503) 764-8990 gilleskl@whitman.edu
13) Smith Family Robinson
Climbing in Smith Rock State Park, Oregon

Want to learn how to rock climb? Know how to climb already? Join us at Smith Rock State Park in central Oregon for a week of climbing, camping, and more climbing. Smith Rock is a world-class climbing area with thousands of routes for all ability levels. Our typical day will start at a campsite not far from Smith, where we will be car camping, eating delicious food, learning basic sport climbing techniques, and climbing awesome routes. In the middle of the Scramble, there will possibly be an opportunity to swim and boulder. Expect to spend your mornings climbing routes that range from mellow to challenging and your evenings joking around the campfire with your bellies full and your arms tired.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $720*
Leaders: Kelly Kopczynski, Eloise Willemsen, Ben Sheppard
Fitness Level: Easy - Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Eloise Willemsen (978) 518-2457 willemem@whitman.edu
14) School of Hard Rocks  
Climbing in Smith Rock State Park, Oregon

On this Scramble you’ll be car camping in style outside the park and climbing amazing routes during the day. You’ll learn the skills you would in a beginning climbing class at Whitman, but outside on real rocks. In addition to some fine backcountry cooking, we’ll take a well-deserved rest day in the middle of the trip to possibly swim and/or do some bouldering. Then it’s back to the crag to solidify our climbing skills. Look forward to feeling tired but accomplished each evening and reveling in the awesomeness of your incredible surroundings and the company of your fellow Scramblers.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26  
Cost: $720*

Leaders: Gibson Collins, Wes Granath, Josephine Adamski

Fitness Level: Easy - Moderate  
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Wes Granath (612) 360-8991 granatwc@whitman.edu
15) Bodaciously Bouncing Boating
Whitewater Rafting on the Lower Main Salmon River, Idaho

Come enjoy six days in Western Idaho, paddling 72 breathtaking miles of the Lower Salmon River with your very own Whitman river guides. This is the largest Scramble, which means an entertaining orientation experience with many of your peers. Spend your days enjoying the scenic gorge of the second deepest canyon in North America while paddling exciting Class I-IV whitewater. Your nights will be spent sitting around the campfire on pristine white sand beaches, feasting on Dutch Oven specialties, playing camp games with your fellow Scramblers, and star gazing in Idaho’s beautiful wilderness. Highlights include dramatic canyon walls and opportunities to swim, splash, and play in the river. Prerequisites: Swimming ability and comfort around water.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $865*
Leaders: Sara Friedberg, Jenny Gruenberg, Nathan Gruenberg, Paul Minor, Zach Hartzell
Fitness Level: Easy - Moderate
Limit: 21
*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Sara Friedberg (970) 708-0622 friedbsm@whitman.edu
16) Slammin’ Salmon  
Whitewater Kayaking on the Main Salmon River, Idaho

If you have always loved the water and enjoyed a challenge, this Scramble is for you! On this Scramble, you will learn the basics of whitewater kayaking, ranging from how to hold a paddle correctly to the basics of running rapids. The group will be car camping along the Lower Salmon River about 15 miles upstream from Riggins, Idaho, enjoying the views of the scenic canyon walls from the camp kitchen. Each day, the group will depart to kayak a few miles of Class I-II whitewater before returning to lounge on white sand beaches at camp. Depending on abilities and water flows, an opportunity to paddle a Class II+ or III section may be a possibility during the trip. Evenings are spent playing camp games, recounting the day’s successes with your fellow Scramblers around the campfire, and appreciating the finer points of backcountry cuisine. **Prerequisites:**

*Strong swimming ability and comfort around water.*

**Dates:** 2:15 p.m. August 19 to 6 p.m. August 26  
**Cost:** $810*  
**Leaders:** Jeremiah Jurich, Brooke Terkovich, Spencer Beck  
**Fitness Level:** Moderate  
**Limit:** 9  
*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

**Summer Contact:** Jeremiah Jurich (425) 248-0041 jurichja@whitman.edu
17) Elkhorn Extravaganza
Backpacking in the Elkhorn Mountains, Oregon
Powder River Trailhead to Anthony Lakes Trailhead

This Scramble will be spent backpacking in the Elkhorn Mountains in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The group will hike from the Powder River Trailhead to the Anthony Lakes Trailhead and swap vehicles with our sister Scramble (#18 Epic Elkhorn Escape). The trail crosses through forest and meadows between Twin Lakes, Summit Lake, Lost Lake, and Anthony Lakes. Your days will be spent on trail and basking beside alpine lakes and your evenings enjoying the company of your fellow Scramblers in the beautiful wilderness while you cook tasty backcountry meals and swap stories. Highlights include beautiful vistas and the opportunity for a peak ascent with a view of the Elkhorns.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 20 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $630*
Leaders: Sarah Adams, Maddy Poehlein, Alex Hardesty
Fitness Level: Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Sarah Adams (617) 794-4181 adamss@whitman.edu
18) Epic Elkhorn Escape
Backpacking in the Elkhorn Mountains, Oregon
Anthony Lakes Trailhead to Powder River Trailhead

On this Scramble, the group will spend a week backpacking in the Elkhorn Mountains through the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Starting at Anthony Lakes Trailhead, the group will hike to the Powder River Trailhead and swap vehicles with our sister Scramble (#17 Elkhorn Extravaganza). Expect to hike from 2 to 11 miles each day, stopping at Anthony Lakes, Lost Lake, Summit Lake, and Twin Lakes. Highlights include the opportunity to possibly summit Elkhorn Peak (9200’), pristine alpine meadows, and refreshing lake water. Evenings will be spent cooking up delicious backcountry treats, playing games with your fellow Scramblers, and camping in beautiful wilderness sites.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 20 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $630*
Leaders: Rachel Needham, Catherine Maier, Evan Romasco-Kelly
Fitness Level: Moderate
Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Evan Romasco-Kelly (206) 295-8499
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19) Strawberry Sweetness  
Backpacking in the Malheur National Forest, Oregon  
Little Strawberry Lake Trailhead Loop

On this Scramble, you’ll spend five days backpacking in the Strawberry Mountains in Malheur National Forest. Expect to hike between 3 and 5 miles each day, plus optional summits of Strawberry Mountain (9000’), Slide Mountain (8500’), and Graham Mountain (8500’), group and weather permitting. The trail passes the refreshing alpine waters of Strawberry Lake, Slide Lake, High Lake, and Little Strawberry Lake over the course of the Scramble. Highlights include scenic vistas and lush alpine meadows. Evenings are usually spent playing camp games, learning the basics of cooking backcountry cuisine, and getting to know your fellow Scramblers.

Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 20 to 6 p.m. August 26  
Cost: $630*
Leaders: Kyle Sultzer, Eva McCauley, Sara Teplow  
Fitness Level: Moderate  
Limit: 9
*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

Summer Contact: Kyle Sultzer (310) 720-0742 sultzekc@whitman.edu
20) *Strawberry Fields*
Backpacking in the Malheur National Forest, Oregon

*Little Strawberry Lake Trailhead Loop*

You’ll spend five wonderful days backpacking through the Strawberry Mountains in Malheur National Forest on this Scramble. Four beautiful alpine lakes — Little Strawberry Lake, High Lake, Slide Lake, and Strawberry Lake — lie along the trail. Expect to hike between 3 and 5 miles each day, plus optional summits of Slide Mountain (8500’), Graham Mountain (8500’), and Strawberry Mountain (9000’), group and weather permitting. In addition to some spectacular views of the Strawberry Mountain range, expect lush alpine meadows and great times in the company of your fellow Scramblers. In the evenings, you’ll feast on delicious backcountry meals and revel in the awesomeness of your surroundings.

*Dates: 2:15 p.m. August 20 to 6 p.m. August 26
Cost: $630*

*Leaders: Lucy Skugstad, Hannah Trettenero, Elizabeth Reynolds
Fitness Level: Moderate

Limit: 9

*Scramble scholarship information available on page 2.

*Summer Contact: Hannah Trettenero (206) 941-0000 trettehm@whitman.edu*
What are people saying about Scrambles?

“Scrambles are an exciting and integral way that new students come to know Whitman and one another. Not only do they see and experience the spectacular recreational outdoors in the Northwest, our students form close friendship networks that last throughout their Whitman education and beyond.”

– George Bridges, President, Whitman College

2014 Participants:

“This proved to be an excellent way to get to know others and myself, learn, have fun, be introduced to college, and build confidence in moving forward.”

“You share so many memories with your classmates it’s almost impossible not to become close friends.”

“I felt like it was really healthy for me, both mentally and physically, to take this trip right before Whitman. I felt so much more focused and excited.”

“A great introduction to the Whitman community, increased my love for the outdoors.”

Alumni and Current Students:

“The people I met on my Scramble are still some of my closest friends at Whitman. It was the best way to start my first year of college, and it made orientation less overwhelming!”

– Eva Geisse ’15

“I feel more comfortable alongside my Scramble mates (whom I spent five days with) than I felt alongside people with whom I spent my whole high school career.”

– Cody Burchfield ’16

“Scrambles are like scrumptious backcountry cinnamon rolls. The perfect mixture of sweet memories, tangy adventure, and crunchy kids all rolled up in a week of new friends and spectacular scenery.”

– Chelan Pauly ’15

“Leading a Scramble was not only fun but really fulfilling. I got to introduce my Scramblers to the San Juan Islands and sea kayaking, both of which I love. I enjoyed watching my Scramblers bond and become close friends on the trip. It’s awesome to see that they’ve kept those friendships throughout the school year.”

– Allison Bolgiano ’14

“Going on a Scramble is a wonderful way to learn what Whitman College is all about. I admired my leaders deeply for sharing with me their love for the outdoors, their respect for nature, and their passion for Whitman. After my Scramble, I came to Whitman inspired, rejuvenated, and empowered by the connections I made; it was an edifying, unforgettable experience. The Scrambles program seeks earnestly to change the lives of incoming students.”

– Matt Raymond ’13
Travis, Brien and I have been talking about the back cover of the scramble booklet. We would love to put numbers to the locations. The one thing we would like is to have a significantly large map so it’s easy to see. Include Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Walla Walla, Pasco? Boise. Include Mt. Rainer, Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams as little triangles.

So to clarify: if you could campus mail me a map of Washington, Oregon and Idaho above major cities and the three mountains then I can place points so we can get an idea of what it would look like.

Questions?

Thanks,

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Devin Kuh
Scramble Coordinator 2011
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For a detailed listing of the different Scrambles available, see inside cover.

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