Welcome, San Juan Wanderers!

It may have been difficult to choose which Scramble to go on, but rest assured, you have made an excellent choice. You are in for an adventurous week exploring the amazing San Juan Islands, which are known for their wonderful weather, beautiful campsites, and calm waters. We plan on kayaking an average of about 6 nautical miles per day, and plan to visit Lopez, Orcas, Doe, Blind, Jones and Turn island. 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 sleeping under the stars, new friends, awesome camp cooking experiences, and much more.

Here is some more information about each of your leaders (who all are Wilderness First Responder certified):

MacKenzie will be a junior chemistry major in the fall. She is from Boise, Idaho, which is where she has enjoyed more than just potatoes. In her free time she goes climbing, kayaking, hiking, biking, camping, running, and swimming. This summer, she will be working in Yellowstone National Park as part of a trail crew for the National Park Service. She’s so excited to get to know all of you!

Haley is so excited to kickstart her junior year with this Scramble! She absolutely loves sea kayaking and camping in the San Juan Islands. Haley involves herself in many groups on campus, including the theater department, KWCW (Whitman's student-run radio station), Renaissance faire, the art department, and of course the Outdoor Program. When she is not working in the woodshop, Haley can usually be found crafting or hula hooping on Ankeny. This summer she is dividing her time between working in her hometown of Eugene, Oregon and going on awesome bike-camping trips with her family.

Laura is from North Bend, Oregon, a small town on the coast. She will be a junior anthropology major in the fall and is so excited to end her summer with an outdoors adventure. During the school year, Laura keeps herself busy with a variety of activities, including singing, cross stitching, and occasionally rock climbing. She volunteers with the Story Time Project (reading books to young children), and is also involved in Greek life and Whitman Christian Fellowship. She will spend part of her summer in Belize working at an orphanage.

A note about logistics: please plan to arrive by 2:15 pm on August 18th for the Scramble meeting in the main ballroom of the Reid Campus Center. If you are arriving earlier than August 18th and need a place to stay, MacKenzie 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 26th in time to clean our gear, shower, and attend the scramble picnic at 6 pm 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 27th (you’ll be able to access Anderson storage at this time).

On August 18th, we’ll be going over group and individual gear, trip expectations, getting to know one another, and practicing a few basic skills in the Whitman pool. Please refer to the gear list included to see what items you will be responsible for. You also have the option to rent some items from the Rental Shop. We recommend that you reserve anything ASAP, since there is a limited supply. There will be an opportunity on the 18th to put any belongings that you will not need during the Scramble into storage until the 27th as well.
As a final note, please fill out the Travel Plans Google Form [https://goo.gl/nF1zwH](https://goo.gl/nF1zwH) (also available on the Scrambler Resources Page) so we know when and how you will be arriving in Walla Walla. This form lets us know if you will need to be picked up, or if we will need to work with you on a place to stay if you arrive early.

If you have to arrive early and need a place to stay, contact MacKenzie by email at cumminmm@whitman.edu, or by phone 208-871-3066.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to get in touch your summer contact, Laura, by email lagessll@whitman.edu, or phone 541-297-0997.

Map of the San Juan Islands, with approximate campsite locations: