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Hello Salmon Slammin’ Scramblers!
It may have been difficult to choose between all the amazing trips going out this August, but you are in for a fun and very wet adventure on the Salmon River! Idaho is nationally known for its quality whitewater of all difficulties, warm sandy beaches and diverse wildlife.

Your trip leaders to this last frontier include Brooke Terkovich, a paddler whose skills exceed her small stature. She is an sophomore Biology major who is spending the summer teaching kayaking and working in Jackson Hole, WY as a newly certified ACA whitewater instructor and Wilderness First Responder. Brooke claims to have taught Spencer Beck, also a member of the sophomore class (albeit with fewer AP credits), everything he knows about kayaking and Spencer has since taken a a serious liking to it. He is also a Wilderness First Responder and certified by the American Canoe and Kayak Association as a kayak instructor. Spencer will be spending his summer in Durango leading backpacking trips and exploring some of the amazing whitewater that Colorado has to offer. Jeremiah Jurich is a rising senior in Biochemistry, kayaking has captured this lad’s heart and soul since he arrived at Whitman. He is also ACA certified and is spending his summer doing research for his senior thesis (seniors don’t get to have as much fun in the summer). This will be the third Scramble that Jeremiah has led and he is stoked to repeat the experience this year. Last but not least, Isabel Christy is a rising junior Chemistry major whose love for whitewater began with her family when she was a wee lass. While she has not grown much in size since then, she has developed into an avid outdoor woman with certifications as an ACA kayak instructor and Wilderness First Responder. This summer she is teaching young hooligans how to kayak and stand up paddle board in the Seattle area and is adventuring down many an Idaho river – alas, Washington water is scarce. Your leaders are all terribly eager to return to the river and introduce new friends to the sport!

Here are a few more details on our schedule and what you can expect from our days on the river. We want to get on the water as soon as possible, so after everyone arrives in Walla Walla on August 19th at 2:15 pm and we become acquainted, we will jump in the pool and play around, getting used to the boats and start working on basic paddling skills. In the evening we will put our boats on the trailer so we can get an early start to the Salmon River in Idaho the next day (see the map attached, on flip side of paper). Once we set up camp upstream of Riggins, ID, we will hop in some eddies and get used to the river. From our base camp, we will over the next five days be running various sections of the river and learning the different skills required. Topics we will cover include paddle strokes, river safety, reading water, and rolling your kayak. The sections we will run range from Class I-III. Beyond action on the river, sightings of deer, bighorn sheep and other game are not uncommon in this valley. In the evenings we will hang out on the beach, relaxing, playing Frisbee, and rustling up some delicious grub. But mostly we will just play horseshoes. After our days on the river, we will break camp and return to campus by 3 pm on the 26th of August so we can unpack and clean up in time for the Scramble closing picnic. That evening you can check into your residence hall room and you will have access to your stored belongings the next morning.

In terms of gear, please refer to the included gear list to see what you need to pack. If you need to rent anything from our Rental Shop, do that as soon as possible. If you have inquiries about gear, please contact us and we will be happy to answer your questions.

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.

We are **righteously** stoked to meet each and every one of you and be able to share our love of paddling over the week. If you have any questions whatsoever, *please* contact Jeremiah and he will return your call ASAP. We hope y’all are all just as excited as we are, and we will see you in August!

Viva la Kayaking!

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