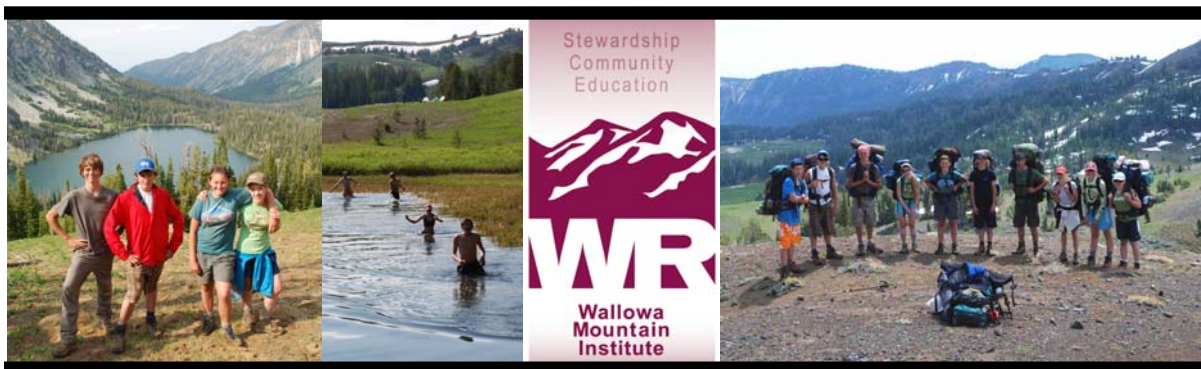




WALLOWA RESOURCES
WALLOWA MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

SUMMER WREN BACKPACKING ADVENTURE July 18-24, 2009

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & APPLICATION



“[The trip] was a ton of fun!” – 2008 Participant

The Summer WREN Backpacking Adventure will fuel your sense of adventure, whether you're new to backpacking or interested in improving your skills. This week-long course is designed for students who want to become familiar with the ecology of the Eagle Cap Wilderness while learning how to backpack. We'll explore the basics of backpacking, including low-impact camping skills, how to use a stove and cook in the wilderness, set up a tent, pack a backpack, use a map and compass, and how to backpack safely. Students will spend the first day prepping gear and food, plus gaining the skills necessary to spend the following 6 days and 5 nights in the backcountry.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Broaden your horizons while exploring the largest wilderness areas in Oregon—the Eagle Cap Wilderness (see description on page 2).
- Develop self-reliance and leadership skills, as well as backpacking skills.
- Meet new friends or bond with old ones.
- Hone your naturalist skills while learning about the Wallowa Mountains' geology, vegetation and wildlife.

WHO: Students 13-14 years old (as of January 1, 2009)

DIFFICULTY: This trip is ideal trip for the beginner in good physical shape; 4-8 mile hiking days with moderate elevation gain and loss.

COST: \$400/student* (which includes instruction, food, transportation, backpacking gear rental if needed, etc) *Some scholarships are available to Wallowa County students.

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EAGLE CAP WILDERNESS OF THE WALLOWA MOUNTAINS

Located in the northeast corner of Oregon, the Wallowas are a pristine mountain range with peaks reaching over 9800 feet in elevation. The Eagle Cap Wilderness within the Wallowas is the one of the oldest wilderness regions in Oregon. At 560 square miles, it is the largest wilderness in the state. The breathtaking snow-capped peaks and glacially carved high elevation lakes provide the perfect landscape for adventure and outdoor learning. The alpine and subalpine ecosystems support a wide-range of plant-life, from forests of whitebark pine and subalpine fir to beautiful alpine meadows blanketed with a rainbow array of wildflowers. These ecosystems also support a large variety of wildlife, from the elusive pine marten to elk and black bears.



FIELD INSTRUCTORS/GUIDES

Penny Arentsen

Penny is the Youth Stewardship Education Coordinator for Wallowa Resources - Wallowa Mountain Institute (WR-WMI). She designs and instructs classroom and field-based science programs for students K-12 in Wallowa County. Her experience in the field also includes guiding backpacking, canoeing, and sea-kayaking trips in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska for Wilderness Ventures, and guiding whitewater rafting trips.



She has a BA in Geology from Colorado College and a Master's in Watershed Science from Utah State University. She is also a graduate of the Professional Residency in Environmental Education program at the Teton Science School in Jackson, Wyoming. In addition to her position at WR-WMI, she and her husband, Paul own a whitewater rafting company called Winding Waters River Expeditions. She is certified in Wilderness Advanced First Aid and CPR.

Troy Nave

Troy is the Field Trips and Heritage Program Coordinator for WR-WMI. He has a BA in Natural Resource Management from University of California at Santa Barbara. He moved to Wallowa County from Alaska, where he managed the guide staff and coordinated day trip programs for Alaska Wildland Adventures. Throughout most of the 1990's, Troy worked as trip leader and guide for natural history backcountry trips in Alaska and the Canadian Arctic. Troy's love of travel and remote landscapes brought him to Antarctica, where he worked in science support for the United States Antarctic Program. He enjoys a number of outdoor pursuits, including trekking, river rafting, backcountry skiing, and surfing. He is certified in Wilderness Advanced First Aid and CPR.



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A FEW COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS & PARENTS:

“Excellent program. Very well put together.” – Parent

“I just want to say thank you for taking us on a wonderful trip. [It] really enlightened my interest in backpacking and natural history here.”

- Participant

“The instructors were very experienced; high energy; excellent rapport with this age group. Our student came home energized from what she experienced and learned. She loved the group dynamics.” – Parent

“It was like a ‘welcoming’ to backpacking and it opened my eyes to the wonders of the Wallows.” - Participant

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 18: Prep-Day - 8:30-4PM

The first day will be spent in the “front-country” where, as a group, we’ll plan the menu, shop for our food, pack the food in backpack-friendly containers, prep our group gear, pack our packs, and discuss backcountry safety (lightning, big critters, water, etc.).

****Students will bring their backpacks fully packed on this day.****

Sunday, July 19: Backcountry – 8AM

Meet at the Joseph Community parking lot to drive to the trailhead. We will be hiking from the Indian Crossing Trailhead to the Wallowa Lake Trailhead. The backcountry route for this trip is subject to change based on snow conditions, etc.

Sunday, July 19 through Friday, July 24:

Backcountry Time

Friday, July 24: End of Program

We’ll emerge from the backcountry in the early afternoon to an ice cream social at the Wallowa Lake State Park. Families of the students are invited.

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Enrollment Application

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Home mailing address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Date of birth: _____ Age as of January 1, 2009: _____ Gender: M/F
 Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____
 Business address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent of Guardian Signature: _____

Application Procedure

The **\$400** fee charged to each student includes tuition, food and transportation throughout the course. A **\$200** deposit is due within two weeks of acceptance, and the balance is due at the beginning of the course. We will inform you if you have been placed on the waiting list. A refund is available if canceling up to 15 days prior to the course start date. There is no refund for cancellation within the 15 days prior to start of the course or after the course begins.

Financial assistance is available for Wallowa County students. Please inquire about scholarships available.

Students participating in this course must supply their own personal clothing and backcountry gear. We do have some gear students can borrow- let us know what you need. Accepted students will receive a **packing equipment list** (also visible on our website: www.wallowaresources.org/wren2009.htm). Group gear (tents, stoves, cook gear, first aid kits, etc.) is provided.

Enrollment is limited to 10 students. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. **In order to be considered, we must receive both your application and your teacher recommendation.**

Letter of Recommendation from your teacher:

Please have a teacher complete the required Letter of Recommendation (page 5). Give your teacher a stamped envelope and ask him/her to mail it or fax it directly to Wallowa Resources. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. **In order to be considered, we must receive both your application and your teacher recommendation.** Completed materials will be promptly reviewed, and you will be notified of your status.

Please return completed application to:

Penny Arentsen @ Wallowa Resources – Wallowa Mountain Institute, 200 West North Street, Enterprise, OR 97828 OR Fax it to 541-426-9053

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Wallowa Resources – Wallowa Mountain Institute’s SUMMER WREN BACKPACKING ADVENTURE: TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

This form must be completed by a teacher or faculty advisor.

Name of Student Applicant: _____

Wallowa Resources – Wallowa Mountain Institute’s Summer WREN Backpacking Adventure is an intensive 7-day field program, July 18-24, in the Wallowa Mountains of northeast Oregon. The course involves experiential learning, including keeping a field notebook, performing field research, and working together in a group setting. Students both locally and from outside the area will be backpacking together in the Eagle Cap Wilderness within the Wallowa Mountains.

Your careful evaluation of this student is invaluable to us. All information furnished by you will be kept confidential. Your effort is greatly appreciated.

Your Name and Title: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Email: _____

School Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

1. Under what circumstances have you known the applicant? _____

2. How do you rate the applicant's promise for this program as you understand it?

3. Please describe the applicant based on:
• social skills and cooperative behavior: _____

• Emotional maturity and sense of humor: _____

• Physical fitness level: _____

• Interest in science and outdoor experiences: _____

4. Other Comments (please use extra pages if necessary):

Please do not return to applicant

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