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## Trip Report: Santiam River Float

October 24, 2009 • Submitted by Vance Cordell

**O**n October 24 five rafts, three kayaks, three IKs and 22 members of the OWA floated the North Santiam River from Packsaddle County Park to Fisherman's Bend. We met at Fisherman Bend and then proceeded to Mill City to scout the falls and see first hand the tree that had lodged at the top. The small tree pretty much cut off going over the falls on the left hand side, but plenty of room was available on the right.

The weather was perfect – plenty of blue sky with temperatures in the low 60s. Abundant rain the previous week brought the water levels up and provided a river that was running an optimum 2,900 cfs. Despite the rain during previous days the water was still reasonably clear and well within the banks of the river.

After successfully navigating Spencer's Hole and Carnivore Rapids, one of our rafts fell victim to the falls at Mill City.

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*Please note location*

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
at 7:00 PM

**Firehouse**  
4800 NE 122<sup>nd</sup>

***Pizza and drinks provided***

## RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

Keeping a stove hot during a windy day is difficult. The wind shields on Coleman stoves are a great help; but what about single burner stoves? Cut the bottom out of a 5-gallon plastic pail and set this over the top of your stove. This will provide a 100% wind shield. These 5-gallon plastic pails can also provide good protection when packing your propane tank.

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## Two-Day Swiftwater Rescue Workshop

April 17-18, 2010 • Submitted by Brenda Bunce

When you are planning events for 2010, be sure to include this invaluable course taught by eNRG Kayaking instructor, Sam Drevo.

Sam has many certifications including Advanced Whitewater Instructor, Rescue III Advanced swift water rescue technician/instructor and Red Cross Lifeguard instructor. Sam has boated all over the world and will also be our speaker for our January meeting.

The course includes rescue training, basic hydrology/hazards, review of knots, throw rope practice, foot entrapment and swimming in rapids, REACH system, shallow water crossings,

anchor review, mechanical advantage and different rescue scenarios to name a few topics. Training will include some classroom time and in the water on the Sandy river.

The OWA board has agreed to sponsor this class with a \$ 50 per member discount. Space is limited to 12 people and the total cost of the class is \$ 250 (with a 10% discount if we have 10

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or more people attend) minus the \$ 50 paid by OWA.

We think this class is so invaluable to anyone running rivers that the board has also agreed to pay an additional 15 % towards anyone who signs up by March 1st, 2010.

People who have attended this class before pay half price at \$ 125.00 to keep their skills honed. You will need to send in a \$50 deposit to secure your spot. The balance must be received 30 days in advance of the course.

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## OWA 2010 TRIP CALENDAR

Submitted by Josephine Denison

1.1 Fri	Sandy River	II/III	Val Shaull	val.shaull@verizon.net	503.805.8991
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Meet at Dodge Park and be ready for shuttle to depart at 10am. Run from Dodge Park to Oxbow Park. Potluck/BBQ to follow at "site A" at Oxbow. DAV will supply the BBQ. This trip is a joint venture between OWA and NWRA.					
2.13-2.15 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Ernie Eichhorn	e.eichhorn@comcast.net	
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
This will be a joint trip with OWA & OKCC. We will spend Friday night at Galice. More details to follow.					
4.10 Sat	Deschutes River	III/IV	Tom Hanson	TJHRafter@earthlink.net	503.201.4428
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
This is a day float on the middle Deschutes. The river is free of other boaters at this time, so join us for a pleasant day on the Deschutes. We will shuttle the vehicles down to Sandy Beach starting at 10:00AM sharp. This will put us back at Harpham Flat for a 11:00AM launch. Bring your lunch since we will be stopping along the way to enjoy the bright sunny day and have a bite to eat. This is a class IV river with Wapanitia, Boxcar and Oak Springs providing some big water.					
4.17-4.18 Sat-Sun	North Umpqua River	II-III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Idleyd Park to Winchester (25 miles). This is a joint club trip with the Roseberg chapter of NWRA. Trip leaders will be Brenda Bunce and Walt Bammann. We will camp at Whistler's Bend camp and share a potluck dinner Saturday night. Option for day trip only by taking out or joining us at the Whistler's Bend camp boat ramp on April 18.					
5.7-5.9 Fri-Sun	Grande Ronde River	II/III	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Put in at Minam and take out at Heller Bar, 90 miles in three days. We cover a lot of ground, so be prepared to row. Rewards include great scenery, good company, and an opportunity for a burger and shake for lunch on day 2. Not bad for a Wild and Scenic River. This section is Class II with one Class III.					
5.29-5.30 Sat-Sun	Lochsa River	IV/V	Steve Herring	stevenh@teksronix.com	www.europa.com/~layport/lochsa/index.html
6.5-6.6 Sat-Sun	North Umpqua River	II-III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Boulder Flat to Gravel Bin. This is a joint club trip with the Roseberg chapter of NWRA. Trip leaders will be Brenda Bunce and Walt Bammann. This is a day trip. Car/tent camping will be at Horseshoe bend with Potluck Saturday night. Camping is also available on June 4th.					
Mid June TBD	John Day River	II	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Trip will take place in mid June; dates are to be determined based on when Portland Public Schools are out for the summer. Float will be from Service Creek to Clarno; plan for four days and three nights.					
6.18-6.20 Fri-Sun	Deschutes River	III	Carol Beatty	doncarol1@verizon.net	503.667.9842
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
The annual OWA Women's trip is back for 2010! Put in at Buck Hollow and run to Heritage Landing; 42 river miles.					

**OWA 2010 TRIP CALENDAR (CONTINUED)**

7.3-7.5 Sat-Mon	Lower Salmon River	III/IV	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Run from Hammer Creek to Heller Bar in 3 days slower flow; 73 river miles. A perennial favorite. High flows flush us down the river in 3 days. A nice mix of fun rapids, nice beach camping, and a little history. This trip cancels if the flow rate is predicted to be above 20,000 cfs on Slide Rapid day.					
8.21-8.22 Sat-Sun	Yakima River	II	Vance Cordell	pyloris58@yahoo.com	360.253.3013
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
We will run from the Ringer Loop Road Ramp to the Big Pines Campground on Hwy 821. This is a family float with absolutely beautiful scenery. Vance will try to secure several camp sites at Big Pines for Friday and Saturday nights with a weenie roast scheduled for Saturday night. Try to get there Friday night so we can get started on our float at 10:00 AM Saturday as it is a 14 mile float.					
9.11-9.13 Sat-Mon	Hell's Canyon	II/IV	Mike Moses	mtymo_@hotmail.com	509.529.8603
9.17- 9.19 Fri-Sun	Tieton River	III	Brent Davis	bdavis599@yahoo.com	503.239.0948
10.16 Sat	North Santiam River	II/III	Josie Denison	josephindenison @hotmail.com	503.851.9326
<b>ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION</b>					
Run from Packsaddle Park to Fisherman's Bend Park.					
11.13 Sat	Rogue River	III/IV	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785

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## Santiam River Float

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Most of the rafts got over the drop successfully, but then Sherry Ripley fell forward and out of their Puma as they were going over. Then her husband, Bruce, fell in trying to grab Sherry as he went by her. Brenda Bunce blew her whistle and yelled "swimmers", but before anyone could get to them, Bruce got back into their raft and quickly pulled Sherrie in behind him. No harm done. Both took it with a grin.

Overall it was a wonderful day. The weather and water conditions couldn't have been better. We had a great group of people, an exceptional float, and even superb pizza on the way home.



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**BRENDA BUNCE**

Hello fellow club members,

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Northwest River Guides and eNRG Kayaking –Sam Drevo- will be providing video entertainment on several different topics including the Hemlock Dam removal and Team River Runner Blind Veterans video and Team River Runner Ski to Sea Adventure Race.

Please note that our January and February meetings will NOT be held at our regular Round Table Pizza location. We will resume there in March. Our February 10th meeting will be held at the North Clackamas aquatic pool. We have several volunteers who will be running various stations to help us practice our rescue and river skills. More information to come.

I am happy to announce that our club will be sponsoring another two day river rescue workshop.

On April 17th and 18th, Northwest River Guides and eNRG Kayaking- Sam Drevo- will offer us another comprehensive rescue training that should not be missed if you haven't taken this excellent course before. In fact, we think it's so vital to running rivers that we have decided to offer this course at a big discount to our members. Please see the workshop details and promotion on the next page.

Congratulations to Bruce Ripley, our new Vice President, and to Rick Carmen for taking another term as Treasurer. As our club continues to grow, it is exciting to have such an enthusiastic board. Our next board meeting will be held on January 27th at 6:30. We welcome anyone to join us and you can always email any board member with your ideas for the club.

Also, we would like to thank Tom Riggs who served as our Vice President for 08' and 09'.

Our trip editor, Josephine Denison, continues to do a great job in organizing our trips! Please think about those rivers that you know and would love to share with our club. Consider leading a trip and send her your information at [josephinedenison@hotmail.com](mailto:josephinedenison@hotmail.com).

Happy and Safe boating,

Brenda

The frog does not  
drink up the pond  
in which he lives.

*~American Indian Proverb  
quoted in David Zwick,  
Water Wasteland, 1971*



# Oregon Whitewater Association

## Membership Application Form

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