



Dear Riverstone Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 Parents,

On Friday, August 29th, the Riverstone Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2 classes will head out for a day on the Payette River. These river trips have been a great way to start an exciting new year as students continue to explore Riverstone outside the classroom.

Cascade River Company has been our partnered outfitter since Riverstone began these river trips. We will be rafting down the lower section of the main Payette River from Beehive Bend to the jet boat ramp just north of Horseshoe Bend. Cascade will provide guides, rafts, and life jackets. They will also provide a bus for those who are not driving personal vehicles. Parents should be assured that the trip is age-appropriate, and the Cascade guides will ensure that everyone has a safe and fun experience.

Keeping with tradition and to make this a community-building event, one parent of Kindergarten students are required to attend, and parents and family members of Grade 1 and 2 students may attend as well. Those family members who are participating will need to pay \$30.00 and will be billed to your Riverstone financial account.

All adults and children must return Cascade's Participant Agreement to your students' teachers no later than Wednesday, August 27th. Please see attached document.

Please read the following details about the trip closely. Parents who plan on participating and driving their own vehicle should pay close attention to pick-up and drop-off locations. A map and driving directions are available below.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please reach out to Derek Wright, Outdoor Education Coordinator at dwright@riverstoneschool.org.

Sincerely,

Derek Wright
Outdoor Education Coordinator



Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2, Outdoor Education Fall 2025 – Payette River Rafting

Schedule of Activities

8:30	Students arrive at school for normal morning classes
9:45	Begin loading Cascade bus or parent vehicles
10:00	Depart for Horseshoe Bend
11:15	Picnic lunch in Horseshoe Bend Park (immediately after the railroad tracks on the right) <i>*Students and participating parents need to bring their own lunches</i>
12:00	Load onto Cascade buses and drive to put-in at Cascade Raft Company headquarters
12:15	Fit life jackets, load rafts and begin raft trip
2:15	Float trip ends
2:30	Depart for Riverstone
3:30	Arrive at Riverstone in time for regular pick-up and school bus route

What to Bring

Prepare to get wet on the river! Wear clothing that can get wet and dry fast. Check the weather before we head out, if it looks like the weather will be cooler; bring some dry clothes for the drive back. Remember that Cascade will not provide any food; please pack a picnic lunch. Please keep your water guns and other water toys at home.

- ☐ Shorts or swimsuit
- ☐ T-shirt
- ☐ Sunglasses with Strap
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ River sandals or tennis shoes
- ☐ Packed lunch
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Towel (optional)



Parent Participation

At least one parent of each kindergarten student must attend the rafting trip. Parents and family members are encouraged to raft with their students, and will be charged \$30/person, which will be billed to your Riverstone financial account.

Please sign up to raft with your students' teacher no later than Wednesday, August 27th.

Use of Personal Vehicle

Parents may choose to drive their children to and from the raft trip or ride on the bus. If you are going to be driving your own vehicle, please notify your student's teachers. Parents may only drive their own children and children of parents riding with them. You must be in the same vehicle as your child.

Logistics: Students riding with parents should either be picked up at 9:45 AM at school or meet the group at the park in Horseshoe Bend at 11:15 AM. After picking up any students, parents should proceed to the Horseshoe Bend Park (immediately after the railroad tracks on your right). When lunch ends, parents driving vehicles should drive to the take-out where they will leave their vehicles. All Parents vehicles must be left at the takeout. Please follow the Cascade bus to the jet boat ramp north of Horseshoe Bend. A second Cascade bus will then pick up and shuttle these parents and their students to the put-in at Cascade headquarters.

After the river trip, students driving back with parents must be signed out through teachers.



Directions:

- From Riverstone International School head through downtown Boise or Chinden to Glenwood to State Street until you reach the turn off for ID-55
- Head north on ID-55 over a small pass until you drop down into Horseshoe Bend
- The preschool – grade 2 picnic lunch area will be the main park in the middle of town, which will be on your right after you cross the railroad tracks
- The take-out for preschool – grade 2 will be on your left after you cross the Payette after leaving Horseshoe Bend
- Cascade Raft and Kayak will be further north of Horseshoe Bend approximately 6 miles



Waivers

Participant agreement forms are attached to this letter. They must be completed for every person participating in the trip and returned to your student's teachers no later than Wednesday, August 27.

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT
RELEASE OF LIABILITY—READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Cascade Raft & Kayak program, its related events and activities, I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of significant injury from the activities involved in this program exists, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the Company immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CASCADE RAFT & KAYAK COMPANY, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property associated with my presence or participation, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant's Signature	Age	Date
Printed Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email address (if you wish to receive periodic news and special promotions)		

**For Parents/Guardians of Participants of Minority Age
(under age 18 at the time of registration)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Parent/Guardian's Signature	Printed Name	Date
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