



Dear Riverstone Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5 Parents,

On Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Riverstone Grade 3, 4, and 5 classes will head out for an exciting day on the Payette River. These river adventures have been a staple outing of the Riverstone Outdoor Education Program, and it is a great way to start the school year as students begin to dive in deeper into outdoor education.

Cascade River Company has been our partnered outfitter since Riverstone began these river trips. We will be rafting down the whitewater section of the main Payette River from Banks to Beehive Bend. This section of river has many exciting rapids. 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.

Holding with tradition and to make this a community-building event, parents and family members of students are encouraged to attend. A \$30/person fee will be collected for non-students to raft with Cascade and will **be billed to your Riverstone financial account.**

***All adults and children must return Cascade's Participant Agreement to your student's teacher no later than Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:dwright@riverstoneschool.org).

Sincerely,

Derek Wright  
Outdoor Education Coordinator



## Grade's 3, 4, & 5, Outdoor Education Fall 2024 – Payette River Rafting

### **Schedule of Activities**

8:30	Students arrive at school for loading on Cascade bus
8:45	Depart Riverstone for Cascade Raft Company
10:00	Stop at Cascade headquarters to pick up parents leaving vehicles at take-out
10:15	Load onto Cascade buses and continue to put-in at Banks
10:45	Begin rafting trip after safety talk
12:30	Float ends at Cascade headquarters, picnic lunch on grassy area <i>* Students and participating parents need to bring their own lunches</i>
2:00	Depart for Riverstone
3:15	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. Reminder 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**

**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 21.***



## Use of Personal Vehicle

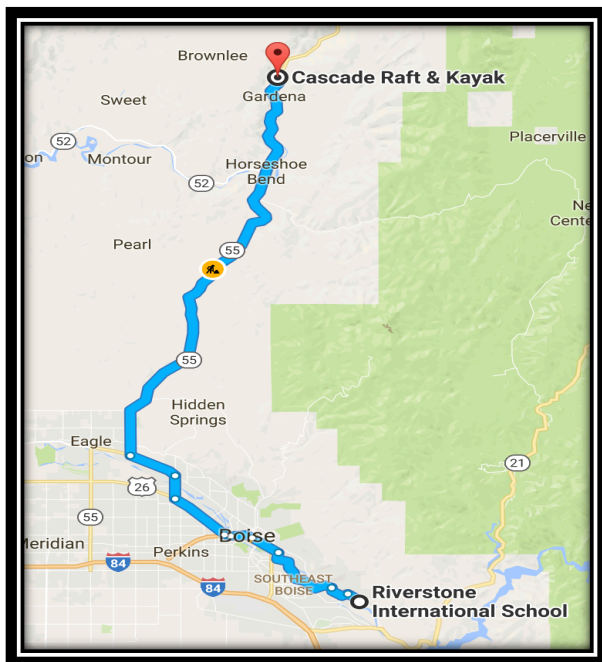
**\*\*Parents will not be able to ride the school bus this year. Please coordinate with other parents to carpool or drive yourself if you plan on attending.\*\***

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 depart from school at 8:45 AM or from home in order to arrive at the "take-out" at Cascade Raft and Kayak no later than 10:00 AM. **All parents must leave their vehicles at Cascade headquarters**, where the float will finish. A Cascade bus will then pick up and shuttle all parents and their students to the put-in at Banks. **After the river trip, students driving back with parents must be signed out through teacher**

## 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 21.**



## 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
- Cascade Raft and Kayak will be further north of Horseshoe Bend approximately 6 miles

**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.**

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Participant’s Signature	Age	Date
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Printed Name

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Address

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City	State	Zip Code
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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.

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Parent/Guardian’s Signature	Printed Name	Date
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