



## *Packraft Specific Rescue Training*

[Bear Valley Rafting Company](#) and the [Swiftwater Safety Institute](#) have teamed to offer a 2 day packraft specific training for [American Packraft Association](#) Roundup members on the Payette River(s), Idaho. Space is limited to 12 students, and we will consider opening a second class on the same dates when the first course fills.

**When:** July 16-17, 2019

**Class Cost:** \$275/person

**Where:** Payette River System - T.B.D. (Specific course meeting location will be announced in July)

**Registration:** Call Bear Valley Rafting Co: 208-793-2272 (It is still off-season, so be patient)

**Pre-requisites:** Students must be physically capable, and have all required equipment

**Instructor Contact:** (Eric Riley) [info@swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com](mailto:info@swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com)

**Required Equipment:** Type III or Type V PFD, suitable helmet, footwear with sturdy soles (no Chacos or flips), packraft, paddle and all other associated paddling gear.

**Thermal Protection:** The South Fork Payette is colder than the Main Payette - we will be swimming a lot and a wetsuit is recommended for both thermal and physical comfort. We will be on both stretches of river and will coordinate carpooling as required.

Please come prepared with water, food and all personal items that may be needed before and after class. We will generally break for a pack lunch as well as snack throughout the day. Mornings will be spent on land going over daily training objectives, so dress casual and have a cup of coffee ready. If you have any other gear specific questions, please contact Eric Riley or reference the SSI Recommended Gear List: <http://swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com/experience-ssi/gear-list/>

**Objectives:** This course is designed to take beginner and novice paddlers to the next level with their paddling skills and self rescue technique. Group dynamics and companion rescue will be covered in an attempt to create group paddling cohesion as well as overall group safety and response capabilities. Expect to spend a lot of time both in and out of your craft.

**Camping:** You will be on your own for camping on the night of the 15th and 16th. Roundup registration covers you on the 17th - 21st. The meeting location on the morning of the 16th is T.B.D., but will be in the greater Crouch, Id area. Once you are near the Payette River system, you can easily drive to most any meeting location in 20-30 min. Feel free to find any camping or basic accommodation in the area, and feel confident that you will be close enough to the meeting location. The determined meeting location will be announced via e-mail prior to the course. Cell reception in the valley is limited.

For more course information, please contact Eric Riley: [info@swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com](mailto:info@swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com)