



The **Swiftwater Safety Institute and Triad River Tours** is providing a **Packraft Rescue Course**. Space is limited to 10 students for each class. Lead instructor is Zak Sears. This class is designed for individuals who are new to packrafting and need or want structured training on self-rescue, companion rescue, and basic paddling technique. Class fills up fast so register early.

When: Saturday and Sunday April 14th & 15th

Class Cost: \$275

Where: North Bend, Washington (*Meet at Torguson Park at 8:30 AM*)

Registration: Contact Triad River Tours: <https://triadrivertours.com> (call: 360-510-1243)

Prerequisites: Students must be physically capable

Required Equipment: Type III or appropriate Type V PFD, Drysuit, appropriate Helmet with thermal protection liner (wool or fleece hat works well), Footwear with sturdy soles, Thermal Protection (warm fleece works best), and Eye protection (sunglasses with retainer), and of course everyone needs a packraft and paddle. There will be a break for lunch both days.

Packraft Rental: There are most likely local rental options in your area. However, for a quick start you can access Packraft America for rental prices and options. They do ship, and this will be a good starting point if you don't have a packraft. <http://packraftamerica.com/rental-options/>

Objectives: SSI Rescue Philosophy -"Simple is smooth and smooth is fast," Hazard Identification, Low-risk to high-risk rescue techniques, Self-rescue, Throwbag Rescues, Contact Rescues, Shallow Water Crossings, Hydrology, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Swimming (Passive and Aggressive), Foot Entrapment Extrication, Strainers. Packraft Specific skills will be self-rescue (Wet Exit, Wet Entry), Companion Rescue, Group travel and dynamics, Rapid Scouting. (Working on the river is a dynamic environment. Effort is made to cover each topic. Water levels, weather, student retention, and other elements may make some skills unworkable. No guarantees are made that all skills will be practically performed).

Notes: Completion of this course will not provide any "certification." This is a quick course to get basic skills for packrafters hoping to get on the water. There are minimal rope skills taught in this class which is very different than a Swiftwater Rescue Class, and this is not a course that is intended to teach you how to travel light. This class is heavy on swimming so plan on getting wet both days.

More Class Information: Contact Lead Instructor Zak Sears: zaksears4@gmail.com or Eric Riley at info@swiftwatersafetyinstitute.com