



**WESTERN**  
WA SHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
**Raft Guide Training**  
WWU Student Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Developmental Goals:**

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# Rafting Terminology

Confluence	_____
C.F.S.	_____
Ferry	_____
Eddy	_____
Eddy Fence, Eddy Line	_____
Hydraulic	_____
Cushion, Pillow	_____
Standing, Haystack, Compression Wave	_____
Wave Train	_____
Lateral Wave	_____
Hole, Stopper, Keeper, Reversal	_____
Boil Line	_____
Downstream V, Tongue	_____
Gradient	_____
Constriction	_____
Rock Garden	_____
Chute	_____
Drop	_____
Weir / Low-Head Dam	_____
Strainer	_____

# Running Rapids

## SAFE

### Scout

- Current
- Obstacles
- Route
- Alternatives
- Markers

### Analyze

- What are MY lines? (Not everyone else's)
- Can my crew do it?
- What if Swim or Flip?
- Where should safety be set?

### Formulate

- Plan route, pick line
- Backup plan
- Swimming and rescue plan

### Execute

- Go or NO-GO
- Brief crew
- Portage?

## Whitewater Raft Guide Evaluation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Exceeds Expectations</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Re-Train</b>	<b>1</b>

### River Skills

#### Boat Maneuvering

• Paddle Strokes	12	3	4	5
• Entry and Exit of Eddies	12	3	4	5
• Ferry Angles	12	3	4	5

#### River Reading

• Hydrology Application	12	3	4	5
• River Feature Analysis	12	3	4	5
• Boat Spacing	12	3	4	5

#### Leadership and Organization

• Initiative	12	3	4	5
• Safety Talk	12	3	4	5
• Ability to Make Sound Decisions	12	3	4	5
• Interpersonal Skills	12	3	4	5
• Time management	12	3	4	5

#### Guide Proficiency

• Confidence	12	3	4	5
• River Signals	12	3	4	5
• River Voice	12	3	4	5
• Crew Entertainment! People Skills	12	3	4	5
• Guide Briefing	12	3	4	5
• Punctuality	12	3	4	5
• Crew Ability Assessment	12	3	4	5

#### Boat Rigging

• Equipment Identification	12	3	4	5
• Efficiency	12	3	4	5
• Strap Configurations	12	3	4	5
• Trailer Configurations	12	3	4	5
• Procedures and Protocols	12	3	4	5

#### Rescue and Safety

• Throw bag Proficiency	12	3	4	5
• Ability to Re-flip a Boat	12	3	4	5
• River Swimming Ability	12	3	4	5
• Swimmer Recovery	12	3	4	5
• Understanding of Basic River Rescue	12	3	4	5