

July 29-August 2: River Rafter's Ride (Bike Camp)

Navigate the physics of a river through experiments with current, flow, and momentum.

Dive into designing rafts, dams, and bridges to discover the power of water!

Biking adventure to local rivers with fun creek walks each day.

Closed toed water shoes highly recommended as we will walk in small creeks everyday!

For more information about bike camps, visit our [Bike FAQ!](#)

For more information about water safety, visit our [Camp FAQ!](#)

Monday: Creek Walk and Bridge Building at Oak Creek and Mary's River

Drop-off and pick-up at [Avery House Nature Center](#)

- Bike to Oak creek - Mary's river confluence - Short bike path trail
- Creek walk in Oak Creek to the Mary's River with bridge building on the way
- Build mini bridges with optional current test in stream table

Tuesday: Water Flow and Dam Building

Drop-off and pick-up at [Oldfield Animal Center](#) (OATF)

- Oak Creek sites from Campus Way to Bald Hill hill farms
- Rock Dam building in creek - investigating and changing water flow
- cattail duck boat races with advanced option cattail weaving raft

Wednesday: Momentum of Water

Drop-off at [Porter Park](#) and pick-up at [Willamette Park](#)

- Investigating the changing momentum of a small creek to a big river.
- Traveling from small upstream channels to the Willamette
- Build usable/walkable bridges over Dixon Creek
- Wood cookie sail boats

Thursday: Rafting with Free Spirit River Rafting Company and History of the Willamette River

Non-Raft Group (ages 5-8): Drop-off and pick-up at [Crystal Lake Sports Park and Boat Ramp](#)

Raft Group (ages 8-14): Drop-off at [Crystal Lake Sports Park and Boat Ramp](#) and pick-up at [Hyak Park](#) in Albany around 4:30 or 5:00pm

Ages 8-14 Rafting with Free Spirit River Rafting Company

- Get your historic ticket on a Willamette steam boat.
- Row and flow with the Willamette River exploring islands, changing currents, and

amazing wildlife along the way

Ages 5-8 History of the Willamette River

- History of the Willamette River, biking to old river channels, ramps, and more
- Paint wooden paddle boats and test in calm river back channels
- Fun with river mud, sand, and rocks exploring diverse river banks

Friday: Mary's River Float and Walk

Drop-off and pick-up at [Avery House Nature Center](#)

- Mary's river float/walk - Introduction to rafting and water safety float along the calm Mary's River
 - Advanced students get to life jacket float and walk to truly investigate the river bottom
- Bike to the Mary's and Willamette River confluence
- Build a cork boat or redesign any of the projects you would like from the week