**Backcountry Leadership – Wilderness Conservation, Navigation & Risk Management Sample Itinerary**

**Sunday:** Travel into the Yakima Canyon near Ellensburg, WA where we will get oriented and start our expedition; your group will find its first waypoint this evening and set up an efficient camp.

**Monday:** Pack camp and prepare for the day’s hike; navigate out of the canyon and travel cross-country to a waypoint on a high ridge. Your group will have the option of following that ridge toward the mountains, using stars to guide you at night, and/or complete your journey the next morning at a location that is one of the best known birding sites in Washington State.

**Tuesday:** Backpack into the pine forests of the North Cascades wilderness focusing on wild edible and medicinal plants.

**Wednesday:** Your group can decide whether you would like to skirt rural areas while hiking, or get a ride to the trailhead entering the Teanaway Wolf Pack territory.

**Thursday:** Leave our packs at our wilderness camp and hike lightly through wolf country in search of wolves at higher elevations.

**Friday:** Backpack out; report findings to ranger station; and return to Ellensburg, North Bend, Seattle, and Puyallup for celebratory meals and stories.

Our schedule is somewhat dependent on weather, instructor discretion, camper desire, and serendipity.