

2012 RIVERBEAT NEWSLETTER



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OUTFITTING IDAHO'S MAGNIFICENT
MIDDLE FORK & MAIN SALMON RIVERS

photo: Scott Hefel Photography

Happy Winter!

Though the thermometer outside might not make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside, we hope these photos from our memorable 2011 river season will do just that!

If you were not able to join us on the river this past summer, we hope this will inspire you to give us a call.

And to those of you who did join us, we thank you for helping to make this past season one to remember! You are the reason we love what we do.



photo: Carl Hagelin

From the outfitter.....

As the river gains her bounty from the winter snows, and you find yourself nestling into your new routines, I would like to take the time to thank you all for the steadfast support to continue to make Canyons the best it can be. 2011 was a wonderful year, filled with stories and memories that will permeate through all of us for a long time to come. We had some of the highest water on record for the summer flows, bringing fresh new beaches and, yes, several new rapids!

If there is one thing I have learned in becoming an owner/outfitter these past 2 years, it is to value those great times on the river itself. Whether it is time with family, time with friends, time for myself, time to really unplug, time to rediscover what was always right in front of me, or just the simple time to live humbled by our magnificent planet, I learned through my transition from guide to outfitter that river time seems to be the most precious of all to me. That time is spent in the waves and along the banks of the Salmon River, the place I truly call home. It is the place where I met each of you and the place where I am inspired. It is a place of blissful days, joyful whitewater, sandy swimwear, shared laughter, full tummies, and endless stars under which to dream. It is a place where you just feel....connected.

I invite you to take this year to set aside some time, more specifically some river time! In fact, we are offering to all of you a fixed rate for trips through 2015. This offers you the gift of knowing a trip awaits and sits at the same economical rate as today's prices. Just lock in with a \$100 deposit by the end of September 2012 to get this year's rate on any available trip through 2015. When you pick your trip date, we will only charge the balance of today's deposit price too.

All of us at Canyons appreciate your dedication to create, make and share your stories with us. We remain the same tight-knit family you have come to know, and we encourage you to come make a story or two of your own with us.

This year, give yourself and your loved ones the greatest gifts of all..... the gift of adventure and the gift of time together.

Happy 2012! ~ Greg McFadden



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Limited time offer!

Between now and September 30th, put just \$100 down to lock in any available 2013, 2014 or 2015 trip at this year's rates!

Call Melissa at toll-free 888.634.2600 for details

Specialty Trips in 2012

Visit us online for more details!

high water hiker's trip

june 10~15 middle
fork &
june 16~20 main
salmon



gibt trip july 21~26 middle fork



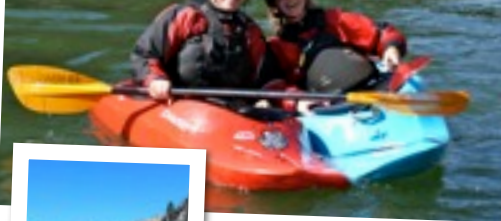
Have an idea for a specialty
trip you'd
like to see
on our
schedule?
We'd love
to hear it!

wine tasting & culinary trip aug 28 ~ sept. 2 main salmon



girls at play

women's kayak/raft & yoga trip
sept. 5~10 main salmon



artists watercolor trip july 29~aug. 3 middle fork



Specialty trip photos courtesy: Carl Hagelin, Scott Hefel Photography, Girls At Play, Canyons.

In memoriam Sponsor a veteran on a Canyons trip!

Boyce Greer worked hard, and played even harder. He lived, loved, and laughed.

Husband, father, son, co-worker, paddling buddy. Friend.

His memory stays with us on all adventures to come.



For the second time, we are partnering with Team River Runner, a national non-profit, volunteer-based organization established to create an environment of healthy adventure for healing active-duty and veteran service members through whitewater paddle sports. As a non-profit, TRR relies greatly on the generosity of donors. Canyons is honored to host these deserving participants and volunteers on a 6-day Main Salmon this September 13-18. We are offering the trip at a deeply discounted rate to cover basic expenses, and Team River Runner is working hard to raise funds, but we ask for your help to make this trip a reality. Our goal is to raise \$3,200. If just 1% of our readers were able contribute just \$50 each, we can reach this goal. Of course, we realize most of us have had to tighten our belts in this uncertain economic climate; and any amount, big or small, helps tremendously. If you would like to help sponsor a wounded veteran, please contact Melissa at Canyons for details on how to ensure your tax-deductible donation goes directly toward making this very special Main Salmon trip a reality.



"Health & healing through paddlesports"





Team Canyons....what are they up to in the off-season, & what's the one thing they *never* leave behind when packing for a river trip?



Ariana

Nesting in her and Josh's new Moab home

they built together. After sleeping under the stars all spring, summer and fall....she just can't spend enough time at home!

You'll never catch her without "**leg warmers**" stashed away in her dry bag! Yes, leg warmers.



Bruce

Bass player by night in his band B4zero, ski

tuner by day...and "hoping to get better acquainted with that La Nina chick" this winter, on his days off!

What's in this minimalist's dry bag? "**just the facts, ma'am.**" No time, no room and no need for anything more!



Erica

Spends winters in UT where she can rip up the

slopes by day and work by night. Recently appeared in the ski movie "Solitaire" as the only female member of a ski expedition to Chile.

In her dry bag: "**one of my own handmade ballerina tu-tu's**"

Points for river flare!



Greg

Greg is cat ski guiding for Powder

Addiction, in the Colorado high country & enjoying cozy time in his 1870 cabin in Winter Park, CO.

His art box is always in his river trip packing: "**I can't imagine doing a river trip without my brushes & watercolors. Inspiration is everywhere!**"



Helen

Day gig: Nordic ski center director.

Night gig: Rockin' the bass in her girl-band "Lush".

What's in her dry bag? "**nail polish...cuz you never know who's going to fall asleep around the campfire.**" (Cue the evil laugh)

Jesse

Lives on the mountain at Alta Ski Area in UT, as a ski patroller. Spring takes him to AK, as a heli ski guide for Chugach Powder Guides.



In his dry bag (or on his head, see photo): "**my Spirit Hoody**". Hmmm....

Jimbo

Cat ski guide for Silverton Powder-cats in CO in winter; salesperson at Four Corners Riversports in spring.



In his dry bag: "**dull rusty disposable razor. Always have it, never use it**". See photo for evidence.

Josh

When he's not creating a culinary masterpiece at Sabaku Sushi in Moab, Josh lets Mother Nature dictate his day. Sunshine? hiking slot canyons! Snow? skiing the La Sals!



In his dry bag: "**juniper salve and LOTS of socks!**"

Laura

Getting her M.A. in teaching, Spanish and ESL at Westminster college in Salt Lake City; and volunteering for a non-profit to aid local refugees.



Always in her dry bag: "**my dream journal**".

Les

Now a River Ranger on the Middle Fork (check out the uniform!) and catski guide in the winter months.



In his river stash: "**small vanity mirror from the 1980 Subaru I drove into the Nantahala river**".



Lisa

Hosting her never ending party, at the Blue Moon Yurt in

beautiful Ponderosa Park in McCall, ID.

What's in your dry bag, Whiz? "**Which one?**" she replies, in all seriousness.

(How can she and hubby Bruce be so opposite on this?)



Marty

Spends the winter on skis in

Idaho's backcountry, as co-owner/operator of Payette Powder Guides.

In his dry bag? "**My Pocket Kite...in a windstorm, I'll be the guy smiling**".



Melissa

For our only year-round staff member, there's no such thing as an "off season"!

Always in her dry bag: "**Super Salve...great for chapped lips, rough skin, heat rashes, cuts & scrapes, bug bites.....**".



Neal

In his 11th winter working on the ski patrol at The Canyons ski resort in Park City, UT.

Stuffed in his dry bag: "**Full sized pillow. Once I figured this one out, I've always brought one along**".



Niki

Cat ski director & guide for

Brundage Mtn. Ski Resort.

In her dry bag? "**Sarong: it's a towel, a sheet, a skirt, a dress, a head wrap, a sun shade, a changing room, a table cloth.....**".

Rick

In his 29th yr. tuning skis, & 13th yr. cat ski guiding. Ski, ski, ski....rest, and repeat.



What's in his dry bag? "**my camera....to capture life's spontaneous, silly & stunning moments**".

Susan

After 2 yrs as exec. director of a non-profit education foundation, she's taking the winter off to ski, do yoga and catch up on 30 yrs of reading.



In her dry bag: "**my granny's satin pillow case; gets stuffed with my down coat for a luxurious pillow.**"

Tessa

Wrapping up her senior year in NH, ski racing, and preparing for her next adventure....as a Freshman at Colorado College!



In her dry bag? "**the game Bananagrams, and duct tape**". (just like Tessa....fun, yet practical!)

Tim

Spends the off season designing custom homes in NC.



In his dry bag: "**My moon and stars flannel pillow and my river muumuu. On a river trip it is comfort that is important.**" (apparently, there's an orange wig too)

Tyler

Just completed his Master's degree in Elementary Education!



His dry bag necessity: "**The Starlore Handbook Guide to the Night Sky, and a high powered laser pointer to help show the constellations.**"



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