



river beat e~newsletter



Les & Susan Bechdel w/ their children Max & Laura (future river guides for Canyons!), as they pack up their belongings in North Carolina and head to Idaho for their new adventure, c.1985.

A NEW DECADE....A NEW ERA FOR TEAM CANYONS

Greg has been guiding for Canyons since 1994, and has also spent several years as a Grand Canyon boatman. When he's not behind the oars, you can bet you'll find him onshore behind a blank canvas, creating one of his beautiful river-inspired watercolor paintings (check it out at www.riverpainter.com).

We look forward to several cameo guide appearances by Les this summer, and we send out a huge "congrats!" to Susan, the new Executive Director for McCall-Donnelly Education Foundation.

The rest of our close-knit team is looking forward to coming together again this summer, and will continue to provide the time-honored tradition of quality, value, safety and passion that Les and Susan have instilled in all of us.

We're excited to announce our new website (www.canyonsinc.com or www.canyonsrivercompany.com), sporting a fresh look with several

new features and links. One of those features is a link to our new Facebook page: (www.facebook.com/canyons) and we invite you to "become a fan"! Sure, it makes us feel good to have "fans", but it also allows you to receive alerts when we have last-minute specials, hot deals, and contests. Our Facebook fans can also view and post photos from their river trips with us, or read reviews from past guests! **See page 2 for a special discount offer to all of our new Facebook fans!**



New owner, Greg McFadden, with Les & Susan. c. 2010!

SPECIALTY TRIPS ~

Summer Solstice Special ~

June 19-24 Middle Fork & June 25-30 Main Salmon

Celebrate the solstice where nature intended! These longest days of summer allow extra time for exploring the hiking opportunities in this beautiful canyon: pictographs, waterfalls, abandoned homesteads and hillsides of alpine wildflowers. *Do this trip as a combo and take an extra \$400 off!*



Sand, Sun & Stemware ~ wine tasting & culinary cuisine August 28 - September 2 Main Salmon

Whether you're a gourmet or a gourmand, give your knowledge a boost and your taste buds a treat, in this pristine setting of world-class whitewater and unspoiled wilderness. What better place than the Main Salmon River to enjoy food, wine, family and friends. Add some fierce fun, a large bunch of laughter, you'll have a great recipe for indelible memories.



Kids Kayak Adventure ~ Sept. 5 - 10 Main Salmon

Open to youth age 14-16, this beginner / intermediate-level instructional trip will boost your young paddler's confidence and enhance their love of all-things-river! Taught by renowned paddlers Freddy Corriel & Melissa Newell, of McCall Kayak Club.



Special thanks to Idaho photographer (and fellow river-rat) Steve Bly for reminding us with every photo of how incredibly special Idaho's Middle Fork & Main Salmon rivers are. www.blyphoto.com

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