

Salmon River News

It's a beautiful spring day in Salmon and the steelhead are making their move up the river to their spawning grounds. Chris hates working in the office on days like today when he can't come up with the right reason to be on the river fishing! We're in the middle of another great steelhead season with high fish counts and optimal temperatures. Call Chris toll-free at 877.756.6215 for more details – he loves to talk fishing.

Our big news is that Silver Cloud Expeditions has a new "world headquarters" – still in Salmon but a little closer to town. After a whirlwind search, we found a home and property a mile south of town and ended up moving between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Do boxes multiply at night while you sleep?! We are fairly certain we will never move again...

In addition to packing, cleaning, moving, more cleaning and unpacking, we have stayed quite busy this winter. Mary works for the BLM on Lewis and Clark and Continental Divide National Scenic Trail projects. Chris anchors the Silver Cloud Expeditions office and has stayed extremely busy organizing the World Beer Cup competition in San Diego this spring. Duncan and Connor amaze us with how fast they are growing up...

News Flash!

We just received this update from 'down under' before going to press – Victoria "the Kiwi" Woods is engaged and plans a spring 2005 wedding. Those cold, lonely nights in Antarctica helped make up her mind. Congratulations Vic and Jeremiah!



Crew News

We're so pleased that our wonderful lead guide, Victoria "the Kiwi" Woods, will be joining us for another great rafting season. Vic spent the winter on New Zealand's Scott Base in Antarctica. She's ready for those warm summer nights on the Salmon to thaw out! Tom Dieffenbach teaches high school biology in American Falls and is already planning spring kayak trips. Frank Green teaches math at Salmon High School when he's not hunting, fishing, boating and coaching track. Jacie Green teaches math at Ririe High School in southeastern Idaho and is settling into married life. Keri Knudson practices nursing in Pocatello and she and Tim are busy being new homeowners. Shane Moser has got to be close to graduating from University of Idaho... Max Dieffenbach skied a ton this winter – he's had so much fun we don't hear from him often... Katherine Blackadar is completing her second year at Albertson College in Caldwell, near Boise. Breann Westphal will complete her second year as a University of Idaho exchange student and is spending the spring semester in Scotland. Dillon Tabish is finishing his first year at the University of Montana.

"Thanks for the great trip, wonderful food and a lifetime of memories."

–Sally Elliott, Corvallis, OR

"What a great trip you all provide! Thank you, thank you for helping me experience it."

–Betty Dodds, Queensbury, NY

"Thanks for the wonderful trip. You run a tight ship with great planning, delicious meals, great informative show-and-tells and fun entertainment. I know that all of us will be recommending your outfit to others."

–Jeri Corbin, Corvallis, OR

"I would like to express to you my gratitude for providing such a 'wild' wilderness vacation with just the right amount of creature comforts to satisfy this city dweller."

–Wendy Murphy, O'Fallon, MO

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Recipe Corner

The morning after our guides get off the river, either Chris or Mary serves a huge breakfast while the crew is cleaning up from the trip. It's become a weekly competition between the two of them to see who can come up with the most "to die for" meal and our guides win out every time! Here is one of Mary's favorites that you can serve at home:

Dutch Oven Pancake

4 eggs 3/4 tsp salt
1 cup milk 1/4 stick unsalted butter
1 cup flour
Lemon wedges, confectioner's sugar, fresh fruit – especially berries

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Move rack to lowest position in oven

Whisk eggs, milk, flour, sugar and salt in large bowls until well blended. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Divide butter between two 9- or 10-inch pie pans; place in oven until butter melts. Remove pans, swirl butter to coat sides. Divide batter between pans.

Bake on lowest rack of oven until pancakes are golden, set in center and rise high above sides of pan, 12 to 15 minutes. Cut into wedges and put on plates. Squeeze lemon juice over top, sprinkle with confectioner's sugar and fresh fruit. Serve with maple syrup – Mary likes to serve her homemade plum syrup. Enjoy!



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See You on the River!

Summer is right around the corner. We're looking forward to another wonderful season filled with adventure, relaxation and thrilling whitewater. It's been a wet winter with good snow pack and you know what that means – fun, fun, fun on the river! We hope you'll tell your friends and family about us and come back to raft the Salmon soon.

See you on the river!

Chris & Mary



Summer Whitewater Rafting Trip Dates

- Five Day: June 20, 28; July 6, 14, 22, 30; August 7, 15
- Six Day: August 23, 31

~ Pre or post season charter trips are available for groups of 6 or more ~

Summer Whitewater Rafting Trip Options

Boise to Boise (if you're flying to Idaho)
Salmon to Salmon (if you're driving to Idaho from the East)
McCall to McCall (if you're driving to Idaho from the West)
Salmon to McCall (if you're driving to Salmon and points west after the trip)

Spring and Fall Steelhead Fishing Trip Options

- 3 to 6 Day Fall Wilderness Fishing
- Single Day Spring and Fall Driftboat Dory Fishing

Late Summer Trout Fishing Trip

- 6 Day Salmon River Tributary Fly Fishing (August 31 - Sept. 5)

~ Please contact us for pricing and details~