



River Discovery Credentials

River Discovery's programming was developed by Katsey Long, Board president and a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in counseling families. Program components include:

- A licensed mental health professional staffs each adventure;
- Three pre and post program surveys that measure physical activity, eating habits and physical and emotional well-being;
- Daily meetings facilitated by a licensed, mental health professional and designed to build trust and connections within the group;
- Daily time to reflect and journal; and
- Individual and group oriented physical and emotional challenges incorporated into daily activities.

A licensed medical professional staffs each River Discovery program. Dr. Jeff Hancock, a pediatric oncologist from Rexburg, Idaho, serves as the medical advisor to the organization on medical forms and issues. Dr. Jeff most recently filled the medical staff position on the 2009 Teen Adventure.

All prospective staff participates in a comprehensive application, background check and training process. These dedicated staffers offer support and encouragement 24 hours a day. They are committed to providing a safe, comfortable environment for all participants to flourish in.

Wilderness River Outfitters Information

Wilderness River Outfitters has been a family owned and operated rafting company for the past 38 years. WRO is a licensed and bonded outfitter in Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Canada but based in beautiful Salmon, Idaho. Founders, Joe and Fran Tonsmeire, both battled cancer and were touched by the struggles children with cancer faced. Knowing the therapeutic effects of experiencing nature on the river, they became involved with the beginnings of River Discovery in 2006.

Wilderness River Outfitters offers quality rafting adventures with top of the line rafting and camping equipment. WRO guides are professionals with years of river experience, knowledge of flora and fauna, extensive wilderness first aid and river rescue training and a fun-loving attitude. Client safety and enjoyment of the river experience is their highest priority. Since WRO prides itself in offering small personalized rafting trips, you will get lots of opportunities to hike, fish, kayak, explore and just relax around the campfire with your new friends. The guides will show you how to camp in the wilderness, maneuver an inflatable kayak, or cook in a Dutch oven. Together with River Discovery's volunteers, WRO will make this an experience of a lifetime with lots of fun memories of your incredible Salmon River journey.

WRO will be happy to provide references from former River Discovery participants who traveled with Wilderness River Outfitters. If you would like more information, you can visit their website at www.wildernessriver.com, phone them at 208.756.3959 or email them at wro@wildernessriver.com.