



HUGHES RIVER EXPEDITIONS, Inc.

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2006

All of us at Hughes River Expeditions invite you to make a river trip in 2006 – our 30th year! Join us to raft and kayak America’s best rivers and to celebrate three decades of river running.

Our goals have always been to raft great rivers, through incredible canyons, and to provide first class service. We fully realize that these 30 years would not have been possible without you. We appreciate your business, referrals, friendship, and your love of beautiful wild rivers & canyons.

About Us and Where is the “Hughes River”?

Jerry Hughes (58) and **Carole Finley** (57) have run HRE as an owner/operator family business since 1976. Experience counts, and we have plenty of it. 2006 is our 30th year of operation, and Jerry’s 41st year guiding throughout the West.

Jerry & Carole are Idahoans. Both graduated from Univ. of Idaho. Their love of wild rivers made starting HRE a natural choice. Jerry and Carole live in Cambridge, ID, (pop. 383). They have raised three kids on Idaho rivers (whom many of you know). Megan (22) works for Citibank in Boise. Ashley (20) is a HRE guide & sophomore at Univ. of Idaho studying Outdoor Recreation. Colin (15) swamps on HRE trips, plays high school football and basketball for the Tri Valley Titans.

Kim Fisk runs the HRE office. Kim is incredibly knowledgeable and fun to discuss river trips with. As anyone close to HRE knows, Kim is the “key” to everything working around here. Give her a call!

People often ask us, “Where is the Hughes River?” If you can find the “**Hughes River**” let us know. We outfit & guide on the incredible and renowned backcountry rivers of Idaho and Eastern Oregon.



Why Go With Hughes?

- HRE is a **small, owner/operator family business**.
- “Hughes Service” is designed to assure that our trips are absolutely the best possible outdoor vacations.
- We promise spectacular rivers and first class trips.
- The HRE guide crew is a wonderful mix of personalities and backgrounds.
- No outfitter loves rafting more than Jerry Hughes.
- With 30 years experience, we know what we’re doing.
- All camping gear provided. No rental fees.
- Great meals with fresh meats, fresh fruits & vegetables, Dutch oven baking,... (plenty)...
- And, of course, “Safety First” on all HRE trips.



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Who is “Snake”?

For many old river rats, Jerry Hughes is also known as “Snake”. In spite of Jerry’s age, the rumor that the Snake River was named for him is untrue.

Buttermilk Dutch Oven Biscuits!

Pre-Mix:

10 cups flour
4 tsp. baking powder
2 tsp. baking soda
4 tsp. salt
½ cup sugar
4 packets Quick Yeast
Small zip lock with ½ cup flour for rolling dough

On the river:

2 cups shortening
1 quart buttermilk
1 cup warm water
1 T honey

Dissolve yeast & honey in warm water & set aside. Mix dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Add buttermilk & water/yeast/honey mixture. Use extra flour to roll dough. Cut biscuits. Place biscuits into warm Dutch ovens to rise. Bake. Makes two 12" Dutch ovens.



Family Trips

Whitewater rafting is an exceptional way to spend quality time with your family. Families make up over 60% of our annual business. Jerry & Carole raised their kids on rivers, and HRE specializes in providing well-planned, family friendly, and "safety first" trips. A river run is a "sure to please" extended family vacation for kids through grandparents.

Cool Trips for 2006

Larry Jones Outdoor Photo Workshop

Snake River (Aug. 14-17)(4 Days/3 Nights)

The Nature Conservancy Interpretive Trip

Middle Fork (Aug. 25-29)(5 Days/4 Nights)

Late Summer "Blue Ribbon Fly Fishing"

Middle Fork (September 2-6, 10-14, 18-22)(5 Days/4 Nights)

RIVER FLOW TIME LINE FOR HRE

- 1963** Jerry's 1st river run – Boy Scout trip on Middle Fork.
- 1964** Another Boy Scout Trip for Jerry. Salmon River.
- 1965** Jerry employed on the Boy Scout Staff for Middle Fork trips all summer.
- 1967-73** Jerry guides for Hatch River Expeditions on the Yampa, Green, Colorado, Middle Fork, Salmon, Selway...
- 1968** Jerry & Carole run Hatch trip on Middle Fork. Carole's first river trip.
- 1974-76** Jerry & Carole work with Wild Rivers Idaho on Salmon, Snake, Owyhee, Middle Fork.
- 1976** (fall) Jon Lovelace, Bob Kirby, Jerry, and Carole start Hughes River Expeditions, Inc.
- 1977** HRE's 1st season on the river.

1979 Jon & Kirb finance Jerry's & Carole's purchase of all HRE stock. Thanks Jon & Kirb! Couldn't have made HRE fly without your help.

1983 Add launch dates to Middle Fork operation. Begin "full service" Middle Fork trips with oar rafts, paddle rafts, inflatable kayaks, and sweep controlled gear boat.

1985 Begin "full service" Snake & Salmon Canyon trips with oar rafts, paddle rafts, inflatable kayaks, & big gear boats.

1987 First self-bailing rafts & kayaks.

1989 Kim Fisk takes over as office manager for HRE.

2000 Expand Snake business to launch every 4 days.

2006 Business heads into 3rd decade. Daughter Ashley guiding, and son Colin camp helping and running a gear raft. Jerry still guiding 10-12 trips annually. We're just getting started. HERE WE GO!!

ANY FRIENDS WHO NEED A BROCHURE? LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING! Call, email, or write. We would enjoy hearing from you.



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