

Writing on the River



Photo: Raymond Meeks

with Annick Smith

Annick Smith brings a wide range of expertise to the course, as an accomplished memoir writer, essayist, editor and film producer. Author of the memoir *Homestead*, a collection of essays, *In This We Are Native*, and a history of the tallgrass prairies, *Big Bluestem*. Smith was also co-editor with William Kittredge of the Montana anthology *The Last Best Place*. Smith was executive producer of the film *Heartland*, and co-producer of *A River Runs Through It*, directed by Robert Redford. She has taught creative writing at the University of Montana as well as numerous writing workshops and conferences.

For the second year, Oregon literary nonprofit **Fishtrap** teams up with **Winding Waters River Expeditions** to offer an adventure in writing on the **Snake River in Hells Canyon**. From **August 26-31, 2010**, Writing On the River floats members of a wilderness workshop through a classroom setting much larger than most students are used to. The visual aids are impressive, stretching for miles inside the deepest gorge in North America. Participants in the course will explore Hells Canyon, along with their writing craft, for five days on the Snake River with Montana author and film producer **Annick Smith**. Work will concentrate on connections among 'Memory, Place and Story,' in a canyon rich with all three. Play takes care of itself, as getting to your next classroom or campsite may involve running a series of whitewater rapids with a guide, paddling a kayak or hiking a rim of the canyon.

The trip includes catered meals closer to fine dining than what you might expect from an outdoor kitchen. Winding Waters River Expeditions of Joseph, Oregon, provides all camping and river equipment, along with experienced guides, a spotless safety record and transportation once you reach the town of Joseph.



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