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Calling all river explorers!



Hey there, awesome kids!

Get ready for a special edition of The Columbian newspaper made just for you! We have a fantastic team of about 120 people working in downtown Vancouver to bring you all the exciting stories and graphics and games. We also want to give a big shout-out to our friends at RIFF Creative. They helped us design this awesome edition, and we're so grateful for their help. Teamwork makes everything more fun!

Guess what? Our newspaper has been around for more than 130 years! Isn't that amazing? My great-grandpa actually bought it about 100 years ago. Then, my grandpa and dad took over, and now my brother and I are in charge. We're always looking for new ways to have fun, like creating this Kid's Edition just for you!

Today, we're focusing on something super important—the Columbia River. It's the reason why Vancouver is right where it is! We want to share all the cool things about this incredible river with you.

Parents, if you want to keep getting more copies of this Kid's Edition in the future, don't worry! We'll print a few special editions every year in the Weekend Edition. Just scan the QR code or visit columbian.com/subscribe for more info. It's as easy as a click!

So, get ready to dive into the exciting world of the Columbia River with us. Let's explore, learn, and have a blast together! ●

Thank you,
Will



Will Campbell, Innovation Editor and Co-owner



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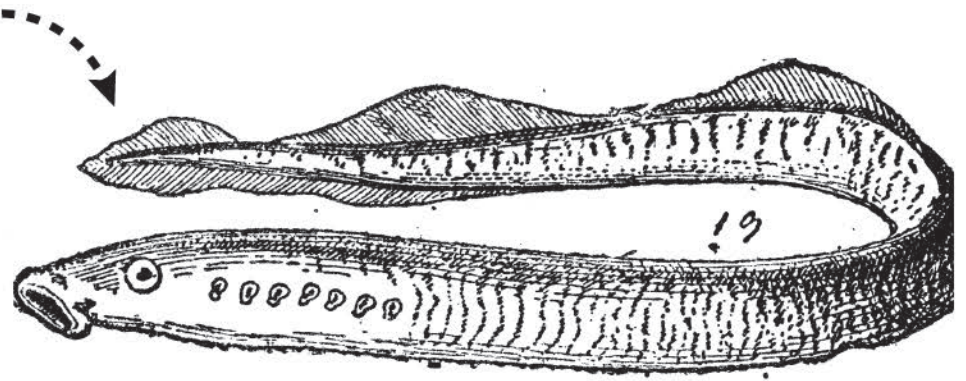


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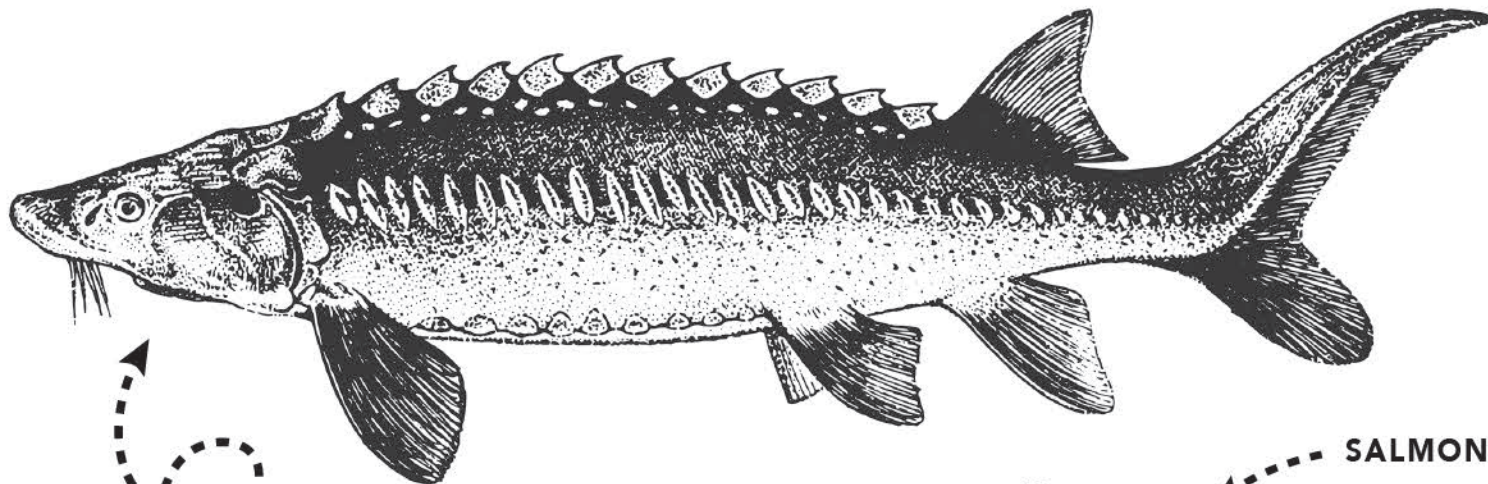
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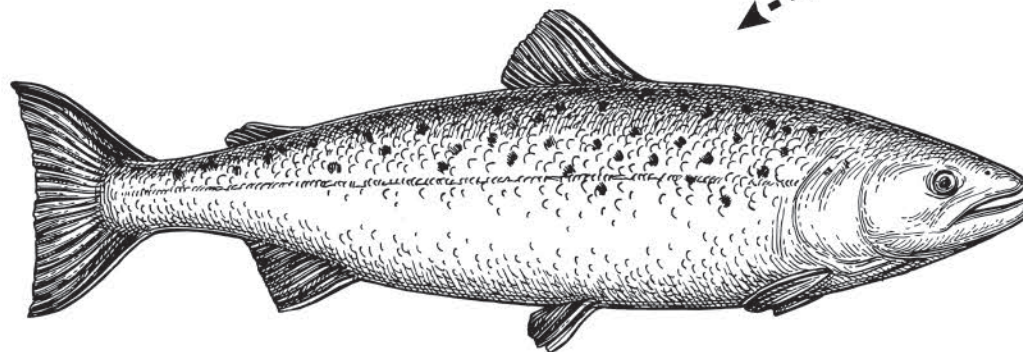
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IMAGINE A BRAND NEW BRIDGE:

Exploring Ideas for the Future of the Columbia River!

By Will Campbell, *The Columbian*



Have you heard about the big, tall green bridge across the Columbia River called the I-5 Bridge? It's over 100 years old and is loved by many. But guess what? Some people think it's time for a new one! What do you think it should look like? Let's explore some ideas!

Some people imagine a vast tunnel, like a secret underground path for cars to drive through. Isn't that exciting? Others think we should add another bridge to the river, making it a total of three bridges in our city! Wow, imagine all those cars driving across!

But the special group in charge of building a new bridge has a different idea. They want to create a bridge that's super strong and enormous and never has to stop cars, trucks, or buses when a boat needs

to float underneath. How cool would that be?

The plan is to build this new bridge using a strong material called concrete. Construction is set to start in just two years, but projects this big sometimes take a while to figure out. It's expected to be finished in the year 2033. That's still a long way to go, but it'll be worth the wait! ●

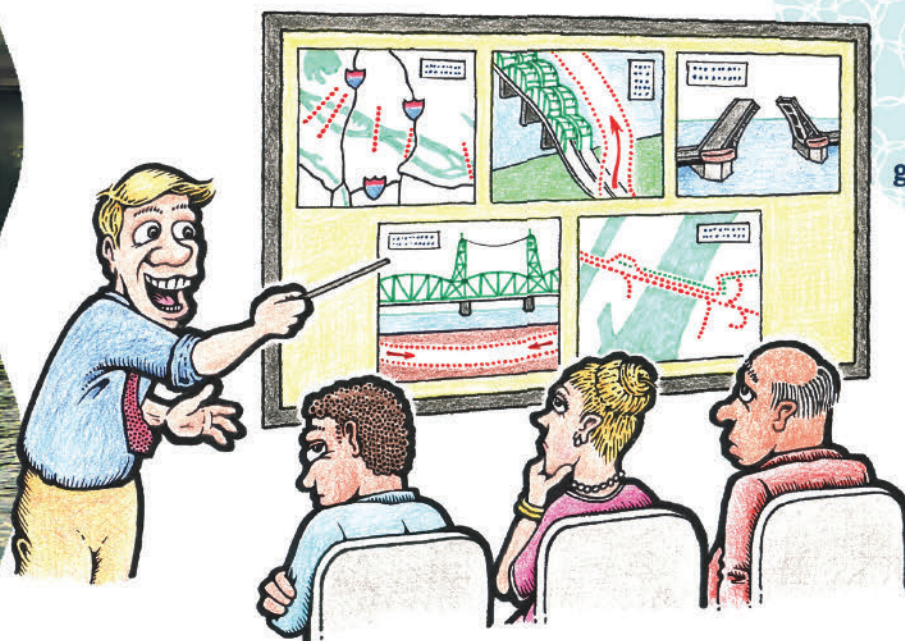
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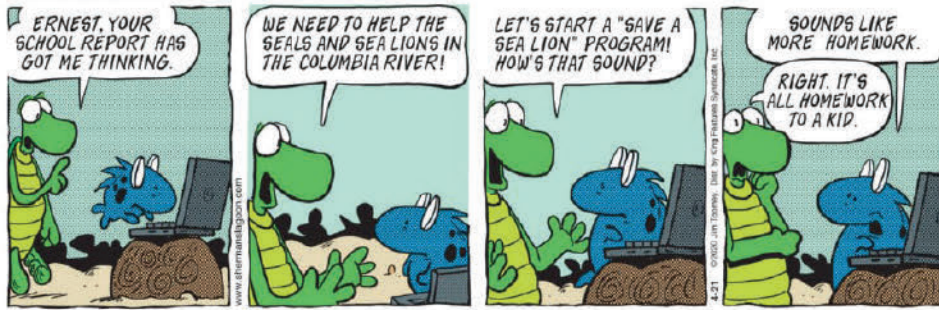
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Can you even imagine all those zeros? That's a gigantic amount of money!

So, what do you think? Are you excited about the new bridge? Keep your eyes open for updates on this amazing project. Who knows, maybe you'll get to drive across it someday!



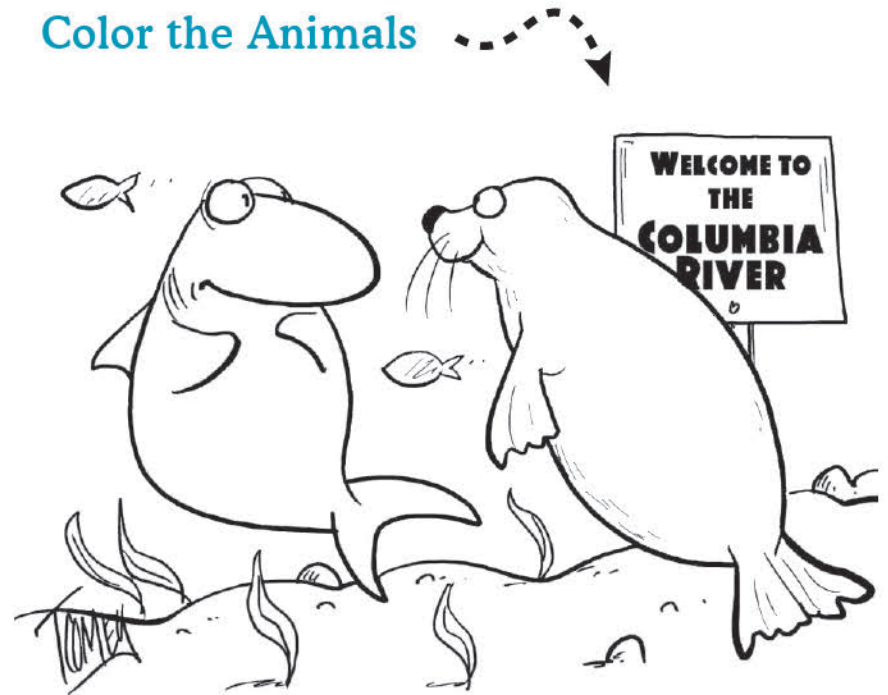
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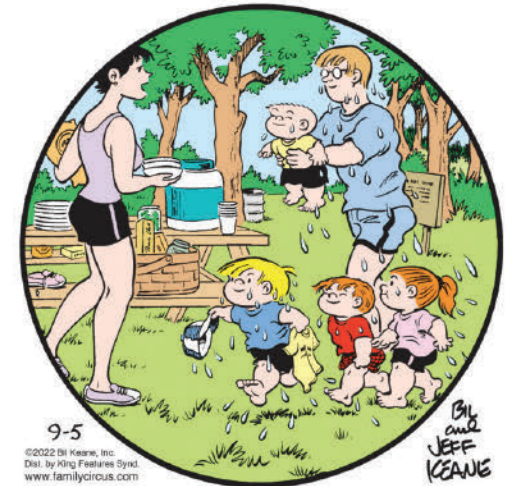


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Take a swim

Did you know that every year, salmon go on an incredible adventure? They start in the vast Pacific Ocean and swim all the way up the Columbia River. These special fish have an amazing ability to remember where they were born. When it's time to have their own babies, they swim back to the exact same spots. It's like they have a secret map in their minds!



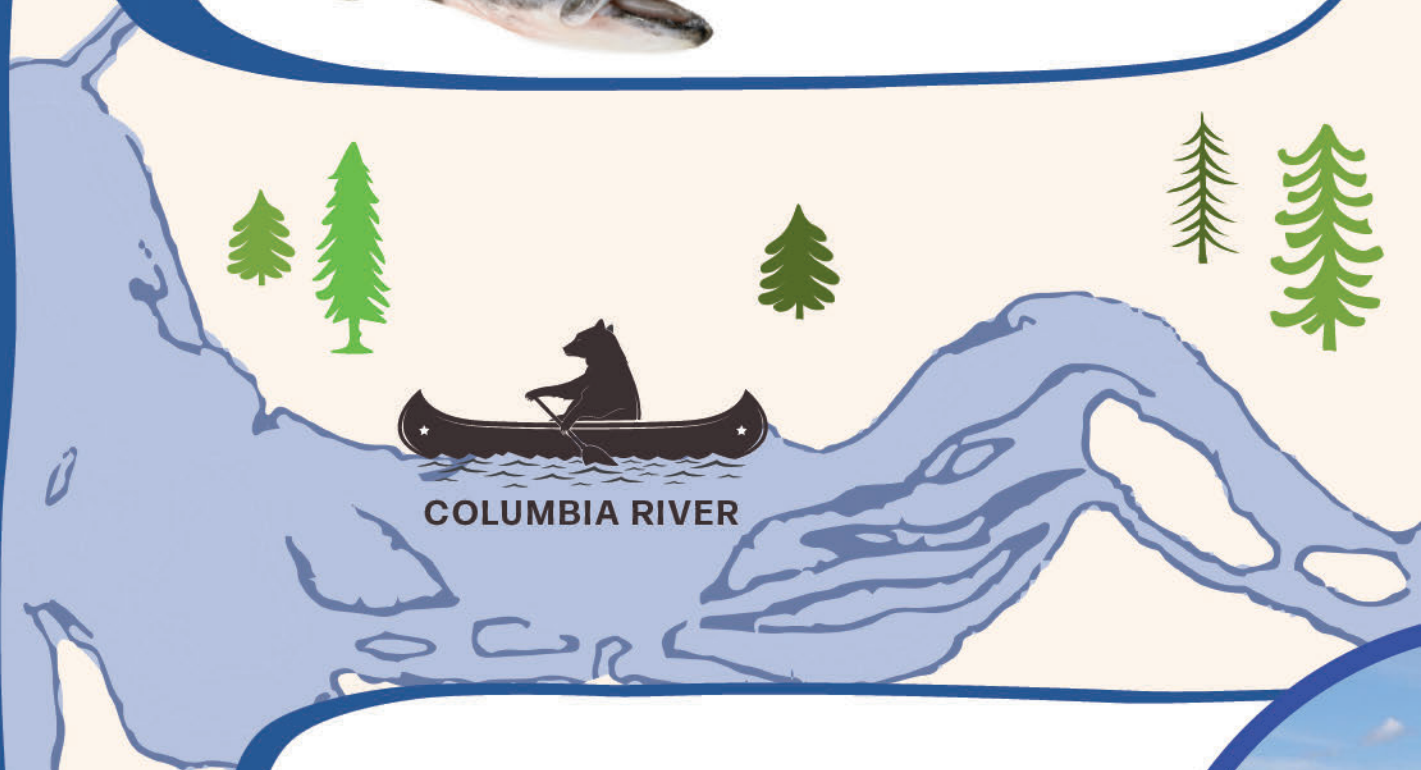
Fun Fact

The Columbia River comes from Canada and flows **1,253 miles** to the Pacific Ocean, that's a lot of miles!



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Power Up

The Columbia River is like a superhero! It helps create something really cool called hydroelectric power. There are awesome dams along the river, like the Grand Coulee Dam, Chief Joseph Dam, and Bonneville Dam. These dams use the river's power to make clean and renewable energy. They give electricity to millions of people, just like magic! The best part is, this energy is super clean and doesn't harm our environment. So next time you see the Columbia River, remember it's a real-life superhero giving us amazing, clean energy.



Where does The Columbia River come from and where does it go?

Deep in Canada's forests, the incredible Columbia River begins at Columbia Lake. It grows as more rivers join, becoming bigger and stronger. Flowing through Washington State, it gains momentum and takes a westward turn, forming the majestic

Columbia River Gorge with towering cliffs and stunning waterfalls like Multnomah Falls. In Vancouver, Washington, we're lucky to have the Columbia River passing by, like a cool neighbor. It continues until it reaches the Pacific Ocean, where the challenging

Columbia River Bar awaits. Brave rescuers help boats navigate this area. From humble beginnings to powerful waves, the journey of the Columbia River is truly amazing!

Make a splash

Guess what? The water in our Waterfront Vancouver park is a mini version of the mighty Columbia River! How cool is that? Look closely and you'll find special fountains representing the rivers on a map. These fountains are like the smaller rivers joining the Columbia River. It's like having a small-scale model of the real thing in our park. So, put on your explorer hats and let's find these magical fountains! They're hidden treasures waiting to be discovered.



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Go Fishin'

Grab your fishing rod and try your luck at catching some fish in the Columbia River. You might reel in a feisty salmon or a silvery trout. Just make sure to follow the fishing rules and release any fish you don't plan on eating.

Build Castles

Head to the sandy riverbanks and unleash your creativity by building sand castles. Dig moats, add seashells as decorations, and create your dream castle fit for a king or queen. Let your imagination run



Bike along the River

Grab your bike and pedal along the scenic bike trails that run parallel to the Columbia River. Feel the wind in your hair as you enjoy the breathtaking views and keep an eye out for wildlife peeking through the trees.

Hey there, adventurous kids! Are you ready for some super fun activities to do at the amazing Columbia River?

Let's dive right in!

Bird Watching Bonanza

The Columbia River is a paradise for bird watchers. Bring your binoculars and try to spot majestic bald eagles, graceful herons, and other feathered friends that call this river home. Keep a bird journal and draw the birds you see!



Explore the Trails

Lace up your hiking shoes and embark on a nature adventure. Follow the riverside trails, spot colorful wildflowers, and keep an eye out for critters like squirrels and rabbits. Remember to stick to the trails and respect the environment.

Picnic Time!

Pack a delicious picnic and find a cozy spot along the river to enjoy your lunch. Spread out a blanket, munch on sandwiches and fruits, and listen to the soothing sounds of the flowing water. Don't forget to clean up afterward and leave no trace!



Splash in the Waves

Put on your swimsuit and jump into the river's refreshing water. Splash and swim to your heart's content. But remember, always have an adult nearby and stay in the designated swimming areas for your safety.



So, young explorers, the Columbia River is waiting for you to have a blast! Whether you're fishing, splashing, building sandcastles, or simply enjoying a picnic, remember to respect nature and have a whale of a time. **The Columbia River is your playground, so go out there and make unforgettable memories!**

Saving the slithery lamprey of the Columbia River



Liliana Pendzick, 7, from Ridgefield, and her mom Lindy Pendzick, look at the lamprey stuck to the Bonneville Dam viewing window. "I've never seen a lamprey before," she said. "They are cool and smart." (Will Campbell/The Columbian)

By Will Campbell, *The Columbian* 

Let's peek into the fascinating world of the Columbia River and meet some unusual-looking fish called lamprey. These fish are a little weird, but they play a very important role in the river.

As the river currents flow, lamprey swim around with their round mouths, searching for tasty snacks stuck to the rocks at the bottom of the river. They're like underwater vacuum cleaners, freeing up nutrients and bugs that other fish need for their

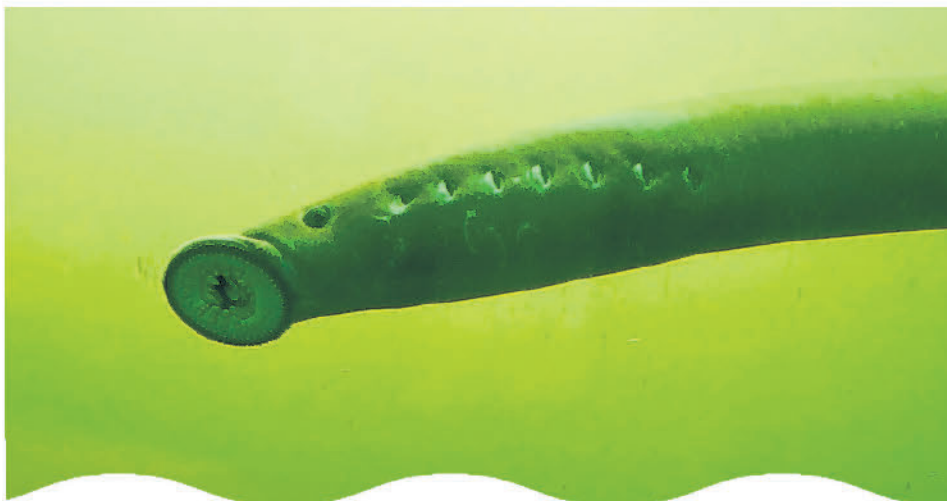
meals. Lamprey also distract sneaky predators like birds, keeping them away from hunting salmon. Salmon are thankful for that!

But here's something concerning. The number of lamprey is getting smaller and smaller, and that worries scientists. When your parents were your age, there were over 100,000 lamprey swimming through Bonneville Dam. But now, there are only around 30,000 of them making their way across the dam. We need to help them!

So, what's being done to protect these special fish? Well, people are becoming more aware of how important lamprey are to the river's ecosystem. New laws are being created to help their numbers bounce back. One idea that scientists have is to create easier passages for lamprey through salmon hatcheries in the smaller rivers connected to the Columbia River. This way, lamprey can find more places to eat and build their nests.

It's like building special doorways just for them! How awesome is that?

Remember, every creature in nature has a vital role to play, just like lamprey do in the Columbia River. By learning about and protecting these amazing fish, we can keep our river ecosystem thriving. Let's join the effort to make sure lamprey have a bright future ahead! ●



Lamprey are important to all the creatures in the Columbia River, but scientists say they need help because the number of them is dropping. (Will Campbell/The Columbian)

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“ There was a big puddle with a bridge over it. I swam in it and I had my floaty on and I had fun swimming.

-Valentina, Age 6,
Fruit Valley Elementary Kindergarten

“ We went fishing and there was a place that kept me from swimming away from my family. And it was fun even though the water looked like a real swamp.

-Jojo, Age 6,
Fruit Valley Elementary Kindergarten

“ Sometimes my daddy takes us camping at the river and we fish for salmon. I do not like fish.

-Annabelle, Age 6,
Fruit Valley Elementary Kindergarten

What is your favorite thing about the Columbia River?



“ I like playing in the water and all the animals that live near it.

-Kaydence, age 8

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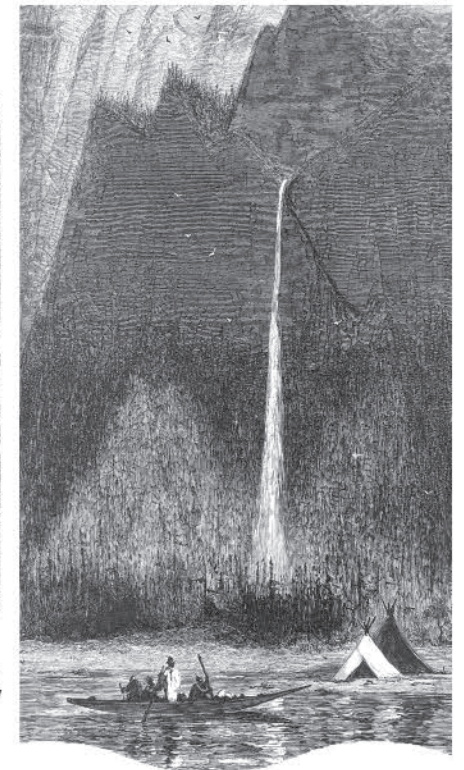
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The fascinating lives of Native Americans along the Columbia River



By Tanna Engdahl,
for *The Columbian*



Let's learn about the fascinating Native Americans, who lived very different lives along The Columbia River for thousands of years before pioneers or explorers found this part of the world.

Many Indian villages were spread out along the banks of the great Columbia River or along smaller rivers that flowed into it, on its long journey to the Pacific Ocean. Their food, buildings, the way they got around were much more in-touch with nature than the way we live today.

If you went back thousands of years, you would see the native river people, from a few different tribes, busy drying furs for clothes or fish for food. All foods had to be dried or smoked to preserve them for future use, especially through the long winters. For tribes along the Columbia River on the spot that became Vancouver and

down river, salmon was an important food with smaller fish called smelt that served as a protein boost when winter food storage was beginning to go away.

Men constructed buildings called long houses out of cedar wood planks. These great lodges housed space for many smoky cooking fires for families.

Plank houses were built with ingenious precision where plank joints fit tightly together and were secured with strong braided cords from cedar and shrub plants. Smoke holes in the roof kept the smoke from cooking fires drafting upward.

These enterprising people were very good at their carving and weaving. Women wove baskets with intricate designs and dyes from nearby plants. Cedar trees, with bark pulled into long strips and soaked in water, were made into rain-proof hats and capes, for protection

during the cold, wet winter.

Canoes were constructed from large cedar trees. Some were low and sleek for speed, and some were wider and heavier for cargo for family travel.

Spring and summer were times to harvest root vegetables from nearby prairies and meadows. In early fall, berries were dried and used to spice the dried meat and salmon patties or to make desserts.

Although native languages were different, the customs of the Lower Columbia Indians were nearly the same, with small variations from tribe to tribe. Many of the tribes and languages are now extinct, but some are written down and still spoken. ●

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