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Chris believes that teamwork and leadership boil down to three simple elements: self-knowledge, compassionate presence, and courageous conversations. In other words, it boils down to being your full Wild self—having the courage to bring the gift of all of who you are to all of what you do.

Chris' "Wild" life serves as the canvas for her speaking and teambuilding programs. She freely admits that much of what she's learned about humanity comes from dogs and rivers—from her team of 16 sled dogs, who she helped breed, raise, and train, to her decades of guiding whitewater canoe trips. Combined, they create the perfect back-drop for memorable, easy to apply, lasting, and life-changing tools for individuals, teams, leaders, and organizations.

Not wild enough yet? Chris recently converted a 1950's rambler into a cabin in the city (Bloomington MN) with sustainable building practices, tearing out walls, using reclaimed barn timber flooring, installing a masonry wood stove, passive solar (for now), on-going tree planting, and creating large organic gardens.

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She shares her life with many two and four-legged loved ones, the gifts of these connections teaching her over and over again that the bumps and the beauty of life are made sweeter by daring to live and love whole-heartedly.