



Eagle's Nest Center, Inc.

Teaching Good Values and Principles for Life!

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General Background Information

I spent my youth growing up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and in northern Wisconsin near the Menominee Reservation. My parents were divorced when I was five years old and my mother took care of my younger sister and myself. When I was twelve, I was severely burned in a fire and fought a long and hard battle to live, then to recover. My time as a teenager was troubled and at risk much like the many young people I help today. I married my wife Judy 34 years ago, adopted her three year old son and have had two additional children, a son and a daughter.

Keeping a vow to myself, I moved the family to rural Wisconsin and purchased a farm where I raised my children until we moved to a campground that we had purchased where we still live today.

Professional History

As a teen, I worked in various foundries in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In my late teens I worked with a relative starting a logging business. These work experiences in my youth developed a 'work hard' ethic. Eventually, I founded my own construction company and did various construction work and developed a passion for building. My business came to a close and I shut it down due to a broken back and other problems. I went back to college to study Industrial Engineering and worked in this field for several years. As I mentioned earlier, we sold our family farm and relocated to a campground we had purchased and eventually founded Eagle's Nest Center, Inc. A way to utilize the campground as a drug and alcohol free environment.

Eagle's Nest Center came to life from a life-long desire to help others having a difficult time. It has expanded through many difficulties over the past years but, I find it to be some of the most rewarding work I've done in my life.

Personal Interests

I enjoy climbing when I can and I also enjoy fishing, with my wife Judy, on the river. I bow hunt alone and really enjoy that time for myself. I have had considerable education in traditional Native American life and the ceremonial songs. I've learned these songs over the years and I love to sing them whether in ceremony or alone.

What I think really tops the list though, is enjoying being a Grandfather.