bioSite: Ideas, Sketches, and Inspiration

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BioSite Style Guide

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Inspiration

I selected my father-in-law, Steve Harrington to showcase on the bio site. Steve is an interesting character and was the perfect personality to highlight and share his hobbies and accomplishments. Steve is a great father and I am truly fortunate to have someone like him as a father in-law and friend. However, Steve is notorious for calling plan wrecking audibles when we gather as a family for major holidays and always ensures that we go a little overboard on every family activity no matter what it is. And his kids will always passively aggressively give in to his shenanigans. It is so great being sort of a spectator in my wife's family drama (all innocent-standard family drama). He has been visiting us for the last few weeks and there was no better opportunity for this project than Steve. I have known him for 20 years now. Gathering information on him is not too difficult, but once I told him what I was doing, he was all in and began sharing all his ideas on what he wants me to post about him. However, this was a perfect opportunity to specifically dig into other aspects of his life that I have never really heard.

For the interview, I wrote down topics that I wanted to ask him about for the site and spend the fourth of July weekend slowing picking his brain about his hobbies and career. I then went back and filled out my interview. Gathering this information was a little more difficult than I expected because he knew why I was asking him for information. So, instead of being modest or just answering my questions, he was giving information in ways that he thought would make the site more interesting. He would get off topic a lot and tell me stories. It was great.

Steve lives in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where I grew up, and loves the outdoors and hiking. Where we are from is very remote once outside of town with thousands of square miles of wilderness and amazing places to hike and visit. Steve loves to camp and hike. Just in the last month during his visits with us, he visited five national parks in Colorado over four days.

His love for the outdoors many years ago motivated him to start a career working for the Michigan State Department of Natural Resources as an environmental scientist. He currently is the Senior Environmental Quality Analyst for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan who leads large statewide pollution clean up projects. He loves his work and gets a massive sense of accomplishment by completing clean ups and positively impacting the affected communities. I am really excited to present Steve on a website.

Interview

- 1. What is your name and where are you from? Tell me about yourself.
 - a. Steve Harrington. I live in Marquette MI. I was born in Flint MI, then moved to East Lansing MI to attend Michigan State University. I lived in East Lansing until I was 30, then moved to Marquette MI.
- 2. Who are your kids and your family?
 - a. I have four children from oldest to youngest.
 - i. Lindsay. 37. She is married and has a son.
 - ii. Kevin. 35. He is married and has two kids.
 - iii. Dylan. 31. He is married.
 - iv. Kayla. 29. She is married.
- 3. What is your favorite beer?
 - a. Bell's Two-Hearted Ale brewed by Bells Brewing. It is a go-to all over Michigan and you can actually find it on tap in other states too.
- 4. What are your hobbies?
 - a. I really enjoy being out in nature and the outdoors. I hike a lot and have been visiting a lot of national parks recently.
 - b. I go camping a lot. I normally go camping at tent sites and more on the primitive side.
 - c. Brewing beer. I have made eight batches of beer in the last 5 years, but I haven't made any recently.
 - d. I really like to cook a lot.
- 5. What are your favorite foods? Name three to five.
 - a. Mexican
 - b. Seafood
 - c. Steak
 - d. Pizza
- 6. Do you ride a motorcycle? What kind is it? What is your dream motorcycle?
 - a. Yes, I have a Honda ST 1300. It is a sport touring bike. I really love riding in the upper peninsula of MI. I only get about 5 months of riding time a year because of the snow.
 - b. BMW KT1600.
- 7. What do you like best about living in Marquette?
 - a. The small-town community and the outdoors. I get a spend a lot of time out in the country because of my job managing pollution clean ups. This also allows me to ride the motorcycle more in the warmer months.
- 8. Where do you like to vacation? What was your recent favorite?
 - a. I always travel to see family, my kids and grandkids. I always plan my family trips around visiting national parks and outdoor activities.
 - b. I just got back from attending my niece's wedding in Colorado Springs, CO and visited MOAB, Arches, Canyon Lands, Islands in the Sky and Mesa Verde. My favorite was Arches National park.
- 9. Where would you love to visit? Upcoming plans.
 - a. I would really like visit crater lake national park and Yosemite national park.
- 10. What do you do? Tell me about it and what you like best?
 - a. I am a Senior Environmental Quality Analyst for the state of Michigan.

- b. I plan and direct environmental clean up projects where sites have been contaminated by chemicals and industrial waste. I also lead the initial investigations.
- c. I really enjoy resolving serious pollution issues and helping the community work through it to provide a positive impact to the environment.
- d. In the early 2000s, I lead a pollution clean up where we removed 30 million pounds (15k tons) of black tar from the bank of the Montreal river.
- e. I lead another clean up where we removed 20 tons of paint sludge from the shore of lake Michigan just outside of Green Bay.
- f. There was another really interesting pollution investigation where I was with the police executing a search warrant for the owner of a foundry who was polluting by removing all their pollution control equipment and they were incinerating all the waste without any filtration or controls. They had to raid the place and take samples immediately to make the case against the company.

11. What kind of music do you like?

a. I listen to Jazz, Rock and Eminem. I have just recently gotten into Eminem.

About Me

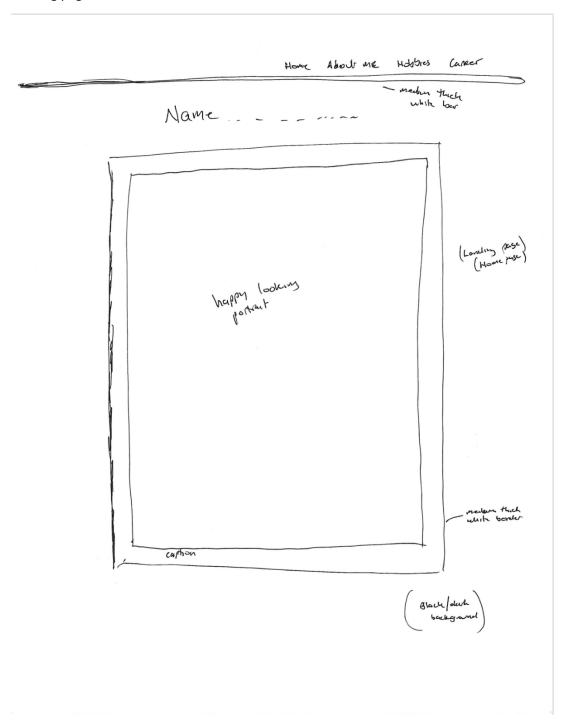
Steven Harrington is a wonderful father, avid outdoorsman and works to make Michigan a better place. Steve Harrington hails from Flint Michigan where he grew up until he was eighteen years old. Steve then moved to East Lansing to attend Michigan State University earning a bachelor's degree in geology.

Steve began his career in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the mid eighties working in the ground water control division in Lansing Michigan as an intern. His love for the outdoors and environment drove his passion to do everything he could do to restore and protect Michigan's natural wonders. His early work performance was impressive and his desire to be directly involved with front line significant pollution clean up efforts earned him a position in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, known as the UP, for environmental remediation programs. For the last thirty years he has investigated, planned and managed about three dozen major industrial and chemical cleanup projects costing many millions of dollars to restore the UP's precious natural forest lands and lake shores. He is now a Senior Environmental Quality Analyst for Michigan leading major cleanup operations from past industries that severely polluted the environment from the last 100 years.

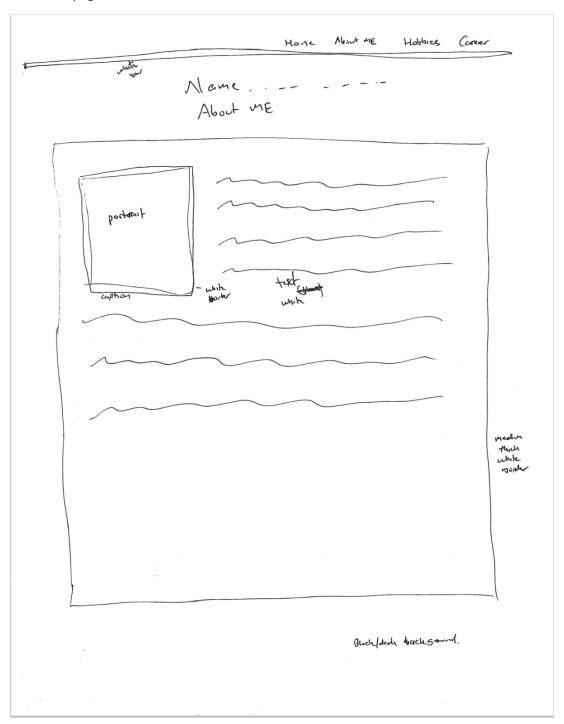
Steve is a father of four amazing children, Lindsay, Kevin, Dylan and Kayla. All of Steve's children have gone on to college and started their own families. His two oldest, now have children and Steve eagerly spoils his amazing grandkids. All his kids get together for almost every holiday throughout the year and he is always involved spending time with his family.

Steve's love for the outdoors is not just about his work life. He loves to spend his free time camping and hiking Michigan's many state parks and forest lands. He spent his college years enjoying the outdoors and this passion drove his desire to have a career in protecting and restoring the environment. When his kids were young, he took them to almost every waterfall hike in the UP. There is this old UP waterfall hiking guidebook that Steve bought many years ago and he has documented in the book, the date and who attended, each of the hikes. This book has been handed down to Lindsay and has been passed around through the kids over the years as they get the opportunity to visit these awesome places.

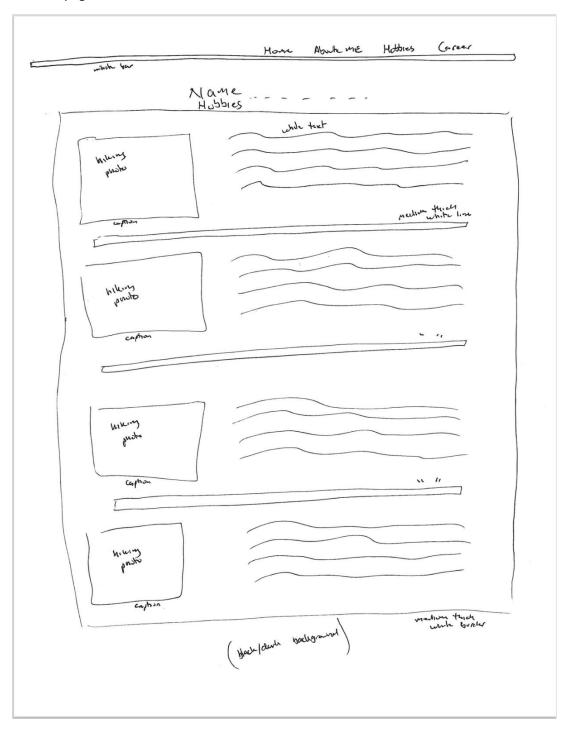
In the last several years, as his kids have all moved on, Steve has been spending his time planning hiking trips to the country's many epic national parks. In July of 2021 alone he visited five of Colorado's best national parks. He is planning and hoping to get the opportunity to soon visit Crater Lake and Yosemite National Park.



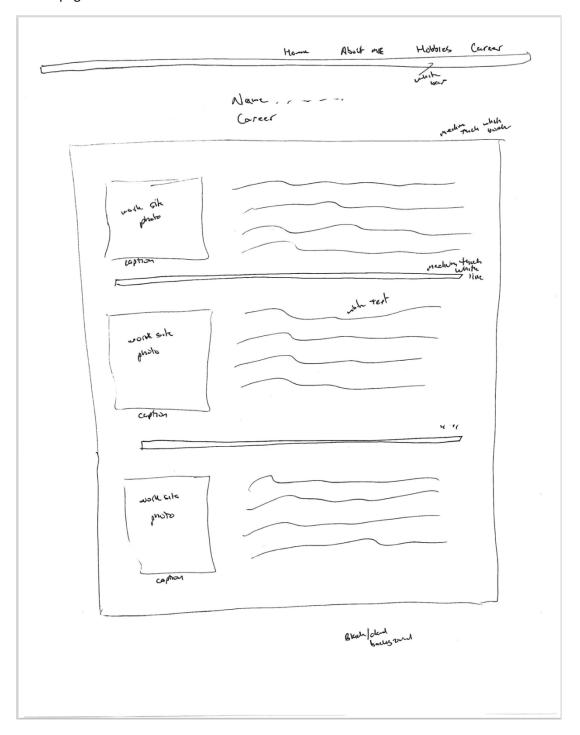
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