

Sarah Butler

Sarah Butler, Plain Hardware's "cleaning lady" grew up in the Middle East. "When I was nine years old my father took a job as the manager of an electronics firm in Israel. We promptly moved from



Longview, Texas to a city near the Sea of Galilee. My parents fell in love with the country and decided to stay. I enjoyed my childhood immensely and would never trade the experience, but for many reasons I never quite felt like I fit in," says Sarah.

When Sarah was 18, she, her parents and her brother moved back to the United States and they all attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, where she earned a degree in elementary education. During her time at college, she worked at Snow Bowl ski area in Arizona as a Public Relations assistant and helped run the slalom race course. There she met a "long-haired snowboard instructor who convinced me to marry him at the tender age of 19!" says Sarah.

Sarah and her husband Jeb traveled around a bit and then moved to Chandler, Arizona where she taught 5th grade. Disliking the city, the intense heat and smog, and wanting a change, they moved back to Israel to help build a guest house for Sarah's mother. It was during this trip that they met and became friends with a couple from Leavenworth. That began a series of events that lead Jeb and Sarah to move to Plain and become 'house parents' at the Alpine Boys Ranch.

Sarah and Jeb no longer work at the Alpine Boys Ranch and instead have two businesses of their own - Butler Window Washing and Sparkling Spas (hot tub maintenance for private homes and rentals). To make ends meet, besides cleaning Plain Hardware 5 days a week, Sarah also is a snowmobile guide for Mountain Springs Lodge and works part-time for Michael Nash Consulting.

But Sarah's most important job is home-schooling her two children—Rebekah, age 7 and Levi, age 6. "Someday I suppose I will go back to teaching professionally, but right now I am really enjoying teaching my own two sweet kids," says Sarah.

Sarah and her husband are currently building their own home on Hazel Lane in Plain and enjoy snowboarding, snowmobiling, windsurfing, mountain biking and soaking in their hot tub. "I have an amazing life. It is perfect. I finally found a place where I fit in. It feels like home. I want to live here forever." says Sarah.