



## The 3-Fs for Executive Chef, Beau Green

*It's all about the 3-Fs for Beau Green, an Executive Chef with SSA & KM. And what are the 3Fs? They are food, family and fishing!*

Beau's love affair with the food business started at age 15 when he worked at a Souper Salad in San Antonio, TX. Beau shared he found his passion for the industry through the relationships he forged with his peers. While working in different kitchens, Beau also worked construction. He said his family were all tradesmen. After moving to the Phoenix area, Beau continued on his culinary path and worked his way up from prep cook to chef to bistro manager. When he decided to move to Colorado to be involved in the lives of his three children, Beau quickly landed a job as a food and beverage manager at a resort in Colorado Springs.

Over four years ago, a friend asked Beau to help him with a banquet that was being held at the zoo. When Beau got there, he saw that the food area and table arrangements needed more organization as well as finesse. His style caught the eyes of Tim Brantley, who was attending the fund-raiser as a guest, and Tim immediately instructed SSA's GM to recruit Beau!

Beau shared that anytime he thinks about what's important to him professionally, it always comes back to food. "Everything that people do revolves around food," he said, "I provide an opportunity for people to get together and break bread. I enjoy

providing an experience that they wouldn't expect."

Beau does read a lot of food magazines, but in the Fall, he devotes his leisure time to reading football stats online so he can manage his fantasy football team better. He's part of the league at the zoo, and he laughing said on game days, there's a little trash talk happening.

Not surprising, one of Beau's favorite books revolves around the culinary industry; it's *Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly* by American chef Tony Bourdain. Beau said the book tells a story similar to his younger life and growing up in kitchens where he looked up to chefs and line cooks rather than rock stars.

When asked what his favorite food was, Beau said it was *fusion* as when he cooks, he takes from so many regions; it's hard to lock down one specific style. However, Beau added that he does a lot of barbecue cooking. "It reminds me of friends and family, just hanging out all day while the meat cooks," he said.

### **Beau and his family**

Like most, Beau's family is important to him.

Beau has four children, three children with a former wife and a three-year old daughter with his

*Beau shared that when he was living the good life in Texas; he all of sudden decided to leave everything he had behind, jump on his motorcycle and go to Phoenix to start over. With that attitude, you may think he's a wild, crazy kind of guy, but that's just Beau!*



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current partner, Corrina. Beau said the smartest thing he has ever done was to make a commitment to Corinna that they were going to be together and share their lives. She is a restaurant supervisor at the Broadmoor Hotel as well as works as director of curriculum for a local non-profit focused on developmentally disabled teens.

His children include Drew, 14, Calvin, 12, Collin, 12 and Delani, 3. His oldest daughter, Drew, currently works with her dad at the zoo. Will she be following in her father's footsteps and be-



***It's all about family for Beau. One of his proud moments was the opportunity to share the delight of his daughter when she received her first paycheck from, where else, the zoo.***



come an award-winning

chef?

In 2010 Beau took the top prizes at the Colorado Springs Chorale's Chefs' Gala. His wild boar tenderloin and fig-bacon ragu with garlic-parsnip purée and sautéed Brussels sprouts won Best Entrée and Best of Show. Years ago when he was working in the Phoenix area, he also won awards for best caterer, best wood fire pizza, appetizers, etc.

He considers those he works with as his family. Beau's proudest professional accomplishment is not the awards that he has received, but the team he has assembled at the zoo. "I know I can come up with a vision and communicate that to the people on my team, and they can make it happen just like I envisioned," he said. "It's something I worked hard to get, and it's great to have that kind of talent working for me."

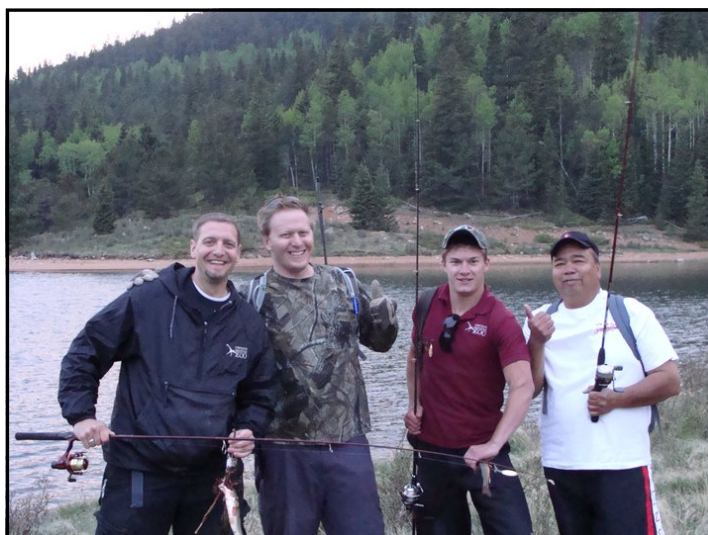
Beau shared that he thought his family and friends would describe him as a loyal person. "I would do everything I could do to help out a friend or a family member. I would give someone the shirt off my back if I needed to," he said. However, he laughingly added that Corinna said he's a little cocky, but in a good way.

### **Beau and his love of fishing**

When Beau is not working or spending time with his family, you can find him outdoors and either fishing, camping or four-wheeling. Beau explained that he loves the outdoors. He grew up in Payson, Utah, a small town located along the base of the rugged Wasatch Mountains that rise abruptly several thousand feet above the valley floor. His passion for fishing is such that you can find him with some of his staff in the late afternoon fishing on a small reservoir. When asked if he fishes in the catch and release style, Beau said no. "I'm a chef; I like to eat what I catch." His favorite way to prepare the freshly caught trout is to roll it in cornmeal and flour, then fry it; it's the way his grandmother did it.

As an outdoorsman, Beau likes his life in Colorado and would be content not to venture to exotic destinations even though Corinna would like to. He did admit that he wouldn't mind sitting on a beach, fishing and doing some cooking.

Beau said that on his worst day at work, he's still doing what he loves to do. "I don't think I'll ever retire," he added, "My retirement plan is to do what I love with the people who I love, I can't ask for anything more."



***Beau has many passions, including his love of the outdoors and fishing with family and friends***