



Handi-Capable in the *Outdoors*



Benefit4Kids was founded in 1998 with its primary mission to grant outdoor wishes to terminally ill and life limited children and their families. Although Benefit4Kids is based in Michigan, it is helps children from all over the United States. 2009 was the biggest year ever in the history of Benefit4Kids and the outdoor community responded with more help than ever before. Outdoor wishes such as bear and antelope hunts along with salmon fishing in Alaska were some of the trips that children and their families went on. The goal is not only to accommodate the child's wish, but also include the immediate family so that they all may share the experience and create an invaluable memory of their time together. In most cases, the families spend most of their time and resources just taking care of their sick children and by including the entire family, this is a great way to give the family the break they

desperately need. Benefit4Kids also works and supports other organizations, which help kids in the outdoors. Benefit4Kids holds 2 main fundraisers per year with a January Banquet and a June Outdoor Weekend. There are many other events that are put on by local clubs and organizations as well as affiliates in other states. If it was not for those other events and the support it provides, it would be very difficult for Benefit4Kids to help as many children as they do. Benefit4Kids is made up of 100% volunteers so all the monies raised goes back into the various programs that they provide. Benefit4Kids is on the web at www.B4K.org. That is where you can find out more about the organization as well as what is going on and how you can help provide terminally ill and life limited children with an Outdoor Wish. You can also email them at info@B4K.org.



14 year old Kevin Hertz on his Alaska Salmon fishing trip in August of 2009.

MISADVENTURES & FISHING TALES
 By Kelly Bruning

A humorous collection of true short stories written by a female Boston transplant living in the northern Michigan great outdoors. Picture Michigan's mighty Mackinac Island as its twin white towers stand tall, welcoming visitors to the Upper Peninsula. Put yourself among the crowd of the local New England pub waiting to view the braggart's trophy fish, which unfortunately was eaten by the neighborhood wild cats! The reader will recognize Harrisville, Lake Nettie, and Alpena in this book.

The author intertwines misadventure in the great outdoors with an appreciation for nature, pulling readers into her stories and leaving them with a laugh or two along the way. The author will donate \$1.00 of her proceeds to fight Multiple Sclerosis. By purchasing this book, you have joined the author in fighting this disease.

"Area nature lovers, anglers, and anyone (men and women) who would like a collection of short stories will find this book an enjoyable. Tourists visiting the northern Lower Michigan area will find this a memento of their experience of nature and solitude."

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