



# KATIE HORN

## GARDEN SERVICES MANAGER

"GROWING UP, I ALWAYS SAID I WANTED TO BE A PARK RANGER, BUT NOBODY TOOK ME SERIOUSLY. ANYTHING YOU THINK IS INTERESTING CAN BECOME A LIFE PATH."

**Katie lives in Bozeman, Montana and loves her job because she gets to be outdoors majority of the day. She also loves interacting with her coworkers, who bring entertainment daily.**

### WHAT IS YOUR UNIQUE GENIUS?

"My Unique Genius includes intuition and environment. I thrive when I get to talk to people and learn more about who they are."

### HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN THIS CAREER?

"I did not know I wanted to do this with my life. I had no idea what I was good enough at. It wasn't until I took a horticulture class in college where I had that "aha" moment. It was the first subject that I excelled in and was fascinated by. I was so eager to learn more."

### IN WHAT WAYS IS YOUR CAREER A PERFECT FIT FOR YOU?

"I really value the space around me and nothing makes me happier than being outdoors. My job is the perfect combination between those traits."

### WHAT DOES A DAY IN THE LIFE LOOK LIKE?

"My job consists of me and my team maintaining our clients landscaping. Anyone that owns property benefits from what we do because we continuously maintain their garden dreams. Most of my days are spent interacting with employees bosses or clients."

I spend 75% of my days in the field, completing jobs with a crew and the other 25% I am in my office, creating estimates, contacting clients, or creating a schedule."

**"I am most in the zone when I am out in the field with a crew digging in the dirt and talking with the people around me."**

### WHAT SKILLS DOES IT TAKE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR JOB?

"I have learned the most that I know today from my family. My dad, mom, and my three siblings each have vastly different traits and knowledge. I have taken different advice and noted different successes and failures from all of them to get where I am today."

### WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU KNEW WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?

"I wish I knew that whatever dream I had when I was younger could actually be achieved. Growing up, I always said I wanted to be a Park Ranger, but nobody took me seriously. Anything you think is interesting can become a life path. That made choosing a major in college extremely difficult from what I had been told my whole life."

### WHAT'S NEXT IN YOUR JOURNEY?

"I hope to one day complete a master's program in Plant Sciences to study trees and develop landscape plants for our yards."

### WHAT IS THE COOLEST PART OF YOUR JOB? WHAT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART OF YOUR JOB?

"[The best part of my job is the] people I work with. My bosses and coworkers are all some of the best people I have ever met in my life. Everyone is different and brings constant entertainment to my day."

One aspect of my work that is challenging is [the] balance between my administration duties and doing the physical work. It is hard for me to sit at a computer all day for a long time. When the fresh air is calling me."

### WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR FIELD/JOB?

"Most people don't know that my field of work is so healing. You get to be outside for your job and working out—all while getting paid!"

**"Being in the sunshine and fresh air all day long is an amazing feeling."**

### WHAT WAS A DEFINING MOMENT IN YOUR LIFE?

"A defining moment in my life was when I discovered Horticulture as a college major. I took a community college plant propagation course with a friend of mine and for the first time in my life I felt motivated to learn about a topic. I dove deep into the realm of horticulture, transferred to a university, got a degree in Horticulture and Landscape Management, and discovered my obsession with trees and plant sciences!"