

**Kent Kaiser**, avid outdoorsman, internationally successful tour guide, and author of the compelling new autobiography, **HARD WAY BACK: One Man's True Story of Rejoicing through Adversity**.

Born in Niles, Michigan, Kent grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska, and displayed from his youth a superlative aptitude and unbridled passion for the outdoors. Through his businesses, *Alaskan Quest* and *New Zealand Quest*, he has fulfilled scores of clients' lifelong dreams through his custom-made wilderness excursions.

An outgoing and pleasurable person with an endearing sense of humor that is never far from the surface, he enjoys his favorite pastimes:

- quietly strolling the beach to commune with his Savior, Jesus Christ
- taking his longtime four-legged best friend, Chena, on walks, swims, and hikes
- traveling the world and exploring new locations (though his favorite places remain Alaska, Canada, New Zealand, Hawaii, and Florida)
- weightlifting
- tropical beaches and the sandy beaches of Lake Michigan
- playing softball
- Thanksgiving dinner & trying new restaurants (his menu favorites: prime rib and Alaskan king crab)
- photographing wildlife, particularly grizzly bears
- and, in one of his few indoor preferences, going to the movies

"I'm basically the beach type; a happy-go-lucky guy, an entrepreneur and businessman who loves the outdoors . . . and just happens to be blessed with great common sense, a lot of ambition, and a golden heart." Kent also describes himself as "an extremely adventurous big kid at heart who loves to laugh and joke."