

## Some Interesting Things about Sonya (Lacey) Cook

1. **Where were you born and/or where did you grow up?** I was born in Cottonwood, Idaho, and grew up in the small farming/logging community of Wieppe (pronounced we'ipe), Idaho.
2. **Where else have you lived? Which place is/was your favorite and why?** I have lived in a number of places including Northern California, Southern Idaho, and Southeast Alaska. My favorite place so far has probably been Southeast Alaska, because that is where I met my husband, Chris.
3. **Which university/colleges did you graduate from and what did you study?** I attended the University of Idaho for two years, and graduated with a BA from Lewis Clark State College. I obtained my teaching certification from UAF, and am currently working toward my masters in education.
4. **How long have you been teaching? What grades/subjects have you taught?** I have been teaching for four years. I have taught a class of 3rd through 5th grade, a combo of prekindergarten/kindergarten, and a 5th/6th grade class. I spent a year working with a PE grant, teaching archery, kayaking, etc. and helping to coordinate the district's video teleconferencing program. I have taught high school Spanish for four years and high school technology for one year via video teleconferencing. **Have you taught anywhere besides the Mat-Su School District? Where?** I've spent all four years with Southeast Island School District in Thorne Bay, Alaska.
5. **What is your favorite subject to teach?** What a tough question! If I had to narrow it down, I think I would have to say that science is my favorite, but I really do enjoy them all.
6. **Where do you like to go on vacation? Where would you go and what would you do if you could take your dream vacation?** I love to go to Weippe, Idaho to visit my family. Wow! Another tough question. I would like to spend several years traveling the world. (As long as I'm dreaming, I may as well dream big!)
7. **What is your favorite color?** Aquamarine, I think.

8. What is your favorite plant, flower or tree? Rosemary. What is your favorite animal? I really don't have a favorite.
9. What are your favorite foods? On of my favorites are new potatoes and peas in white sauce. Your favorite decadent treat? Brownie sundae with ganache.
10. What are your favorite indoor and outdoor hobbies/activities? Indoors, I like to read and cook. I also enjoy playing games with my family. As far as a favorite outdoor activity, I'm happy just as long as I'm outside. In the gym, I enjoy basketball and volleyball.
11. What is your preferred reading material? (non-fiction, fiction, magazines, newspaper, professional books, etc) I probably most enjoy a good piece of fiction that will take me away to another time and place.
12. Do you have a favorite author? A favorite book? I simply love to read, I really don't have any favorites.
13. What is your favorite type of music? Classic rock. (Does using the word "classic" mean I'm old?)
14. What special skills and talents do you have? I would love to say that I can play five instruments and sing like an angel. To be truthful, however, I must say that as a rancher's daughter, I know how to operate machinery and work with cattle.
15. Are you married? Yes. Do you have any children? (# of boys and # of girls)? I have a 19 year old stepson, a 10 year old daughter, and a 7 year old son.
16. Do you have any pets? If so, what are they and what are their names? Our dog's name is Tina.
17. Tell us something that most people don't know about you. I once sewed a traditional wedding dress, complete with beadwork, handmade roses, and a detachable train for a friend. I am fairly sure it was the first and last wedding dress I will ever make.

