

Personal Biography

Kristi Borge is a multi-grade elementary teacher in rural Polaris, Montana. A fourth-generation Montanan, Borge has taught students from kindergarten through eighth grade in every content area. At Polaris School, Borge is the only full-time staff member and teaches several grade levels at once, including students who are siblings. Like other one-room schoolteachers, Borge juggles several roles; administrator, librarian, school lawn care and snow removal enthusiast, and helps coordinate extracurricular activities such as the rural school science fair, basketball league, and track meet.

Borge earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a minor in K-12 Reading from Montana State University in Bozeman. A travel enthusiast, Borge volunteered as teacher-leader for People-to-People Student Ambassadors, enabling her to tour Europe and Australia with high school students; she also served as a volunteer English teacher in Cambodia.

After teaching for four years at the middle school level in Bozeman, Borge obtained her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from MSU. She is passionate about best practice for instructional planning to meet the needs of diverse learners. In addition to teaching, Borge is an alpine ski racing coach in the winter months, and a science camp instructor at the Montana Learning Center in the summer. Borge and her husband Erik are also owner-operators of Maverick Mountain, a small community ski area in Polaris.