
My Dad

- My dad's name is Ryan. He is the oldest out of three other siblings. Both of his parents, my Grammy and Pappy are both still alive and active. My dad loves hunting and passing on his knowledge of the wilderness to me and my brother. He is a technical engineer for Penn State Health. My dad used to have a hunting dog named Riley. He also likes playing video games with his brother and friend. My dad is 45 years old.



A large stack of cut logs is piled up in a field. The logs are of various sizes and are stacked in a somewhat haphazard manner. The background shows a grassy field with some trees in the distance. The lighting is natural, suggesting it might be late afternoon or early morning.

Hard Worker

- My dad works hard for the money he makes. He has taught me that I need to work for the things I want in life. My dad helps heat our house by putting wood in our wood stove. We get this wood manually by cutting down trees at my Pappy and Grammy's house. It takes a lot of work to chop down a tree, turn it into small logs, and use them to heat a house. But dad can do it, I usually go with him to do these 'wood runs'. He's taught me that I have to put in effort to get things done.



Funny

- As a kid I used to be really sensitive. My brother might say something to me that may have been meant as a joke, and I'd get really upset by it. My dad helped me see that I don't have to be so sensitive about some things, and that I can just laugh about them. Sometimes I really don't get along with Gavin, but my dad always makes us deal with each other by making us laugh. My dad has taught me that laughing is a great way to bring people together. Instead of being against someone, to relate by bringing each other closer by the small things.



Smart

- My dad has a lot of smarts, in, and out of society. Whether it's in the woods or in the city, my dad has taught me to always use my brain. Since my dad is always needing to use his brain in everyday life, he's passed some things on to me. I now know that when it comes to obstacles in my life, to think smarter not harder. He's showed me that even the strongest of people may need to use their brains and their wits to get out of trouble.