



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **STEVEN LAY, EXECUTIVE CHEF**

Executive Chef Steven Lay, 38, is passionate about producing the highest quality cuisine. Charged with providing inspired dining experiences at the Capilano Group's Rocky Mountain Lodges (Moraine Lake Lodge in Banff National Park and Cathedral Mountain Lodge in Yoho National Park), Chef Lay does not disappoint his guests who visit from all over the world.

Born and raised in the Ottawa Valley, Chef Lay has over 20 years of food and hospitality experience, including catering many Parliament Hill functions. His extensive Executive Chef experience includes a Chef Instructor position at The Cooking Studio, five years at an exclusive private dining club, seven seasons with Moraine Lake Lodge and five seasons with Sunshine Village Ski Resort in Banff. At all properties, Chef Lay has been lauded as a hard working leader and an inspiring chef, creating outstanding dining experiences that help bring guests back year after year. After a hiatus, he returned to Moraine Lake Lodge in 2011 because of its outstanding location, its reputation for exceptional food service and his love of the mountain lifestyle. This season, Chef Lay assumes the additional task of managing the kitchen at Cathedral Mountain Lodge, Moraine Lake Lodge's sister property, a short 40 minutes away.

Chef Lay has extensive training in classical French cuisine and is adept at creating themed Canadian dishes, combining modern presentations with the country's many cultural influences. As usual, this season Chef Lay will be focused on using the freshest regional ingredients, including local fish and game, as well as Alberta Beef. Guests can enjoy, among other mouth watering delights, Rack of Alberta Lamb with a pumpkin seed crust and butternut squash jus and his cinnamon stick donut with saffron Pernod ice cream.

Chef Lay is committed to giving his guests an outstanding dining experience and consistently exceeding their expectations. When not working, Chef Lay enjoys spending time with his 5-year-old daughter, Abigail and wife Andrea, skiing and hiking in the Rocky Mountains, collecting wines, and perusing his admittedly "insane" collection of cookbooks.

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