

# Leslie Swanson '84

**First Chunk** Live in and around White River Junction, Vermont  
Work at New England Digital, computer music company  
Work hard, play hard, get promoted, learn a lot  
Skiing, hiking, camping, fishing, traveling  
Masters degree from Dartmouth College  
Oops, company going out of business, time to move west  
1992: move to Oregon

**Second Chunk** Live in and around Portland, Oregon  
Work at Sequent Computer Systems, computer manufacturer  
Build a house and get married to Paul  
Work hard, play hard, get promoted, learn a lot  
Skiing, hiking, camping, gardening, traveling  
Oops, company going out of business, time to get acquired  
1999: Get divorced as Sequent is being acquired by IBM

**Third Chunk** Live in New York, Tucson, and back in Oregon  
Work for IBM as a technology executive  
Work super hard, don't play nearly enough, get promoted  
Learn a ton, have really challenging, interesting jobs  
Final position acquiring companies, including one in France  
Love foie gras and red wine, but way too much time in airports  
2007: Getting really tired of this Third Chunk, time to move on

**Fourth Chunk** Buy and remodel a log cabin on a lake in New Hampshire  
Spend lots of time with family and renew old friendships  
Organize exit out of IBM in August, 2008  
Swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, skiing, wood chopping  
Decide to help with 25th college reunion and actually attend it  
Becoming favorite aunt to niece and nephews, too much fun  
Current partner is Mark, thinking this might finally be it

**Fifth Chunk** In the planning phase, investigating many options  
Looking forward to a new work effort, perhaps my  
own business  
Or a green job! Does hiking count as a green job?

