

Sean Robinson, EIT Hydraulic/Hydrologic Engineer

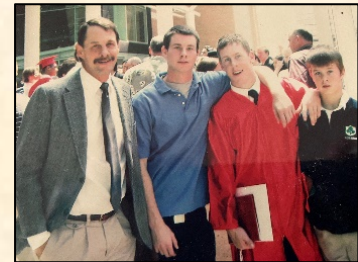
Sean Robinson is one of Tierra Group's dedicated engineers. Sean grew up in Parker, Colorado with his parents and two younger brothers. He attended Colorado State University and the University of Colorado where he received his BS in Civil Engineering and his MS in Hydraulic and Hydrologic Engineering.



Sean's love for the outdoors stems from growing up in Colorado. He enjoys traveling, snowboarding, mountain biking, skateboarding, hiking, camping, softball, and just being outside. His indoor hobby? Playing the drums...cool!

Sean's brother Chris is his hero. Life threw Chris many curveballs and he handled them with tenacity, dignity, and a positive attitude. He went from the special education program in elementary school to the top 10% of pre-medical students in the nation at the University of Colorado.

In January 2005, Chris was diagnosed with cancer. Sean's first reaction was "why you, why us?" Chris replied "why not me? I can fight this!" Chris's positive attitude earned his doctors respect, who used him to talk to and mentor the other kids in the oncology unit. Chris lost his battle with cancer, but his impact on the world was huge. Everyone who knew Chris will never forget him.



Sean's favorite childhood memory is when he and his brothers would spend as much time as possible in the mountains skiing and snowboarding. They were so competitive with each other, that when Sean saw Chris getting too good at skiing, Sean made the switch from snowboarding to skiing because he wanted to be better than Chris.

At 15, Sean's first job was working for a landscaping crew with his cousin. He learned that working all day in the sun was hard work, but at the same time, a blessing to work around people you like. In high school, Sean enjoyed math and physics, so it only made sense that he would attend college and earn an engineering degree. After graduating, Sean chose to work for Tierra Group because he wanted to work for a smaller, non-corporate structured company. The thought of working on a variety of multi-disciplinary projects (worldwide) instead of selecting a specific discipline was quite appealing.

One of Sean's college professors (Dr. Guo) told him that mining is one of the more interesting fields to be an engineer because a mining engineer can be more creative with their designs without the restrictions that you would find in other fields (i.e. transportation, engineering, or development). Sean took that advice and has not looked back. He has learned so much from his coworkers at Tierra Group (past and present) and is very thankful and excited to see what his future holds.

When asked what his greatest success was either professionally or personally, he modestly answered: "I'm not sure about my greatest success, but I feel lucky to be in the position that I'm in and that I have great parents who kept me going down the right path growing up".

One of his favorite work-related memories is playing in Tierra Group's Annual Client Appreciation Golf Invitational with the guys at American Gypsum, whom he enjoyed working with on their project.

