Northern White Cedar Makes Nordic Log Homes Special

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Nordic Log Homes and Cabins owner Kurt Meyr believes the log homes built by his company are truly exceptional dwellings primarily due to the type of wood he uses. Meyr constructs his log homes with Northern White cedar, a wood that is well known for its natural properties. "All of our homes are built with northern white cedar wood, which

is considered throughout the log industry as the absolute best log type and log style, due to several unique factors," said Meyr, who has been building log homes since 1993.

"First and most obviously, cedar is naturally insect repellent—bugs don't like cedar," he said. "And secondly, it is naturally resistant to rotting. In fact, we've never had a rot or insect problem with any of our log homes." Meyr also points out that Nordic Log Homes guarantees each log has at least 14 percent moisture content, which means you're not going to have the shrinkage or the cracking process that other log homes have to go through.

Based in McHenry, Maryland, Nordic Log Homes represents Katahdin Forest Products from the state of Maine. The white cedar logs are harvested from the forests of the rugged Katahdin mountain range in northern Maine. The cedar logs are then used along with an innovative insulation process that makes structures built by Nordic Log Homes some of the most energy efficient homes on the market. "Not only do we stack the logs like in tradition log construction," notes Meyr, "we put an inch of insulation on the inside of all of our logs and then



we put cedar log paneling on the inside of that to give it the tightest fit and make it the highest R-value log home on the market right now."

With over 200 custom log homes built in the Deep Creek Lake area and surrounding region, Nordic Log Homes has many satisfied customers. "We have 25 different basic designs," said Meyr. "However, the vast majority of our customers want to be involved in designing their own home. It all starts with a basic design and we customize it to fit the client with our C.E.O programs."

Meyr says he is passionate about the log homes his company builds and he wants people to know that cedar logs are very affordable. "I love building log homes and when you really start comparing products, cedar is the best product out there. And we are meeting pine home prices."

See the difference cedar makes in a custom-built log home by Nordic Log Homes in McHenry. For additional information, call **301-387-2222** or visit their web site at www.nordicloghomes.com.

