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Live in the Moment



The theme for this summer was "Live in the Mountains, Live in the Moment" (LITMLITM). Each one of us had an opportunity to spend part or all of our summer enjoying the beautiful Rocky Mountains. We had a chance to live in the moment as we watched the sunset with a friend, sang songs around a campfire, stood on top of a peak, or just hung out with some fellow campers at treats. Each year, it seems Cheley is more important for our culture. We have a chance to unplug and get away from the craziness of the world and slow down to experience nature with people from all over the world. We also have a chance to strive to become the best people we can be in a supportive, caring environment.

Each one of us this summer took part in developing a Code of Living. Whether it was the support staff developing the values they wanted to live by, or it was a group of campers sitting in their cabin talking about their ideas for the code, each one of us had a say in the standard we wanted live by. During the summer, we were surrounded by supportive campers and staff that helped us strive to uphold the Code of Living. As we say at the end of the summer, the challenge starts when you go back to the "real world".

Well, you have had a few months back in the "real world". How are you doing with continuing to live at the high standards you set for yourself at camp? Are you making the world a better place? Are you contributing to your community? Are you living with integrity and high morals? So many times we hear that people like themselves at camp. I think that is because they are challenging themselves to be the best they can be. It is extremely challenging to uphold this standard on a day to day basis. Challenge yourself to continually commit to the Code of Living and be a positive example for your family, your friends, and your community.

It was a wonderful summer. Already we are working hard to prepare for the summer of 2008. We are excited to see many of you over the winter as we travel around the country. Enjoy the Pack Rat as you relive your experience this summer at camp. We hope you continue to live in the moment.

- Jeff Cheley



Trigger Bill says...

It is when we
FORGET OURSELVES
that we do things that are
REMEMBERED BY OTHERS



A New Addition to the Cheley Family

We are excited to introduce **Jeff and Erika Cheley**. On September 2nd, friends from all over the world came to Estes for the celebration of Jeff and Erika's wedding. Erika Leetmae is a Colorado native. She attended Arvada West High School and Southern Methodist University where she was a member of the swim team. She has lived all over the world while she worked in the software industry.

The celebration was attended by many current and past Cheley campers and staff. We had a beautiful weekend with a BBQ on Saturday night and a wedding on Sunday in the Frank H. Cheley Chapel followed by a reception at Fish Creek Ranch in a huge tent. The bride and groom exited the wedding on horseback, and fun was had by all.



2008 ... Cheley's 88th!

Our dates are moving back a week for the summer of 2008. We have to do this every few years or we would be starting in May. We are excited for our 88th Summer.

Full Season:

Wed. June 18th -
Mon. Aug. 11th

First Term:

Wed. June 18th -
Mon. July 14th

Second Term:

Wed. July 16th -
Mon. Aug. 11th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 12th -
Sun. Aug. 17th

Enrollment Is Open for Cheley's 88th Season

We are already busy preparing for our 88th summer at Cheley. Come for four weeks or come for eight, but come to camp in 2008. Sarah has been busy enrolling our returning campers and our open enrollment has started. Again this year, our goal is to have campers from all 50 states and at least 12 countries.

We would love your help finding campers from all around the world. As you know, the Cheley Experience will change your life. Help us have an impact on as many people as possible.



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GIRLS' TRAIL'S END

Its been a great summer that ended all too quickly. We had so many amazing accomplishments this year. The girls peaked Long's and Spearhead, hiked across the Continental Divide a few times, rode horses, rafted, rode bikes, built fires without matches, played hard and laughed even harder.

In the hiking program **Mallory Guinee, Sophia Siciliano** and **Elsie Gibson** earned their Senior patches. In backpacking **Maddie Brooks, Caitlin Callaghan, Miranda Sheely** and **Faith Winter** all earned their Senior patches. **Elena Bird, Selina Foster** and **Cate Ellison** all earned their Junior patches and **Amelia Hammond** earned her Basics.

The girls that impressed us all biking up the Cheley hill and earning their Mountain Biking patches were **Sarah Larson, Alessandra Quaroni, Isabelle Stillman, Jessie Sinkula, Kendall Bentsen, Erin Curtis** and **Juliette Lafon**. Well done ladies.

Two girls spent time a lot of time out of camp learning outcamping skills and earned patches to show their progress. These girls were **Cassie Roosa** and **Joanna Powell**. Girls who spend time out of camp on a variety of programs earn an On The Trail patch. Earning their Junior patches this year were **Addie Wilkins, Amelia Hammond, Quincie Glimcher, Sydney Orr, Hannah Metzl, Makenzie Kirkwood, Makenna Drake, Anna Kenyon, Emmie Andres, Claire Scates, Lauren Satchwell, Margaret Ramsey, Catherine Braun, Oliva Angelette, Miranda Sheely, Britany Bille, Ellen Smith, Ellie Becker, Eliot Meade, Caitlin Callaghan, Mariah Gibson, Elena Bird** and **Meg Herr**. Earning their Senior On the Trail patch, which requires a bigger variety of activities, were **Adelaide Lummis, Jessie Sinkula, Jasmine Sanchez, Dulie Herr, Drew Zeidwig, Kelsey Jackson, Rebecca Lehman, Kate Ruddy** and **Sophie Dorsch**.

The ladies who spent time around the barns learning new horsemanship skills showed their mettle by earning Senior and Junior Riding Patches. Earning their Junior patches this year were **Makenna Drake, Emily Holzman**



and **Micheala Friedberg**; with **Elena Amosky** earning her basics this year. Earning their Senior Riding patch were **Naja Mavalwalla, Rebecca Lehman, Meghan O'Brien, Dani Montanari, Nichole Ewert, Courtney Bertel, Elizabeth Farnham, Lema Andrews-Hirano** and **Kelly Binding**.

The campers vote as to which of their peers most represent the Code of Living they create as a community at the beginning of the term. There are two awards, the Driver for younger girls and the Top Hand for older girls. Receiving their Driver first term were **Margaret Ramsey, Ellen Smith,** and **Catherine Braun**. Second term recipients were **Elena Bird, Meg Herr** and **Isabelle Stillman**. Receiving their Top Hand first term were **Melissa Ball, Sophie Dorsch, Meghan O'Brien, Faith Winter** and **Sarah Tinsman**. The Top Hands selected for second term were **Maddie Dunn, Schuyler Goodwin, Katie McFarren** and **Kasey Winter**.

Two very special honors were given out this year. Both are given rarely and only to those who show special skills above and beyond what can be earned with a patch. First Term **Sophie Dorsch** was awarded her Trailhand for excellence in riding. She proved herself to be an asset in the barn and on the trail and was an exemplary leader to the other girls. **Madeline Brooks** was presented with the honor of the Tyrolean. Maddie is a woman who shows herself to be a true backcountry specialist, with exceptional trail skills and knowledge, a wonderful attitude and a true leader. It was especially touching to see Maddie presented her Tyrolean by her mother who earned hers as a camper in the 70's.

All in all, it has been a fantastic summer filled with fun, friends and great memories – can't wait to see you all in 2008!



BOYS' TRAIL'S END

Summer has come and gone, and all that remains on the property of Boys' Trail's End are boarded-up buildings and wagons topped with large metal sheets to keep out the blinding snow and winds of winter. But in spirit, Boys' Trail's End lives on in the minds and hearts of boys from California to Sweden and everywhere in between. The lessons we learned this summer – how to overcome obstacles, persevere through challenges, encourage one's peers, and form lasting, meaningful friendships – are being applied, sometimes quietly and sometimes obviously, in the thoughts and lives of campers and counselors alike. We conquered trails on foot, horse, and bike; we laughed together, cried together, and sang together; most of all, we gained experiences and knowledge from being in each other's presence that will last a lifetime.

Our backpackers learned how to depend on themselves and others by taking care of all of their own basic needs, hiking long distances with everything on their

backs, and conquering majestic peaks with their will and positive attitudes. **Zach Ellison, Harrison Shure, Reed Sanchez, Will Jewett, Jason Hoard** and **Nick McCall** went that extra mile, learning the specifics of orienteering, Leave No Trace, and backcountry living to earn their Backpacking patches.

During days in the ring, trail rides, and overnight rides, our horseback riders gained confidence by learning a new skill and feeling in control on top of large animals. Not only did they learn the finer points of riding form and taking care of a horse, but they also learned the impor-



tance of being attentive and careful at the appropriate times. **Jacob Hodge, Nick McCall, Nick Plett, John Ryan, Tanner Davis, Kieran Edstrom** and **Pete Kerby-Miller** took the extra effort to gain more knowledge and skills to earn their horsemanship patches, becoming true horsemen able to ride and take care of horses on their own.

Riding up and down mountain trails with the wind blowing through their helmets and smiles on their faces, our mountain-bikers used focus, responsibility, and a sense of care and caution to make each trip successful. They gained awareness of themselves and their surroundings as they zipped through roads and curved around corners. **Richard Clements** and **Gabe Wilson** led the way as they learned proper riding technique and also how to care for their bikes to earn their Mountain Biking patches.

With hundreds of miles of trail, towering mountains stretching skyward, alpine lakes shining in the sun, and a heck of a lot of snowball fights, our hikers trekked all over the terrain of the Rocky Mountain National Park and beyond. They pushed themselves to the limit on EB hikes, learning that they could accomplish anything if they put their minds to it. They saw first-hand the benefits of having a positive attitude and supporting each other as they reached destinations where few have ever set foot. Often seen smilin' and sweatin' on the trail were our Hiking Patch recipients: **Manny Adler, Will Jewett, Parker Schiffer, Harrison Shure, Val Stutz, Zach Ellison, Jack Burton, Jason Hoard, Nick McCall** and **Gabe Wilson**. In addition, **Thomas Burk** received his Tyrolean, a recognition that can be earned, but not sought, and which is given to those who show exceptional leadership, skill, attitude and consistency both on the trail and off.



Laughter is inner jogging

The chapel is quiet and still now – chipmunks and other valley critters have reclaimed the property of BTE as home for the winter – but it still holds the memories of our times together on Sundays, singing “Hallelujah,” “Hallelujah,” “Cold Missouri Waters,” and “Lean On Me.” Or at Vespers, thinking quietly about the days past and the days to come, and singing “Glory Bound” arm-in-arm; all of this to bring our community closer together around our central document, the Code of Living. With traits like Respect, Honesty, Brotherhood, and Trust, it brought us all together and gave us a common goal. Every single camper lived up to that code, and wore their Blue Kerchiefs proudly as evidence. There were a few campers who, as voted on by their peers, went above and beyond and exemplified the traits of this summer’s Codes of Living. Younger campers **Ike Adler, Daniel Fletcher, Zach Ellison, Jack Burton** and **Dylan Petersen** received their Drivers, while older campers **BJ Bloomhall, Jason Hoard, Casey Sexton, Manny Adler, Edvard Ljungqvist, Reed Sanchez** and **Valentine Stutz** received their Top Hands.

As we departed campfire that final night, movies playing in the background and exhausted boys sprawled about the lodge’s floor, we knew that even though we would be gone for 11 months or maybe even more, with our memories and stories and most importantly with the way we live our lives, Trail’s End will be in our hearts forever.



SENIOR CHIPETA

Another Senior Chipeta summer has come to a close. We will all remember the singing in the lodge, squeals of laughter coming from across the courtyard, and excited voices whispering in the cabins at night. The summer of 2007 brought us all so many new memories and friendships that will carry us through until next year!

Elise and **Leslie** led us on many wonderful backpacks. Their 3-day trips brought them to some beautiful campsites with wonderful opportunities to explore the nature around them. Their feature 5-day backpacks in Mummy Range and Tonahutu gave the girls unforgettable bonding experiences. They taught many backcountry skills, and campers went above and beyond to learn the requirements for their Backpacking Basics. **Amelia Parmidge** earned her Backpacking Patch first term.

The hiking counselors, **Sydne** and **Amanda**, led the women on some amazing day trips. They went to beautiful lakes and climbed many peaks. On their feature hikes first term they climbed up Indian Peaks, Crystal Lake, Thatchtop and Eagles Beak. Second term, they climbed up Spearhead, Navajo, Andrews Glacier and Elk Tooth.

*When you meet temptation,
turn to the RIGHT!*



Emily Angel, Casie Peet, Shannon Sherwood and Amy Nystrand worked to build mountaineering knowledge and earned their Hiking Patches.

Merryl, Meg and Sam taught horsemanship skills. Waking up every day to care for the horses, groom, saddle and muck the stalls was a real learning experience for our Senior Chipeta riders. Several girls had the opportunity to learn from the wranglers' extensive horsemanship knowledge. **Taylor Schmitz** earned her Riding Basics. **Sarah Duncan, Elizabeth Coco, Abigail Conde, Maggie Flint, Tami Kim, Caitlin McGonagle and Kelsie Ward** earned their Riding Patches.

Mountain Biking with **Emily** was always a challenging and chill adventure. She led all-day rides to Stanley Park, and Pierson Park, as well as a two-day and three-day trip each term. They always had a great time hanging out, playing games, and eating LOTS of food. Senior Chipetans who earned their Mountain Biking patches were **Caroline Healy, Emily Smith, Lizzie Breeden, Katie Clurman and Lauren Stafford**.

Annie led the outcamps all summer. Big Sis-Little Sis Outcamps were a great opportunity for the Senior Girls to be role models for the younger Lower Chipetans. The 24-hour solo trips were a great opportunity for the girls to experience a night on their own and be able to reflect on their experiences at camp, as well as their life at home.

Megan's riflery program was very impressive this summer with safety, shooting skills, and listening being her biggest priorities. **Emilie Foyer** earned her Kneeling Patch. Standing recognitions were earned by **Abbie Jackson** and **Austin Powers**.

Crafts were so fun and interesting this year with **Katie**. She helped the girls make many interesting projects like tie-dye clothing, ceramics, and all sorts of jewelry!

Some campers went out to experience it all! On The Trail patches were earned by **Sarah Coleman, Kathryn Ikenberry, Mauri Resseguie, Emily Sandefer, Florence Boel, Margaret Dubey, Allie Rubach, Emily Horne, Lis Dillon** and **Nikki Moss**.

Campfires this summer with **Emily** were so much fun and a great way to end every evening in camp. Some

highlights were the square dances, discos with Lower Ski Hi, All-Camp Campfire, and so many more evenings hanging out and bonding with the wonderful women of Senior Chipeta.

At the end of each term, the campers and staff voted to recognize those campers who best exemplified living up to the Code of Living that they had created together. Those women receiving their Gold Key were **Cate Costley, Kelly Kern, Christie Koets, Emily Palmquist, Lizzie Breeden, Sarah McCue, Amy Nystrand, Lauren Ringler** and **Juliana Scholle**.

What a summer! We all dreamed big dreams and challenged ourselves to try new things and create new relationships. What a wonderful time of learning and playing in the mountains! Thanks to everyone who made it possible and thank you to the parents for sharing your daughters with us this summer. Remember to light your friendship candles on December 24th as a symbol of our everlasting Cheley Spirit. Have a wonderful school year and see you all in summer 2008.



HAIYAHA

There is a distinct chill in the air as winter fast approaches "the Hill". The ground squirrels and chipmunks can be seen hiding their food in preparation of the first major snow of the season. Life has changed since the men of Haiyaha left their mark this past summer.

It was just a few short weeks ago that 110 young men joined our staff of 14 highly trained counselors for what was to be a great two terms. Coming from more than half the states in the U.S., Bermuda and Mexico, "the Hill" was alive with high expectations and the hope for fulfilled dreams. Who can forget the backpacks that "**Seanski**" **Hoban** and **Craig Enlund** lead to Devil's Thumb, Parika Lake, the Mummy Range and Pawnee Lake while second term brought trips to Ditch Camp, Lake Gibraltar, Bob and Betty Lakes and Sandbeach Lake (where we summited Rocky Mountain National Parks 2nd highest peak, Mt.



Meeker). It was during these multi-day treks into the backcountry that people like **Max Kudisch, Sam Backlund, Cole Rabinowitz** and **Vince Wilson** earned the right to wear their Backpacking Patch.

Not to be out done was the riding program under the leadership of **Andrew Powell** (our man from Wales), **James Hamilton** (our soccer stud from England) and **Clay Cowgill**, (Master of Cowga). We learned about tending colts and riding in proper form in the English or Western rings. We also went to such destinations as Twin Sisters, Eugenia Mines, Storm Pass, Chasm Junction, BTE and Homestead Meadow, as well as multi-day excursions to Pierson Meadow, Sandbeach Lake and the OP corral. During these rides **John Ashburn** earned his Horsemanship Basics while **Mikhail Larson, Charles McBain, Dylan Reiling, Robbie Scholle** and **Jay Swift** fulfilled all the requirements for the coveted Riding Patch.

The hiking program kept going regardless if it was first term dry or second term wet with **Mike Martinez** and **Cailen O'Brien** leading the way. It was a summer of dust and mud with peak hikes to Spearhead, Mt. Copeland, Pagoda, Thatchtop, Isolation, Mahana, Eagles Beak, Snowdrift, and Half Mountain. Other areas visited were Tombstone Ridge, Keplinger Lake, Lake of the Clouds, Chaos Canyon, Lion Lakes, Shelf and Solitude, Milner Pass to Bear, Sky Pond, Meadow, St. Vrain, Spectacle Lakes and Chasm Lake and a hike from Bear to Grand Lakes. Showing basic skill and knowledge of the hiking program was **Alex Shafernich** who earned his Hiking Basics. **Ben Joekel** and **Chris Eliot** proved even more determined and goal oriented by attaining their Hiking Patches.

Chris McDonald proved to be an exceptional leader of our mountain bike program as crafts counselor **Josiah Torres**, rifle counselor **Dan Maricle**, campfire counselor **"Seanway" Conway** and assistant director **Shawn Ness**, assisted him. No one will forget the effort needed (or brotherhood given) as our Ironmen peddled that final up hill mile into camp after each trip to Pierson Park, the city of Lyons, Stanley Park or Pierson Forest/Meadow Outpost. Showing he had a big heart (and bigger lungs) was **Tim McCall** who peddled his way to his Mountain Biking Patch.

While "home" may be where "the heart is," the following men showed that "out of camp" is where dreams are fulfilled by earning their On The Trail Patches. First term, assistant director **Shawn Ness** awarded patches to **Lincoln Adams, Andrew Basler, Paul Downing, Mikhail Larson, Tanner Nichols, Alex Rowe, Matt Summers, Nick Thompson, David Tran** and **Henry Warrington** while second term saw **Matt Brown, Polo Contreras, Nick Czarnecki, Sam Faktorow, Duncan Marsh, Cole Rabinowitz, Jay Swift, Bobby Tobey** and **Patrick White** add their patch to their BK's.

Outcamps were new and unique this summer with **Brennan Metzler** leading the way with assistance from **Dan, Chris** and **Josiah**. We worked on restoring the Hideaway during first term, helped our "Little Brothers" from Lower Ski Hi in the Big Brother/Little Brother outcamps and made history with the 2nd term "Survivor" out camp to Tee Pee Village.



*Ideas are funny things,
they won't work unless you do*

First term, we were pleased to see **Dan Crotty** come forward and receive his Gold Spurs from **Don** and **Jeff Cheley** while Spur Men from years past joined in with the celebration. This is the most difficult recognition to receive as it takes years of dedication and commitment to a goal to achieve each of the five patches the camp offers as well as expertise with a rifle, a bow and making craft projects. It is rare that a camper shows this dedication and **Dan** earned this designation and the right to burn his name into the Spur Wall of the Totem Tee Pee.

First term Director **Will McKnight**, Second Term Director **Ed diZerega** and **Don** and **Jeff Cheley** were joined by fellow Gold Key recipients in attendance to honor the Haiyaha Code of Living through participation in the Haiyaha Gold Key ceremony, the final recognition given at Cheley Camps each term. This summer saw eight young men selected by their peers to represent them, their Code of Living and as Key Men. First term recipients were **Dan Crotty, Max Kudisch, Kenton Manhart** and **Dan Moffitt** while second term saw **David Brown, Hunter Chamberlain, James Pelz** and **Peter Wiese** receive their keys.

Yes, the summer of '07 was one that saw goals set, achievements made and dreams fulfilled. Yet we, the Ironmen of Haiyaha, know that we were all successful by forming a brotherhood that spans the globe that, while separated by time and distance, will never be separated in our hearts or minds.

Let it Shine



*The surest way to get somewhere
is to know where you are going*



CHIPETA

The laughter that filled Chipeta through the summer has quieted. The sounds of campers have disappeared along with the warm summer days. All of us will hold dear our memories of the summer and they will hold us until next summer.

With our cowboy boots and horses we went to many great places, including Eugenia Mines, Pierson Meadows and Strawberry Hill with **Rachel Banister, Christy Condon** and **Becca Curry**. Every day was full of adventures and good times with the horses and wranglers. Earning their Riding Patches this summer were **Emma MacFarlane, Lily Ross, Caitlin Kinney, Danielle Herrera, Brindley House, Annie Duncan, Katherine Padon, Lindsay Stern, Isabel Bu-josa, Molly Bell, Lynn Tatge, Hannah Searle, Kate Viola, Quincie Glimcher, Lark LaBrunerie, Jessica Bishop, Rita Herzog, Hailey Hunter, Lexy Kadey, Elise Newman, Allie Scheu** and **KC Sniffen**.

There were many who stepped out of their comfort zone and challenged themselves on hikes this summer with **Paige Wolfe** and **Janie Schneider**. Many peaks were stood upon singing "Netherlands" and feeling proud of our accomplishments. Some of the inspiring moments happened on Audobon, Flattop, Mount Ida and many other mountains. Earning her Hiking Basics this summer was **Katie Hickey**. Hiking Patches were earned by **Kelly Cochran, Jo Haller, Livia Greene, Allie Hoy, Eunice Lin, Lindsay Miller, Sarah Rosston** and **Ellen Vermes**. Backpacking was a memorable program this summer. **Abby Lohr** and **Mary Ogburn** took us to many great locations including Boulder Brook, Jasper Lake and Aspen Meadows. Earning their Backpacking Patches were **Jenny**



Evans, Catherine Sales, Amanda King, Allison Moore, Kate Paladin, Claire Larson, Sarah Bartosh, Katie Magid and **Mika Mestek**.

Outcamping was full of good food and fun games with **Joy Feeney** and **Rachel Befort**. We had a great time at Pierson Meadows, TE Crossing, TeePee Village and Rockstock. Earning their Outcamping Patches were **Marjorie Carney, Kate Brownlee, Meredith Vincent, Katrina Goddard, Molly Leonard** and **Jordyn Sessel**. Earning her Outcamping Basics was **Madison Neusel**.

Lots of Chipetans spent 15 out of the 18 program days hiking, riding, backpacking, outcamping and technical climbing. Those who earned their On the Trail Patch were **Sarah Bartosh, Marlo Berberian, Blair Bovaird, Marjorie Carney, Emmy Clurman, Kelly Cochran, Kelly Crowley, Livia Greene, Katelyn Gustafson, Jo Haller, Callie Hiner, Alison Hix, Catherine Hochman, Courtney Horne, Lexy Kadey, Meaghan Kay, Remy Lewis, Molly Lowen, Katie Magid, Anna Moritz, Julia Morris, Kayla Nardi, Elise Newman, Allie Scheu, Anna Schoen, Nicky Stoddart, Julia Tuttle, Megan Williams, Molly Danzig, Allie Hoy, Caitlin Kinney, Claire Larson, Molly Leonard, Eunice Lin, Allison Moore, Kate Paladin, Lily Ross, Sarah Rosston, Catherine Sales, Keli Sherwood** and **Ellen Vermes**.

In camp activities were always fun. Hanging out with **Maggie Schreiner** and **Carolyn Black** in crafts and ceramics gave us plenty of chances to create awesome jewelry, journals, boxes and pottery. **Gretchen Wall** kept us moving with soccer, Cheley knock-out, ultimate frisbee and technical climbing. Helping us to improve our aim and patience was **Noelle Schonefeld** at the riflery range.

While all the Chipetans wore their Blue Kerchiefs with pride and adhered to the Code of Living, there were a few campers who proved to be extraordinary role models and were awarded their Silver Spurs. They were **Molly Leonard, Claire Larson, Livia Greene, Jo Haller, Katie Hickey, Lexy Kadey, Allie Scheu** and **Hannah Searle**.

Lindsay "Kwal" Kowalski always had a fantastic campfire at the end of the day. Who could forget counselor imitation night, spa night, Cheley Jeopardy or Cheley DisneyWorld? We loved coming back to the unit to see **Andrea Rottinghaus** and **Nicole "Mick" Mikkelson**. Their enthusiasm and energy made the summer of 2007 one to always remember. We will always be a part of each other. "If you listen one and all, you can hear the Chipeta Call..."



SKI HI

Like most, I often find myself thinking about our summer spent at Cheley. Every experience was great and every moment special. I love the careful planning and preparation for the big trips. I love the heavy packs, the long hard hike, and the cool, starry nights. I even love the rain. In fact, it's in these things, the tough challenges that make the trips even more rewarding.

We learn at Cheley how to prepare for and overcome challenges. But more than that, we learn to appreciate the challenges and the places that offer them to us. We learn to become better people. The mountains and the journeys contained within beckon us. Few know what it tastes like to drink from a rushing mountain stream. Few have seen the panoramic view from the summit. Few have experienced the majesty of a mountain sunrise or sunset. Few have journeyed to the places we dared to go. You are among the few.

We spent our month together in the mountains laughing, hiking, rafting, backpacking, horseback riding, climbing, eating, sharing, and creating friendships that will endure the test of time. During that month, it became normal to do things like wake up at 3 a.m. for an "early breakfast" hike, saddling and caring for our own horse became second nature, using a band saw in the woodshop was no big deal, seeing how fast we could eat our "treats" before it was our turn on the ping pong table was just part of the game, and sitting around a table full of friends and sharing the adventures of the day was commonplace for every meal. Singing, dancing, knockout, mountains, treats, and laughing uncontrollably at times became our normal routine.

It is not until now, when we are back in a world full of studying, TV, computers, practice, and sitting in a desk all day that we can truly appreciate our time spent at Cheley. Suddenly, climbing mountains, having a "cook's parade,"



*A frown is just a smile
turned upside down!*

and being surrounded by 60 brothers seem anything but normal. Take some time to reflect upon just how special this summer was and think about the lessons learned, the sights seen, and perhaps even give one of your camp friends a call or send them an email.

As the school year moves along and the summer seems more and more distant, we should remember our achievements and the people that Cheley pushed us to become. As **Nathan** mentioned on the first night together, "At Cheley you can be whoever you want, and for the first time you might just be yourself." We should all remember to be ourselves even when we are not at camp.

Many of us this summer decided to journey into the wilderness on full day and overnight activities. The campers that spent more than fifteen days "out of camp" earned their On the Trail Patch. The campers that earned this recognition are: (first term) **Bill Angel, Dustin Barr, Everett Brownstein, Hampton Brunner, Blake Carter, John Corbett, Jack Douglas, AJ Fenton, Chris Halverson, Ethan Hill, Gaddis House, John Ikenberry, Kevin Lin, Hilyard Nichols, Tyler Petersen, Forrest Poulin, Sean Roberts, Spencer Schneider, Spencer Sharp, Ben Stassen, Zach Tanner, Demi Vis, Drew Wallace, Angus Yates, Bennett Crawford, Thomas House, Andy Blaylock, Will Baizer, Collin Fischer, Spencer Smith**, (second term): **Bolan Walker, Nick Francoeur, Evan Chang-Tung, Andrew Flato, Brahm Andrews, Nick Whitlow, Peter McCall, Reed Kowalski, James Heinz, Alex McCall, Michael Ems, Charlie Haslem, John Rezabek, Luke Hart, Kendall Williams, Andrew DeWispelaere, Bruno Zicarelli, Killian Hunter, Riley Adams, Reid Aronstein, Alonso Vela, Duncan Walgreen, Sam Yarborough, Jay Patenaude, Tyler Straffon, Ian Adams, Spencer Theis, Drew Wilcocks, Henry Teverow, Kagan Marks, Bennet Winton, Zach Waterhouse, Jack Rettig.**

This summer many of us found ourselves in the saddle riding the same western trails that the Wild West Cowboys did before us. These trails and the overnight horseback trips provided a measure of freedom from the outside world where it felt normal to sing around the campfire, cook over an open fire, and play capture the flag for hours on end. With all of this fun we still learned valuable skills such as proper form and how to handle a horse. The riders went to all of the Cheley favorites, such as Eugenia Minds, Pierson Meadow, Storm Pass, Gypsy Grounds, and even Adam's Tunnel. Sometimes while daydreaming I can still hear the wranglers cry of "Ski Hi Riders." You know the rest. The campers who earned their patch this year are: (first term) **Jack Berhorst, Ed MacMahon, Stefan Walz**; (second term) **Nick Vann, Brock Phillipitch, Nick Francoeur, Alex Clay, Andrew Flato, Alonso Vela, Nick Whitlow, Kagan Marks, Kevin Kim, Steven Podlasek and Ethan Huron.**

Using two feet instead of four hoofs, the hikers also spent countless miles out on the trails exploring vast wilderness. The snowball fights, glissading, bulk lunch,

*Be content with what you have –
never with what you are*



and van rides are all very memorable. Maybe we should all teach our family how to cook a “bloody elk” one night for dinner. A few of the premier hikes of the summer were Audubon, Chief’s Head, Taylor’s, Sky Pond, Andrew’s Glacier, Meeker, and Chasm Lake. This summer the following hikers chose to earn their Hiking Patch: (first term) **Kevin Lin**; (second term) **Andrew Flato, Bruno Zicarelli, Bolan Walker**.

Many of us fell in love with sleeping out under the starry skies and cooking delicious meals over a roaring campfire. The outcampers visited the classic Cheley campsites such as Rockstock, Teepee Village, Pierson Meadow, OP Coral, and Gypsy Grounds. Hours of “Rambo” were played and hopefully all of the face paint has finally washed off. Eating to their heart’s delight and



relaxing in the beauty of nature, outcampers had the time of their life. The campers that earned their Outcamping Patch are: (first term) **Drew Wallace, Dustin Barr, Hilyard Nichols, Max Thoeny, Ben Stassen, Sean Roberts, Bennett Crawford, and Ethan Hill** (second term) **Reid Aronstein, Killian Hunter, Evan Chang-Tung and Nick Vann**.

Who can forget the howl of the coyotes while camping deep in the backcountry? Who can still taste the Mountain House meals cooked over a backpacking stove? Who remembers the replenishment provided by water filtered straight from the snowmelt of a Rocky Mountain stream? Who can forget the majestic sunrises and sunsets in the Never Summer Wilderness? These memories and many more flood into our minds when thinking of this summer’s backpacking program. The brave backpackers that journeyed into the wilderness this summer will never forget these experiences. The campers that earned the backpacking patch are: (first term) **Bill Angel, Thomas**

House, and Gaddis House; (second term) **Andrew Flato and Andrew DeWispelaere**.

The Code of Living is one of the defining traditions at Cheley. We had an outstanding summer and were blessed by the fact that on our last night together all of the campers in Ski Hi lodge were wearing their Blue Kerchiefs representing that everyone had lived up to the code. The campers recognized with the Silver Spurs for exemplifying the Code of Living are: (first term) **Hampton Brunner, Gaddis House, Thomas House, Kevin Lin and Jackson McNeil**; (second term) **Duncan Walgreen, Luke Hart, Bolan Walker and Killian Hunter**.

As the school year moves along and the summer seems more and more distant, we should remember our achievements and the people that Cheley pushed us to become. As **Nathan** mentioned on the first night together, “At Cheley you can be whoever you want, and for the first time you might just be yourself.” We should all remember to be ourselves even when we are not at camp.

As the winter approaches and there is a noticeable silence on Ski Hi porch as the clanging of the metal ping pong table is no longer there to soothe us, we hope you will take time to reflect upon your summer. Remember the challenges you overcame that once seemed impossible. Remember the friendships kindled over the warmth of a campfire. Remember to be yourself, and in times of struggle draw upon the lessons learned while at Cheley.

And always remember that another summer in the mountains full of those same things and more is waiting for you.



LOWER CHIPETA

While discussing the significance of the Silver Coup during recognition night, we reflected on how the phrase “counting coup” in the Native American oral tradition referred to the handing down of tales recalling good and noble deeds. It is in this spirit – now that summer is over and our adventurous campers have returned to the world of elementary and middle school academia – that it is an appropriate time to reflect on all the laughter, challenges, and accomplishments earned by Lower Chipetans during the camp season at Cheley.

The riding program cultivated many young achievers in horsemanship under the direction of **Jackie Shay, Kendal Mason and Jaime Kellogg**. Campers honed their knowledge in both the English and Western riding rings and put that information to the test on trail rides to Gypsy Grounds, Pierson Park, Strawberry Hill and Storm Pass. The first term RP recipients were **Ashlee DAlessandro, Jennifer Klink, Tessa Podschun, Meredith Manda and Megan Rash**. **Autumn Dern** also earned her Horsemanship Basics. During second term, RP’s were awarded to **Grace Anne D’Amico, Kate Dumanian, Meg Horne, Jackie Hiner, Ashley Jones, Morgan McGonagle, Morgan Pruett,**

Wittney Skigen, Michelle Stoddart and Claire Weiler. Congratulations to these young women for their hard work and enthusiasm!

Hiking with **Katie Hoban** and **Whitney Gaskill** always delivered, and it shows by the number of girls who worked hard to earn their Chipmunk (Hiking) Patch. First term honors in this area went to **Ellie Schwartz, Abigail Nadler, Grace Anne Odom, Heather Pippus, Peyton Wall, Ally Price** and **Michelle Stoddart.** The first term EB (acronym for "early breakfast") hike to Flattop and Hallet was also hugely successful despite challenging weather. A staggering ten Chipmunk patches were awarded in the second term. The recipients include **Taylor Cousin, Hana Durkee, Quinn Evangelakos, Alexis Huron, Angelina Leonardi, Abby Mayo, Jessica Savage, Jennifer Home, Claire Weiler** and **Grace McCall.** The second term EB to Chapin, Chaquita, and Ypsilon also resides among the legendary tales of hiking success in Lower Chipeta.



Outcamping counselors **Lauren Stead** and **Lisa Koob** concocted good eats and crazy themes on their outcamps to Rockstock, TE Crossing, and Upper Wagon Yard. Seven girls exhibited a phenomenal commitment to this program and earned their Outcamping Patches: **Julia Bolinger, Danielle Golub, Madison Jetty, Emma Marciano, Jenny Melcher, Carson Peacock** and **Marigny Strauss.** Second term saw just as many camper-extraordinaires with **Amy Bachman, Mallory Ferguson, Brooke Lummis, Isabel Reeves, Mackenzie Timbel, Brit Ward** and **Danielle Coco.**

The climbing program was nothing short of immensely popular this summer. First termers **Rosemary Buscher, Eloise Coutret, Molly Delashmutt, Danielle Golub, Skye Greer, Ellie Schwartz, Abigail Huff, Gabrielle Jansen, Alexandra MacMahon, Emma Marciano, Jenny Melcher, Maggie Mullins, Grace Anne Odom, Erin O'Kelly, Ally Price, Gretchen Price, Megan Rash, Michelle Stoddart, Peyton Wall** and **Maggie Zeidwig** all earned their Spider Patches. And second termers **Amy Bachman, Madeleine Moore, Jessica Savage, Miranda Symcox, Isley**



*What we see depends
on what we are looking for*

Walker, Kate Dumanian and **Anne Erthal** showed their prowess and "spidey skills" on the climbing wall by earning their patch.

Molly Jones continued to amaze with innovative ideas for crafts such as sock puppet theater, jewelry, and self-portraits. The duo of **Jones** and **Brittany Peace** led a highly popular cheerleading program during the second term. Go Lower Chip – rah rah rah! The campers who earned distinction with **Brittany** on the riflery range and **Ashely** in archery are too numerous to mention here, but regards to them for their sharpshooting skills!

Ivy Adams coordinated superb campfires throughout the term, which brought great days to a close with great and memorable evenings. The finest was recognition night where each girl was recognized in a special way for achievements earned during the summer. Girls who participated in a little of everything earned their Circle of Stars Patch. The evening culminated in the bestowal of the Silver Coup. Both terms, five young women were agreed upon by their peers and counselors as commendable exemplars of the Code of Living. First term recipients were **Skye Greer, Alexandra MacMahon, Carson Peacock, Marigny Strauss** and **Peyton Wall.** Second term awardees were **Kate Dumanian, Abby Mayo, Quinn Evangelakos, Isley Walker** and **Mackenzie Timbel.** Congratulations to every Lower Chipetan who wore a blue kerchief this summer on your great successes and the immeasurable impact you've made on the lives of your fellow campers and counselors this past summer.

It is customary Cheley tradition to – on a special night for you and your family – light your friendship candles during the December holiday season. Think about those you love at home and those who touched your lives at Cheley, your home-away-from-home. We greatly hope to see you again.



LOWER SKI HI

As the summer season winds down with the aspen leaves starting to change, everyone and everything is preparing for winter. During this change of season we cannot help but think of the amazing summer we all had in Lower Ski Hi. Neither words nor a letter can express the truly outstanding memories and experiences Cheley brought to us in Lower Ski Hi this summer. It was a summer of long and goofy hikes, outstanding crafts, gourmet horseback rides, learning great riflery/archery skills, fun on outcamps and playing as a team in sports. Most importantly, it was summer that affected us all in a truly unbelievable way, providing us with enough memories for a lifetime.

*Today is the TOMORROW
you thought about YESTERDAY*



We had a variety of great programs in Lower Ski Hi. For starters, the hiking program headed by **Tyler Ritter** and **Andrew Leighton** involved wacky tourist hikes, and many long hikes within and on the vast peaks of the Rocky Mountains. Lower Ski Hi campers who received their Hiking Patch this summer were: **Max Melcher, John Baizer, David Connelly, Malcolm McDonald, Atticus Proctor, Marco Quaroni, Parker Brown** and **Grant Stoppel**.

The Lower Ski Hi horseback riding program was very popular, with tons of laughs this summer, being lead by



Jess Stroud, Pat Creeden, Wood Brownlow, and Sarah Brown. Every camper either rode horses or participated in the Colt program this summer. Campers who earned their Riding Patch were: **Jeremy Horstman, Jack Woodward, Nick Moore, Davis Westfield, Will Gwaltney, Charlie Beckman, Buddy Angelette, Miles Bivins, Nolan Stoppel, Drew Blaske, Josh Stanton-Savitz, Clayton McElvain, Dylan Lederer, Brian Schiff, Jacques DeCalo** and **Theo Ubben**.

Campers in Lower Hi Ski enjoyed many other activities at camp this summer. **Lucien Bruno** brought his natural creativity to the craft program this year. Campers made moccasins, went on sketch hikes, created tie-dye shirts, and worked in the woodshop making boats. The riflery and archery program, headed by **Eddie Lederman**, focused on learning the skills to safely pursue these two activities all while having fun. There were many campers who earned a variety of pins and patches in these programs.

Rock climbing this summer found us inside on the climbing wall and outside on Christmas Tree rocks with **Zach Gorman** teaching campers the many skills associated with climbing, while increasing everyone's confidence. Campers learned the figure-eight follow thru knot, proper belaying skills, climbing techniques and how to work through one's fears. There were many campers who received their Spider Patch, which demonstrated their mastery of the above skills.

Traveling from the UK, **Luke Banham** headed up our tremendously exciting campfires. Our campfires normally found us either in the lodge or at the buddy ring where we sang songs and performed many great skits. This was a time for us to come together as a unit, and

share our excitement, reflect upon the past and share our enthusiasm for future activities.

Campers also had the option of participating on multiple day outcamps. The Lower Ski Hi campers learned what it takes to survive in the wilderness, with **Matt Quigley** and **Kyle Gorres**, leading the way. Campers built shelters, cooked over an open fire, explored the forest, and lived along side nature for as long as three days. Those who received their Outcamping Patches were: **Spencer Mayer, Spencer Papay, Peter Ralston, Max Schwartz, Brian McSwiggen** and **Max Bucksbaum**.

Another patch many campers obtained this summer is the Circle of Stars. It is awarded to campers who diversify their experience by completing a previously determined list of activities throughout their stay at camp. It is a great way for Lower Ski Hi campers to challenge themselves, and explore new activities. Many campers earned the Circle of Stars this summer.

Finally, the Silver Coup was award to campers who did a tremendous job at embracing and acting according to the Code of Living, as well as, going beyond this and showing true leadership and compassion towards their surroundings. Campers receiving this award for the first term were: **Will Gwaltney, John Baizer, Niko Pappas, Malcolm McDonald** and **Stirling Brenna**. Second term campers were: **Marco Quaroni, Max Bucksbaum** and **Austin Krueger**.

Well, it sure was a fantastic summer in the Rocky Mountains at Cheley Colorado Camps, and although our summer together is over, the memories and times we shared in Lower Ski Hi will remain with us throughout the year. Before we realize it spring will be turning to summer again, and it will be time to pack our bags for another summer at Cheley. We hope to see you then!



HISTORY SNIPPET

OUR AIMS

(from the 1926 Bear Lake Trail School "catalog")

It is the constant aim of the entire staff of The Bear Lake Trail School to meet every one of these fundamental points in a manner entirely satisfactory to the most particular parent, conscious that every parent has the right to expect, even in the brief period of one season, some measure of definite benefit for each boy:

1. In gaining superior health, and the knowledge and will to preserve it.
2. In gaining mastery of the body – joy and; skill in its use, both on land and in water. Keeness of eye and ear, deftness of hand, senses alert in observation, hearts responsive to beauty.
3. In gaining social consciousness and responsibility, modesty in victory, and graciousness in defeat; resourcefulness and reliability, contentment with simplicity and readiness to serve and to endure hardship.

When such objectives can be brought about for a boy by any agency, that agency must be thought of as an educational force of the first order.

