



CAMP OPENING ISSUE ... 2011

# The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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## CHALLENGE: BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

I watched a wonderful video of an interview with author Seth Godin, author of *Linchpins - Are you Indispensable?* During the interview he talked about the beauty of summer camp. Seth states, "I learned so much at camp about what our world needs from us. When camps are at their best, they create linchpins" (people who are an essential element to the success of a team or a plan).

"Camps are not about top-down authority; they are not about doing what someone did yesterday but a little faster; they are not about doing well on the standardized test. Camps are about becoming that person – the someone who would be missed if they were gone."

He went on to talk about the idea that the only person you are competing with is yourself. "If you are competing with yourself, then why is mediocrity acceptable? A great summer camp makes it so you don't accept the status quo."

At Cheley, we strive to challenge young people to be the best they can be. Last summer, our leadership staff had some great conversations about meeting people where they are in their own journey and strategies on how to help them move forward. We are all at different points in our development as human beings. As long as we are consistently striving to improve, we will continue in our development.

Recently I have been taking golf lessons, and I consistently get frustrated with the process. I feel like many times it is two steps forward and one step backwards. I am then reminded that even the best players in the world are constantly working to improve their game. The same is true about life. Many successful people are still taking classes, reading books and working with coaches to improve as athletes, performers, artists, and leaders.

What are you doing on a daily basis to be a better person? Are you becoming a linchpin in your family, your team, and your organization?

We look forward to another summer of helping young people challenge themselves to live a life of excellence.  
... Jeff Cheley

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### Trigger Bill says...



The most successful folks are those who do *common* things *uncommonly well*



*It isn't what you  
start that counts, it's  
what you finish*



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## Enrollment Desk Update

As we prepare to celebrate our 91st Season, we are excited to share that our enrollment numbers are over 10% ahead of last year. We have campers from 42 states and 15 foreign countries.

As of the printing of the Packrat, we were full for First Term Haiyaha and Lower Chipeta and Second Term in Lower Ski Hi, Ski Hi, Lower Chipeta, Chipeta, and Senior Chipeta. Some of our other units are close to capacity as well. With that said, we do still have space in some of our units and even some of the full units may change.

Please contact us soon if you know anyone who would benefit from the Cheley Experience. Email [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com) or call us (after May 26) at 970-586-4244.

### DONATE YOUR USED ITEMS

If you have camp items that you can no longer use, please bring them to camp on opening day. We often have families that are looking for slightly used riding or hiking boots, rain jackets, or other camp items. We would love to pass them along to these families.

## Important 2011 Dates

- May 26:** Cheley Business office moves from Denver to Estes Park
- May 18:** Pre-Camp Work Crew begins
- May 30:** Riding Counselors and Barn Crew Arrive
- May 31:** Transportation Crew Arrives
- June 2:** Directors and Assistant Directors Arrive
- June 3-4:** Wilderness First Aid Training
- June 5:** All staff arrive for Staff Training
- June 15:** First Term campers arrive
- July 11:** First Term campers depart
- July 11-13:** Mid-Term trip
- July 13:** Second Term campers arrive
- August 8:** Second Term campers depart
- August 9-14:** Family Camp
- August 15-20:** Second Term – Family Camp
- August 15-22:** Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp
- August 9-14:** Air Force Reserves Leadership Camp



## LEADERS FOR LIFE

Leaders for Life will celebrate its third year at Cheley Camps this summer from August 9th to August 14th. During the week the participants will create a vision statement, improve their public speaking skills, learn effective communication skills for success, and much more.

It is inspiring to watch Teresa Huggins as she empowers the participants to take control of their lives and discover their own potential. There are still spots available for this summer, go to: [www.leadersforlifeinternational.com](http://www.leadersforlifeinternational.com) for details. Join us this summer for a week that will change your life!



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Note: **do not use "Cheley Colorado Camps"** for Trail's End addresses as it takes several days longer for delivery.



## 2011 Staff

We are very excited about the staff for this summer. Paul, Alyse and Angie have been hard at work preparing for a wonderful summer.

This summer we have 115 returning staff, 69 staff who are new to Cheley, and 27 staff who are former campers. The staff is constantly changing so if you know any qualified individuals, have them contact us. After May 26th, they should call the Estes Park office at 970-586-4244, or email Paul@cheley.com.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2012

Applications and/or information for enrolling in Cheley for 2012 will be emailed after the third week of camp. Online enrollment will be activated before final weekend of each term. If you are coming to our Horse Show or Final Weekend, you can enroll then as well. We enroll on a first-come, first-serve basis, and we have had units fill during our Final Weekend.

Please do not assume that because a particular unit was slow to fill up one year, that it is always the case. We hate telling returning families that they are on a wait list, so please enroll early. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Our dates for the summer of 2012 are listed below. Please mark these dates on your 2012 calendar:

**First Term: June 13th - July 9th**  
**Second Term: July 11th - August 6th**  
**Family Camp: August 7th - 12th**  
**Second Family Camp: Aug 13th - 18th**

*When things go wrong,  
don't go with them*



## FACILITIES UPDATE

Again this winter, our site and facility staff spent the off-season updating and improving the facilities at Cheley Camps. During the months since last summer, they have been busy with many projects.

One of the major projects was remodeling an old building to create a new laundry room at Cheley. This allows us to do all of our campers' laundry on-property which should allow for more efficient, higher quality service. We also conducted a major remodel of the Honcho House at Girls' Trail's End. The staff and campers at GTE

are sure to be impressed with the quality craftsmanship in the updated building.

When the staff was not working on these projects, they were busy with fire and beetle mitigation, annual vehicle maintenance, ranch management, and working to complete the list of health department requests and unit directors' requests.

Kudos to **Mike Supinski, Chris Schrader, Kevin Hendrix, Chris Rahn, Steve Enyeart, and Austin Cheley.**

*If you think you haven't very much to be thankful for, be thankful for some of the things you don't have*

## ONLINE FORMS Thank You!

Kudos to all of the parents who have completed their forms for this summer. We appreciate your help. Recognitions to the first ten camper families to have completed their forms.

**Dane Lee, Hannah Gohl, Lexi Kadey, Juliette Moore, Jack and William Schneiders, Dimitri Culpepper, Nicholas Schultz, Jack Zuschnitt, Skye Greer, Mary Grace Carroll.** Way to go!! This was the second year in a row for **Jack S., Dimitri, and Lexi!!!!**

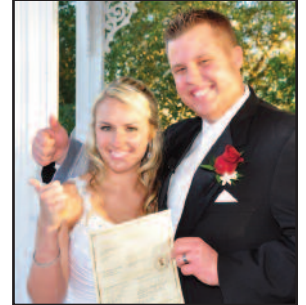
Most of the needed forms are available online. If you haven't completed your forms for this summer, please complete them by June 1st. If you didn't receive the login information, go to [www.cheley.com/session/new](http://www.cheley.com/session/new) and click on the password reminder link to get your login information. You can also call our office – or email [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com) for assistance.

We need to have all of the forms complete by JUNE 1st at the latest to prepare for the summer.

## Congrats to Chris and Taylor Schrader

Chris Schrader and Taylor Martin we wed in Mesa, Arizona on January 29th 2011.

In attendance to witness the nuptials was a group of Cheley staff including year round staff, past Lower Chipeta staff and other former staff members. It was a beautiful day in Mesa for the celebration followed by dancing and a wonderful reception.



Chris and Taylor met at camp during the summer of 2009. Chris and Taylor spent their honeymoon in the Bahamas and have settled into the white house on the ranch. Chris seems to be smiling more often now that Taylor is not living 1000 miles away (his long distance and text messaging expenses have gone down)!



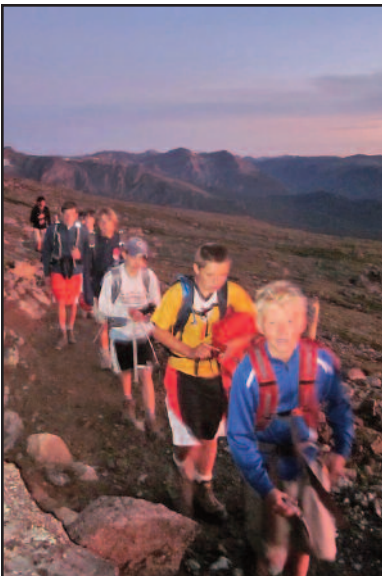
## UPDATE YOUR INFO! Keep in Touch

We enjoy keeping in touch with all of our alumni so we want to make sure we have your current contact info. If you have moved or our info is incorrect, please email us at [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com) or call us at 303-377-3616. We also love to hear from you with news and events for the next Pack Rat.

## THE JOHN AUSTIN CHELEY FOUNDATION

The John Austin Cheley Foundation was founded in 1989 after the passing of my grandfather. Each year, they have succeeded in growing their mission, "To secure the benefits of a summer mountain camp experience for children whose family resources are not adequate to cover the costs." Each summer, we witness the benefits of a summer camp experience, and we hear about the lasting benefits throughout the year from current campers and campers from long ago.

This past summer, we made a commitment to our staff that we would match every dollar they donated. Each Cheley Family Member (**Don & Carole Cheley, Jeff & Erika Cheley, Kurt and Brooke Cheley Klebe**), and Microsoft Corporation agreed to match the staff's donations. We also had a camp family agree to match the staff donations. The staff (most of them college students or recent graduates) donated over \$5,000 out of their summer paychecks. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$500. This netted a total donation to the Cheley Foundation of over \$30,000. That means six more campers will enjoy the benefits of a camp experience this summer. We plan to continue the program for the third time this summer. If you or your company is interested in matching part or all of the staff's contributions, please contact Jeff Cheley at [jeffcheley@cheley.com](mailto:jeffcheley@cheley.com).





# Around the Campfire

## ... with Cheley Friends

### 1940s

**Taylor K. Smith** (1948-1950) The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) presented the 2011 Humanitarian Award to Taylor K. Smith, MD, of San Francisco, Calif., during an awards ceremony at its 2011 Annual Meeting. The Humanitarian Award honors members of the Academy who have distinguished themselves through outstanding musculoskeletal-related humanitarian activities in the United States or abroad. Congrats Taylor.

### 1950s

**Thomas Hornbein** (1950s) was inducted into the Hall of Mountaineering Excellence during a ceremony in Golden, CO on Saturday, April 9th. What took them so long? Tom was also featured in a story in the Denver Post about his mountaineering accomplishments. Congrats Tom.

### 1970s

**Dave Lawrence** (1979-1983) wrote, "I worked at BTE during summers of 1979 and 1980 as Wrangler & Backpack Counselor and at Main Camp in 1983 as Transportation Coordinator. I lived in Breckenridge 1983-1987 and in Denver 1995-2007. I'm back at home in Texas due to a couple of severe brain traumas, and I'm trying to get back in shape (I had to learn to walk, talk and write again). I'd love to hear from any/all alums at any time."

**Steven Gary Miller** (1971-1979) was just nominated for, and awarded, a Kennedy Center Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher Award which publicly recognize specific teachers by spotlighting their extraordinary impact on the lives of students. The award celebrates the teaching profession, the important

role of teachers in society, and seeks to inspire others to pursue this noble profession. Nominated by students they once taught, these former students' stories exemplify the power one teacher has to inspire others and transform lives.

### 1980s

**Pamela Kling** (1983-1984) wrote us this: "Sold my house in Hays County and moved back into Austin! Finishing up my 20th year of teaching and turned 50 recently! Life couldn't be any better!"

### 1990s

**Joy Feeney** (1999-2008) sent us this greeting back in chilly January, "Graduated from Notre Dame in May, and I'm now working for an investment bank in downtown Chicago. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Winnetka slideshow!"

**Kristin Knight** (1996-2001) emailed us the following update on her life: "I wanted to let y'all know that I'm now the supervisory backcountry ranger for Denali National Park and Preserve, and I'm getting my Master's degree in Wilderness Management from the University of Montana. I never would have realized how much I love the wilderness if not for Cheley, and now that love has created the most amazing life. I get to backpack through the wilderness of Alaska in the summer and mush through it on a dogsled in the winter. Thank you!"

### 2000s

**Nora Bours** (2006) sent us this: "Hey there, my name is Nora from Mexico. I went to Cheley Colorado Camps when I was 10 years old, now I am 14. I remember a lot of experiences that I had there. One thing that I will never forget is my counselor, Whitney. I loved her! My cousins and I really – cont. on page 6

*A person usually can do more than they think they can, but they usually do less than they think they do*



*Past experience should  
be a guide post,  
not a hitching post*



## Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

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miss waking up at 6:40, singing songs (the lyrics I still remember) like *On the Loose*, *Circle Game*, *Shelby's Song*, and the campfires.

**Dorothy Sauvinet Carpenter** (2002) has recently moved to the Washington DC area from Dallas, Texas. She works for Southwest Airlines in Governmental Affairs and got married, in early March, to Elliott Sauvinet, in New Orleans, LA.

**Kristen Guthrie** (2009-2010) "Hello from the beautiful jungles of Guyana, South America! Although the rain forest is nice, my heart aches for the mountains and for my Cheley friends and campers. One of the first projects since becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer is to help with a camp here in Guyana called camp GLOW. I just love letting you know that the Cheley Spirit has made its way here, and hopefully we will see what great things will happen when 'youth and jungles meet'."

## WEDDING BELLS

**Nick Asher** (1996-1997) got married to Jane Snelling on September 4, 2010 in Hood River, Oregon.

## IN PASSING

**Jean Cheley Reigan** passed away peacefully at home on April 16 after a recent diagnosis of advanced lung cancer. Jean was the daughter of Glen Cheley (Frank H. Cheley's brother) and grew up in the Park Hill area of Denver.

**Patricia Craemer Brown** (1941-1947) passed away in Des Moines, Iowa, on April 6, 2011, "after a long bout with happiness and fulfillment". As a girl, she spent summers at Cheley and continued to enjoy the mountain life there and in the American Southwest. She was known for her love of entertaining, her generous nature and her irreverent wit.

**Phyllis Souers** (camper 1929-1933, staff 1933) passed away on April 5, 2011 at 89 years old. Phyllis was a camper and counselor at Cheley. In 1987, Phyllis and her husband Jerry moved to Estes Park where she was involved in the Junior League, P.E.O. and other groups. She also acted in several movies and was a stand-in actress for Betty Davis.

## Burn Camp Creates Fundraising Campaign

Since 1983 the Cheley community has partnered with The Children's Hospital Burn Camps Program. Our unique relationship with this incredible program has developed into an inspirational organization that facilitates the physical and emotional growth of children who have suffered a burn injury and their families.

This year we are proud to announce the Faithful 500 Friends for Burn Camp as a method to build a base of annual giving. This campaign will enlist 500 Friends from the Burn Camp and Cheley communities to raise or donate a minimum of \$100 annually for 5 years. The funds raised will be used to cover transportation costs, camp scholarships, and academic scholarships for young burn survivors and to establish an endowment for the Burn Camps program.



The Cheley / Children's Burn Camp Program began with 25 campers and grew to 85 campers this past summer. The Burn Camps program has grown into a continuum of camp experiences offered throughout the course of a young person's life designed to guide kids beyond their scars and into living life to its fullest potential. The program also includes young adult retreats, family camps, international exchange programs, and a winter ski camp.

To help build this community of giving for Burn Camp, please visit [www.Faithful500Foundation.org](http://www.Faithful500Foundation.org) and sign up for one of our campaigns or visit [www.NoOrdinaryCamps.org](http://www.NoOrdinaryCamps.org). Please do not hesitate to contact us to request further information about Burn Camp or learn how to become a sponsor.

Also, donations can be made directly to The Children's Hospital Burn Camps Program on their website, [www.NoOrdinaryCamps.org](http://www.NoOrdinaryCamps.org), or by contacting the Burn Camp Program Director, Trudy Boulter at [Boulter.Trudy@tchden.org](mailto:Boulter.Trudy@tchden.org) or at 720-777-8295.



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# 2011 Staff

## Our 91st season

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## HISTORY SNIPPET

### *A partial list of equipment needs for boys as listed in the 1935 catalog:*

Woolen socks or stockings  
Two suits pajamas  
Woolen or corduroy riding breeches.  
Outing shoes, stout but not too heavy.  
One-piece woolen bathing suit.  
Light soft shirts for Sunday.  
Suit bag for storing travel clothes during summer, shirr string top.

### *A partial list of equipment needs for girls as listed in the 1935 catalog:*

Colored outing shorts.  
Whipcord gray or green riding breeches.  
Two ties.  
One bathing suit, all wool (California style).  
One kimona.  
Plenty of all-wool golf hose.  
One four-gallon hat for riding, hiking.  
Blue jeans are not allowed for girls for many reasons. White ducks may be substituted.  
Two stout laundry bags with shirr strings.

OUR 'TRANS'  
HAS CHANGED,  
TOO!

