

CHELEY PACK RAT

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CAMP OPENING ... 2007



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The Circle of Life

This edition of the PACK RAT seems to be about the circle of life. As you can read later in this issue, both **Sheila Tallmon** and **Bo Winslow** have moved on with their careers. We are sad to see both of them go. Sheila has such a wonderful spirit. Bo has such a high level of commitment to everything he does. They will both be missed. At the same time, we are so lucky to welcome new people to the year round team. **Paul Weidig** has a love for music and cares about the well-being of everyone he knows. **Alexa Popcheff** has a contagious laugh that we hear many times each day. They will add to the foundation of the rest of our team. The year round staff is just a small sample of what goes into every summer at camp. We have a strong core of staff that continue the traditions and spirit of camp. Each year, we are disappointed to lose some of the favorite counselors and staff because they have to move on with life. Their places are taken by new staff that bring wonderful ideas and new energy to camp. Many of these new staff will become the favorite staff of the future.

We are also sad to hear about the loss of some wonderful people. **Vince Lopez**, a camper from 1998 to 2004 and staff member in 2005 passed away on March 19th after a five-year battle with cancer. Vince was a dedicated, determined young man. Up until the beginning of March, he was still telling us to keep him on the staff list for this summer. He truly believed he would win another battle and be at camp this summer. There are other wonderful alumni that are no longer with us. During this same time, we have been blessed to watch **Eleanor "Ellie" Klebe** grow up every day. She is a bundle of joy. One little laugh from Ellie and nothing else in the world matters. We also consistently hear about the births of many future Cheley Campers.

Cheley Camps is a special place. There is something in the soil and the rocks that brings amazing people together. People come to camp, contribute to the community and focus on having a positive impact on youth. Through their commitment and dedication, they become better people and learn skills to share with the world. Then they take these skills and share them with other people and other organizations. Bo and Sheila will be missed this summer, and Cheley Camps is a better place because of them. This same thing is true about staff members that will not be able to return this summer. They will be missed, and they will be replaced by other staff that will take their place in creating the magic.

We all feel so fortunate that our purpose is to create a memorable, life-changing experience for young adults every year. Each year, people that share this purpose find Cheley and contribute to the magic. We are excited about the group of staff that will carry the baton this summer in creating the Cheley Experience.



When you face a task
that looks impossible,
knock out the "imp" and
make it possible.



PACK RAT PUT TOGETHER BY

Around the Campfire: Cheley Staff
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Camper Information: Sarah Sanderman
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Any news for the Pack Rat?
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YOUR NAME
YOUR CAMP UNIT (Lower Ski Hi,
Lower Chipeta, Ski Hi, Chipeta,
Haiyaha, Senior Chipeta)
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YOUR NAME
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GLEN HAVEN, CO 80532

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



INTRODUCING THE NEW WWW.CHELEY.COM

Check out the new website full of new information, pictures and Cheley Spirit on every page.

Calling All Doctors

We are excited to welcome the following volunteer doctors for this summer. Philip Bickler and his wife, **Amy Blevins** will be with us the final week of first term. Dr. Cathy Lipton and her husband **Frederick Kahn** will be with us the final week of second term.

We have openings for volunteer doctors remaining for this summer. It is a great way to spend some time in the Rockies with your family. Please email office@cheley.com or call the camp office at 970-586-4244.

Important 2007 Dates for Campers and Staff

MAY 11: The Cheley Business office moves from Denver to Estes Park
MAY 16: Pre-Camp work crew begins
MAY 31: Directors and Assistant Directors Arrive
JUNE 1-2: Wilderness First Aid Training
JUNE 3: All staff arrive for staff training
JUNE 13: First Term campers arrive
JULY 9: First Term campers depart
JULY 9-12: Mid-term trip
JULY 11: Second Term campers arrive
AUGUST 6: Second Term campers depart
AUGUST 7-11: Family Camp
AUGUST 8-13: National Leadership Camp at Cheley
AUGUST 11-20: Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp

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Alexa Popcheff Joins Cheley's Year-round Team

Alexa Popcheff is the newest member of the year round team. Alexa was one of the photographers in 2006 and expressed an interest in year round opportunities after working Discovery this fall. It just so happened that we were hiring for a Human Resources Administrator position.



She is a graduate of Indiana University, (*go Hoosiers*), with a Bachelors in Parks and Recreation Administration.

After graduation, Alexa worked in Chicago in a photo studio and was an event planner for the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Alexa will put many of the skills she has learned to the test this summer as she works with the camp photographers and helps plan events for the staff. She is also responsible for assisting with all of the staff paperwork. When she is not in the office mailing out contracts, she can be found in the mountains or exploring her new city.

The 2007 Staff is Ready for Action

Our staff for the 87th summer is looking amazing as always.

We have about 55% returning from previous years, 75% combining returning campers and counselors, and 25% are new to Cheley coming with new and fresh ideas.

We currently have a few select openings (changing on a daily basis). If you know any qualified individuals who would be a great fit at Cheley this summer, ask them to call us for information. Phone before May 11: Denver 303-377-3616; after May 11, Estes Park, 970-586-4244. Or they can email any time at Paul@cheley.com

An Update from the Enrollment Desk

Our 87th summer brings us campers from 44 states and 11 foreign countries! The states we are missing are Delaware, Maine, Rhode Island, South Dakota, South Carolina and West Virginia. We would love help recruiting in those areas. Please let us know if you have friends, family or any leads that would help us reach our goal of campers representing all 50 states.

Our Second Term is almost full; we have a few spots left in Lower Ski Hi, Ski Hi and Chipeta. We have wait lists in the other units for that term. Our first term has a few spots in each unit still available. If you know anyone interested in camp for this summer, assure them that it is not too late to contact us.

To enroll you will need to complete our application and send it in with a deposit. The application can be found at www.cheley.com.

Mark Calendars for 2008!

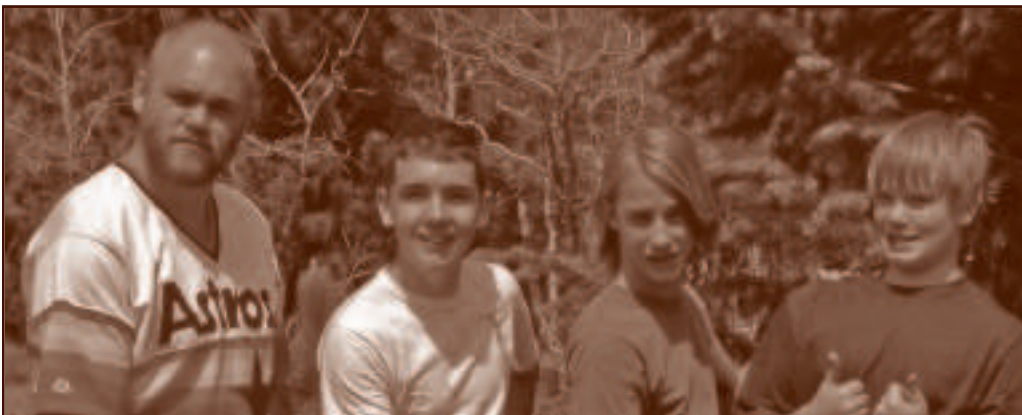
Applications and/or information for enrolling for Cheley in 2008 will be sent out with your camper's report after the second week of camp. If you are coming to our Horse Show or Final Weekend, you can enroll then as well.

We enroll on a first-come, first-served 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 is always the case. We hate to have to tell 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 2008 will be different from this year:

First Term 2008
JUNE 18TH - JULY 14TH

Second Term 2008
JULY 16TH - AUG 11TH



*To the person
who looks up,
the sky is the limit.*



*It is easier to
do a job right
than to explain
why you didn't.*



Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

... 1920s ...

Richard Kane writes that he still remembers the summer of 1927. He remembers the camp fires and the stories told. He remains active and "still occasionally sings the camp songs in the shower."

... 1930s ...

Frances (Fuhrer) Kidwell spends her winters in Rio Verde, AZ and then drives to Estes Park with her dog to spend every summer. She is always happy to have "old" Cheley people drop in.

... 1940s ...

Jane (Porter) Warmack lives in Texarkana, Arkansas but spends her summers in Edwards, Colorado.

Bill Hiner has retired as president of Capital Federal Savings. He is proud to have 3 children who were Cheley campers, 2 grandchildren who are current Cheley campers, and 6 more grandchildren who are waiting to be Cheley campers.

... 1950s ...

Susan Hesselgesser reports that she has been living and working in St Louis for the last nine years. She continues to regard her time at Cheley as the single most important learning experience of her youth.

... 1980s ...

Ellen Ryan, former backpacking counselor, and husband Mike Ryan have successfully completed all of Colorado's 14ers – quite an accomplishment!

Heather (Best) Salerno wrote in her report that she married her husband John back in 1997 and they now have two wonderful daughters – Claire who is five and Julia who will soon be three.

Emily (Arroyo) Araya is married to Alex and has three children, Eli, James and Grace. She is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys camping in the Texas Hill Country and traveling to Alex's home country, Costa Rica.

John Haefeli was selected to officiate the NCAA Division 2 regional tournament and Division 1 WNIT for Women's college basketball.

... 1990s ...

Desiree Meaney graduated from the University of Nevada Reno in 2003 with

a degree in Business Management and is now going to Massage Therapy School in the evenings and substitute teaching during the day.

Meredith Goodman is currently in college studying veterinary medicine and works with the elderly.

... 2000s ...

Former campers and CLTs **Jack Holt** and **Cory Hankemeier** will both be attending the US Military Academy at West Point in the fall of 2007. Congratulations to both of you. Time to put that leadership and the Code of Living to work.

Krista Schupbach has been busy working for another wonderful camp which is located in New York – Camp Echo – only a day's drive from her home.

Lizz Mueller is living and working in Durango, Colorado while she attends classes at Fort Lewis College. She is applying for graduate school and will be traveling, studying, and working in South America this coming summer.

... Wedding Bells ...

Tom Sass married Peggy Malchow in February of 2007. Best wishes to you both for a wonderful life together.

On January 6th, **WyWy Holmes** and Hilary Howard were married in Loveland, CO. WyWy proposed to Hilary at Ngoitakitok Springs at the bottom of the Ngarongoro Crater in Tanzania, Africa with her favorite animals – hippos – in the background.

Thomas Hall and Sarah Hobeiha were married August 19, 2006 and are now starting their new life together in Louisville, KY where Thomas is clerking for a federal district judge.

Cody (Jerden) Reyes was married to Tony Reyes on August 26, 2006 in Indianapolis, Indiana. They currently live in Chicago.

... New Little Campers ...

Jennifer (Monday) Leman has retired from the practice of law in order to stay home and raise new daughter, Mary Barrett, who was born on June 20, 2006. Jennifer's best friend from camp, **Karen (Butler) Connell** also had her first baby, son Cedar, and their birthdays are one day apart. Congratulations to both of your families!

Wendy (Miller) Eggen and her husband Mike

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GOOD-BYE TO TWO WONDERFUL YEAR-ROUND STAFF

Since last summer, we have had two of our valued year-round staff choose to move on from Cheley. **Sheila Tallmon** and **Bo Winslow** have both been key players at Cheley for many years.

Sheila Tallmon started with Cheley Camps in the summer of 1994 as the Rockstock Director. After two years at Rockstock and a summer as the Director of Chipeta, Sheila joined the year-round staff in January of 1998. Each year, Sheila's job description evolved to use so many of her strengths. We often joked that her title was "special projects" which can encompass so many things at a summer camp. She served as the Girl's Camp Director for many summers and has become a mentor and supporter for so many young women who have been at camp while she was here. One of my favorite times of the summer is when the buses would roll into camp and all of the returning girls would yell, "Sheila, Sheila" as she got on the bus to ride to Girl's Camp. Cheley Camps was blessed to have Sheila's gifts for so many years. We wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Bo Winslow started with Cheley Camps in the barns the summer of 1984. Bo continued to take on responsibilities and became the person responsible for the site and facility as well as the horse

program. Bo has the respect of so many people who have worked at camp in the horse program. We have had the opportunity to watch Bo grow as a manager, a leader, a father, a husband, and a person. He was often the first person to remind us all that family comes first and he demonstrates that by being available to work with his son on the weekends or standing on the end of a swimming lane at Nicole's swim meets. To watch Bo teach campers about working with colts or to watch him during Burn Camp is to watch an expert at work. Bo has taken a job as the general manager of the Estes Park Fairgrounds. When he told us about his opportunity, the first thing he said is, "I would have not been able to get this job without all of my experiences at Cheley." Well Bo, Cheley Camps would not be where they are today if it weren't for your commitment to excellence, your passion for people, and the true love that you put into everything you do. After 22 years with Cheley, Bo was ready for some additional challenges and opportunities.

Both Bo and Sheila will be missed this summer. Fortunately, both of them are still in the area and will be around to visit and help when they can. We wish that everyone could stay forever but we realize that there is a lot of life out there.

*You can't get rid
of your temper
by losing it.*



BECOMING A PART OF THE CHELEY COMMUNITY

WHAT TO EXPECT ... Some of you have experienced life at camp, and some of you are joining us for the first time. There can be nervousness and uncertainty either way. We have put a lot of time, training and practice into making your transition from home to camp as smooth as possible. We have amazing staff joining us this summer, and they can't wait for your arrival.

Cheley is a unique environment.

While with us, you can expect to:

- Meet new friends from around the world
- Learn to work through challenges with friends
 - Safely express who you are
 - Sleep outside under the stars
- Find your voice and become an advocate for yourself
 - Lead a group of your peers
 - Learn to make choices for yourself
- Try new activities and push yourself farther than you thought you could go
 - Have Fun Plus!

In preparation to join our community please remember the following regarding electronics and other technology. Camp is a great place to connect with friends, enjoy the outdoors and unplug for a while. With this in mind, we are letting you know that rechargeable electronics are not permitted. Please refrain from bringing iPods or other music devices. If you bring a digital camera, keep in mind that you will not be able to recharge it or download the photos until you return home. Camp is a great place to

take photos and less expensive cameras work great, especially with our activities.

MAKING THE TRANSITION ... Camp is a great place to be yourself for a while. We realize that campers are used to being on the go, multi-tasking and being over stimulated with technology throughout the day. We strive to make camp a peaceful place, with plenty of new activities to challenge your brain and your body.

To make your transition to camp smooth, here are a few tips and tricks to keep in mind:

- Bring pre-stamped, addressed envelopes so you can pop letters in the mail
- Bring a few photos from home to decorate your bed
- Help pack your bags so you know what you brought, what it is for, and how to use it
- Leave valuables or special "one-of-a-kind items" at home

We want to make camp a comfortable environment so you can focus on trying new things, making new friends and challenging yourself every day. Please let us know how we can help get you ready for your summer with us.



Today is the
tomorrow
you thought about
yesterday

CILTs for Summer 2007

The Camper in Leadership Training program offers a few selected campers the opportunity to spend their final summer as a camper in a leadership position. During the summer, they will experience growth, responsibility, and experience what it is like to act in a leadership role.

The following individuals have been selected based on the quality of their application, the vote of their peers, the recommendation from staff, and their involvement and spirit in past years as a camper at Cheley

Girls' Trail's End 1st Term: **Maggie Hill, Alex Oldham.**

Girls' Trail's End 2nd Term: **Sarah Glasser, Perry Hodgkins, Sarah Jewett, Sonnet Ludwig, Dana Morgan, Kate Schaefer.**

Boys' Trail's End 1st Term: **Noah Anderson, Tanner Andregg, Thomas Burk, Gordon Coutret.**

Boys' Trail's End 2nd Term: **Nathaniel Farnham.**

Senior Chipeta 1st Term: **Julie Denison, Christie Koets, Emily Palmquist, Jan Rosenberg, Lark Turner.**

Senior Chipeta 2st Term: **Annie Dunn, Libby Munson, Quinn Plummer, Lauren Ringler, Micky Winter.**

Haiyaha 1st Term: **Logan Benoist, William Joekel, Kenton Manhart, Daniel Moffitt, Ben Ryan, Sam Sternburg, Alex Tran.**

Haiyaha 2nd Term: **David Brown, Hunter Chamberlain, James Pelz, Alexander Stubbs, Peter Wiese.**

The Cheley Connection

Again this summer, we will post photos and articles daily on the Cheley Connection. We are fortunate that Mari will be returning this summer to manage the Cheley Connection and post the daily photos.

We will also continue the option to email your campers through the website. We do encourage parents and friends to send handwritten notes and letters as well as send emails.

We are excited about continuing the ability to keep parents and friends connected with the Cheley Experience while not impacting the program for the campers.

The Ellie Update!

Little Eleanor "Ellie" Klebe has been busy growing up and continues to keep her mother very busy. She has already been to her first Mardi Gras, attended the St. Patrick's Day parade in New Orleans, and has even spent a week with Nana while Kurt and Brooke took their first vacation without the baby. Her favorite words are turtle, apple, and horse. She is busy walking, climbing, and she kicked a ball for the first time. Ellie is excited to spend some of her summer with the campers.



Congratulations!

A big thank you and congratulations to the first 8 families who have all of their paperwork submitted. Those camper's with all forms turned in are: **Kelly Binding, Andrew Campbell, Elsie Gibson, Angelina Leonardi, Aidan Longtain, Brad Penoyer** (second year in a row he has been in the top ten!) and **Grant and Nolan Stoppel**. Your camper does contribute to filling out the forms, so thank you for getting their input and help. Please look for the forms available for downloading on our website www.cheley.com. You can print them out there, as well as the equipment list and Final Weekend schedule of events.

****SPECIAL NOTE:** Please remember we need a copy of the front and back of your camper's insurance card. A faxed copy is usually too dark for us to read. Let us know if you have questions regarding this policy.



Tag ALL your luggage

(both checked
and carry-on)

with yellow Cheley tags

Cut this form along dotted line -- and return it to Cheley Camps, P.O. Box 6525, Denver, CO 80206



Former Campers and Staff

CHELEY PACK RAT 7

We'd like to be able to keep in touch – but we can only if you keep us up-to-date with your address and other information. Please take a minute now to send us an update. This is also a good time to tell us about any friends or relatives who also should be on our alumni list. And – we also want to hear from you with news for the PACK RAT.

After filling in the appropriate spaces, fold this sheet, seal with Scotch tape, put a stamp on it and mail it (or use an envelope if you prefer!).

Years (19 ??/20 ??) as Cheley **CAMPER**: _____ – _____ ... Years (19 ??/20 ??) on Cheley **STAFF**: _____ – _____

Name _____ Maiden name _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Nickname at camp (if one used) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone No. _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail address _____

☐ Please **UPDATE** my record with the latest address and information as indicated above. *All former campers or staff members (with current addresses) automatically receive two Alumni Pack Rats each year.*

☐ I would like to **SUBSCRIBE** as an active new member of Cheley Friends – enclosed is my check for \$_____. *Members of the Cheley Friends Alumni Group receive all issues of the Pack Rat, a copy of the Alumni Directory which lists all known alumni, as well as other important information and additional benefits – yearly dues are \$15 per year per address, a lifetime subscription is just \$150 per address.*

☐ I would like to **RENEW** my subscription; enclosed are my yearly dues of \$15 (per address).

☐ Please send current Cheley information to:

POTENTIAL : ☐ CAMPER ☐ STAFF .. Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

POTENTIAL : ☐ CAMPER ☐ STAFF .. Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

☐ I have listed on the other side names of my friends/relatives who should be on the **ALUMNI LIST**.

☐ I would like to make a donation to JAC Foundation ☐ – and/or Cheley Burn Camp ☐ \$_____ enclosed.

NEWS



TO THE PACK RAT - Here's what's been happening in my life recently...

Name _____

Please check to be sure that my friends/relatives are on the ALUMNI LIST:

Name _____ Maiden name: _____ Relationship to me _____
☐ camper (about when? _____) ☐ staff (about when? _____) eMail address _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Maiden name: _____ Relationship to me _____
☐ camper (about when? _____) ☐ staff (about when? _____) eMail address _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Maiden name: _____ Relationship to me _____
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 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

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CHELEY COLORADO CAMPS
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 DENVER, CO 80206-6525

Please Update My
 Cheley Record!

Please
 place
 stamp
 here



Cut this form along dotted line -- and return it to Cheley Camps, P.O. Box 6525, Denver, CO 80206

By now you should have received several forms. Following is an explanation of how the forms are used and where they go on our property. **Please make sure all forms are completely filled out and returned to us as soon as possible.**

CREAM FOUR-PAGE CHELEY APPLICATION AND LIABILITY WAIVER – this form gets your camper enrolled, includes your contact information for us and allows your camper to participate in all activities. This form stays on file in the office.

GREEN FOUR-PAGE MEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION – this form is vital to the health and well being of your camper. It gets copied and stays on file in the office in case of emergencies. The original goes to the appropriate Health Center on property to be viewed by the Registered Nurses. Please remember we need copies of your camper's insurance cards as well as up to date immunization records (a State of Colorado requirement) in order for this form to be complete.

BLUE DOUBLE-SIDED CAMPER/PARENT INFORMATION – this form helps our new and returning staff get to know your camper before their arrival. Please attach a picture as it helps us identify them on Opening Day as well as learn names and faces quickly. This form is kept with the Director and Unit Staff. We appreciate that for returning families, we, on the year round team may know your campers, but our new staff does not, so the more information you can provide on this form, the better prepared we are to lead them to an amazing summer.

GREEN TRAVEL FORM – this is kept on file in the office after being entered into our computer system. It is important to let us know any changes to your camper's travel as soon as they happen. It is also important to get this form to us as soon

as possible so we can organize our staff for Opening and Closing Days.

YELLOW DOUBLE-SIDED STORE FORM – this form is in a new format! This helps you to budget with your camper what they can spend in our camp store. Please remember your store "limit" does not include extras like boots, airport fees, yearbooks and other extras. The limit is only for purchases in the store. This gets entered in the computer and then stays in the office as a reference tool.

PINK EMERGENCY INFORMATION – this is our link with you if we ever had an emergency. This stays on file in the office where it is easily accessible. Please include any pertinent information on the bottom portion that may be useful when trying to contact you.

Wow! That's a lot! Thank you for your help in getting all of these papers completed and in our hands before your camper's arrival. Having them in early makes for a smooth transition into the camp season and halts any delays in letting your camper participate in our great programs and activities. Please get in touch with Sarah in the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your camper's paperwork.

The New Camp Sky-Hi Buildings



Dining Room and Lodge at Sky-Hi



One of the Numerous Sleeping Cabins (14 boys and 2 leaders)



The Hospital at Sky-Hi – Almost an Invitation to be Sick

History Snippet

A page from the 1926 Cheley "Memory Book" showing some of the new "Sky-Hi" buildings.

Many changes since then, including the spelling of Ski Hi.

We haven't yet located the time or cause of the change to our present spelling of the unit name!

Oversleeping will never make your dreams come true.





Around the Campfire with Cheley Friends

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*The emptier the pot,
the quicker it boils.*

welcomed Webb Eggen to the world in March. His twin sisters are excited to have a younger brother.

... In Passing ...

Vince Lopez passed away March 19th, after a five-year long battle with cancer. Vince was 22 and had been a camper at Cheley from 1998 to 2004 when he was a CILT. He joined the staff in 2005 as a riding counselor in Haiyaha and his aunt, Katherine Barnes, has been a part of the Cheley staff for many years in the Ski Hi Kitchen. Cheley people present at the services included **Nick Pollard, Clay Cowgill, Rob Winsett, Thomas, Jonathan and Justin Burk, Logan Benoist, Keenan Alexander, Stephanie and Suzie Enoch, Amber Andregg, Emily Miller, Rebecca Curry, Jarett Sprague, Jonathan Salinas, and Hart Liddell.** Vince's determination and passion will be remembered by all who had the chance to know him.

Mort Homes, a hiking counselor in Haiyaha in the 1940s, passed away in April of 2006. His wife, **Betty (Babb) Holmes** passed away in June of 2006. They met at Cheley in the 1940s. Their son and daughter were both campers and currently live in Denver.

Sara (Skinner) Melton passed away in February of 2006. Sara was an out-camping and hiking counselor at GTE in the late 40s and then met her former husband at Cheley – **Mark Melton**. All three of her daughters attended Cheley and her two oldest grandsons have attended. She was honored as a 'Santa Fe Treasure' by the New Mexico Governor and is missed by many.

Marion Gilmore, a staff member in the 1930s, passed away in December of 2006 at the age of 94. He had great memories and often talked about camp.

Eleanor Hall Benson passed away in March at 93 years young. Eleanor was a gold key recipient in 1929.

Mary Lue Hottel, widow of John Austin Cheley Foundation founding trustee, William "Bill" Hottel, passed away on February 3rd at the age of 87 following complications from surgery.

Marry McArthur Holland, longtime camper in the 30s/40s and sister to **Mickey McArthur**, passed away in 2006.

Opal Schmitt Gerlach passed away on December 1st, 2006. She and husband **Frank** worked at camp from the 30s until 1955, serving as the co-directors of Lower Ski Hi with **Billie and Gerald Jones** for 14+ years. We are grateful for the many years of commitment that Opal gave to Cheley.



The Canvas

Looking from behind the horse ring, you see a mural. Blue and purple snowcapped mountains... Rolling Hills ... Bright Lights ...

This scene was – and still is – my favorite scene ever. It makes me feel refreshed, like each day becomes a blank canvas, waiting to be filled with joy. At Cheley Camps you can do many activities, such as hiking, horseback riding, and crafts. My favorite was probably horseback riding. This may sound weird because a) it was my first time ever riding, and b) I fell off within ten minutes of getting on the horse. I enjoyed it anyway. This may be because I liked the counselors, the horses, or the girls I rode with. I don't know why it made me feel so special.

I made so many friends at camp. They were from all around the world!

So next summer, don't fill up your canvas with TV. Fill it up with nature!

*by Wittney Skigen
a Lower Chipeta Camper*



ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF**YEAR ROUND TEAM**

Allyse Baker
Brooke Cheley-Klebe
Don Cheley
Jeff Cheley
Kevin Hendrix
Ruthann Holle
Alexa Popchiff
Sarah Sanderman
Mike Supinski
Paul Weidig

SUMMER STAFF

Carl Amerine
Karen "Babs" Babcock
Mike Badough
Jed Ballard
Makr Balthrop
Kirkland Bible
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The National Leadership Camps at Cheley Continue

For over 50 years, Cheley has been co-hosting a leadership camp for student council members following our summer camp program. Each year the day after camp ends, student leaders from around the country arrive at camp for four and a half days of intensive training on becoming leaders in school and in life. Last summer, Cheley Camps assumed the responsibility of providing this program to school leaders. We had 50 students from around the country arrive for leadership training.

Hunter Chamberlain, a Haiyaha camper, attended the program and enjoyed a completely different experience at Cheley. The program is created and delivered by Student Council State Executives from around the country. Again this summer, the National Leadership Camps at Cheley will take place August 8th to August 13th. Instead of hiking, horseback riding or crafts, students will spend their days in large and small groups packed with insightful discus-

sions along with opportunities to meet other leaders from around the country.

Topics covered include:

- ◆ goal setting
- ◆ team building
- ◆ conflict resolution
- ◆ self-awareness
- ◆ organization
- ◆ diversity
- ◆ communication
- ◆ problem solving
- ◆ and much more

This year we are planning to have students from all over the country attend the leadership camp. If you or anyone you know is involved in Leadership Positions and is interested in attending this national program, please contact us.

For more information, to register, or to request a DVD, check out ...
www.NationalLeadershipCamps.com
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