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We received an email from Margaret Rietano at the end of this past summer. She said, "I too was so blown away by the Cheley experience. I have a "Ch"- "Omance" with Cheley. Our family realizes the importance and value of organized sports and we embrace soccer, lax, skiing whole-heartedly. But I am a big believer in time outside of rectangles (lax, soccer, football fields, tennis courts, pools. . .) Sheila climbed a few mountains, earned her riding patch and meandered along many a crooked path. It rejuvenated her spirit and soul and body. Thank you for that gift of 'a winding trail' in all its forms both real and imagined."

Camp gives children a chance to escape the pressures of "school life." One of my favorite visuals of camp is a group of Lower Ski Hi campers on an outcamp. Within 45 minutes of arriving at an outcamp site, they will be covered in dirt. They don't have an agenda for the day. The day presents itself as the activities progress. Dam building in the stream transitions to a game of gathering rocks and sticks that leads to building a fire. And there isn't a better place in the world than a campfire to have conversations with young children. Youth development at the core.

There is a new focus on the impact of play. David Elkind shares his thoughts in a recent book called "The Power of Play." In fact, "the American Academy of Pediatrics concludes that free and unstructured play is essential for helping children reach important social, emotional, and cognitive developmental milestones as well as helping them manage stress and become resilient." (read more on David Elkind at www.campparents.org/expert/powerplay.php) As another example, I recently heard that Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), a leader in space exploration, has



added a question to their job interview about the hours a week a person spends "playing." They realized they were hiring engineers that had amazing intelligence and strong education, but lacked the creative problem-solving skills that are developed while playing. Can you imagine not getting a job because you didn't play enough every week?

As the father of an eight-month old, I get a chance every day to play. The highlight of my day is lying on the floor watching Jackson army-crawl around his room playing --continued on page 10

Living Outside the Box

Trigger Bill says...



Others will follow your **FOOTSTEPS**
more easily than
they will follow your **ADVICE.**



*The world turns aside
to let any man pass
who knows
where he's going.*



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Leaders For Life Returning in 2010

This past year, Cheley hosted Leaders for Life at Cheley for its inaugural summer. 38 campers from around the world joined together to become better leaders in their community. **Teresa Hugins** and her staff shared transformational skills with the leaders as they focused on how they can impact those around them.

Thirteen of the leaders were past Cheley Campers and twenty-five of the leaders were experiencing Cheley for the first time. Each one of them walked away with a new awareness of the power they possess to change the world. We were honored by a visit from community leaders from Estes Park and the Denver area as they shared their secrets for success with the leaders.

We were also inspired by Luis Benitez, a nationally recognized climber who has summited Everest six times. Talk about overcoming obstacles.

Cheley will host Leaders for Life in 2010 from August 10th – 15th. We hope you will join us for a week full of impact. The program is open to high school students entering ninth grade to graduating seniors. Check out www.cheyleadershipcamps.com for more information on the program.

FRIENDSHIP CANDLE

Remember during the holidays, Cheley campers, staff, and alumni rekindle their camp memories by lighting a Friendship Candle – or a special candle they keep at home – to remember their good times at Cheley



Introducing Angie Kadey

We are excited to introduce **Angie Kadey** as our newest year-round staff member. **Megan Griffith** left Cheley Camps and is pursuing other passions so Angie joined the team to fill the HR position at Cheley.

Angie worked in the office this summer and has experienced Cheley Camps as a camp parent. Her daughter **Lexi** has been a camper the past three summers. Angie will be working with our staff to help them complete all the documentation to work on staff. In addition, she will be helping us market the Leaders for Life program, supporting the office, improving our on-line presence for Cheley Camps, and working with the support staff in the summer. Angie brings great energy to the office and experience in sales and management.

Before joining Cheley, Angie sold real estate in Missouri. Angie has been married to her husband Trip for 21 years and has three children; Brendan (20 years old), Oliver (19 years old), and Lexi (15 years old). Angie spent the past 16 years in Springfield, Missouri and is excited to return to Colorado where she grew up.

Welcome Angie!



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SLIDE SHOW AND CAMPER FAIRS 2010

Monday, January 11th, Ft Worth Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the House Family, 3920 Potomac Ave, Ft Worth, TX 76107. RSVP 817-732-4908

Tuesday, January 12th Austin Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Cahill Family, 4201 Long Champ Dr, Austin, TX. 78746 RSVP- 512-306-8204

Wednesday, January 13th, Houston Show, 7:00 pm, St.Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027.

Thursday, January 14th, Dallas Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Schorsch Family, 3141 Westminister Ave, Dallas, TX 75205. RSVP 214-987-2522

Tuesday, January 19th, New Orleans Show, 7:00 pm, Joey K's Restaurant, 3001 Magazine St. New Orleans, LA 70115. RSVP 303-880-0094.

Tuesday, January 19th, Boulder Area Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Le Jeal Family, 9610 Avocet Lane, Lafayette, CO 80026. RSVP 303-661-9373

Thursday, January 21st, Denver Show, 7:00 pm, First Plymouth Congregational Church, The Plymouth Hall, 3501 S Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80113

Saturday, January 23rd, Atlanta Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Coffman Family, 1110 East Club Lane, Atlanta, GA 30319. RSVP 404-467-4167

Sunday, February 21st, Kansas City SShow, 6:00 pm, The Hampshire Square Clubhouse, 13000 W 67th St, Shawnee, KS 66216. Hosted by Lou Hopkins 913-707-1514

Monday, February 22nd, St Louis Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Lee Family, 19 Crestwood Drive, Clayton, MO 63105. RSVP 314-727-0035.

Tuesday, February 23rd, Colorado Springs Show, 7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, Wesley Memorial Room, 420 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903.

Wednesday, February 24th, Indianapolis Show, 7:00 pm, The Home of the Pettinga Family, 9520 Copley Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46260. RSVP 317-587-1096

Friday, February 26th, Winnetka Show, 7:00 pm, Winnetka Community House, Winnetka, IL 60093

Sunday, February 28th, Omaha Show, 5:00 pm, The Home of the Mayo Family, 1607 S 181 St, Omaha, NE. 68130. RSVP 402-891-8576



Staffing Fairs 2010

Tuesday, February 9th, Colorado State University Camp Fair, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 10th, University of Northern Colorado Camp Fair, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

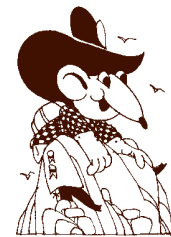
Monday, February 22nd, University of Missouri interviews, MU Career Center, Room 6A, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 24th, Indiana University Camp Fair, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Indiana Memorial Union Alumni Hall.

Thursday, February 25th, Purdue Summer Camp Fair, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Purdue Memorial Union North Ballroom

Wednesday, February 24th, Colorado College Career Fair, Worner Center, 11:30-1:00 pm

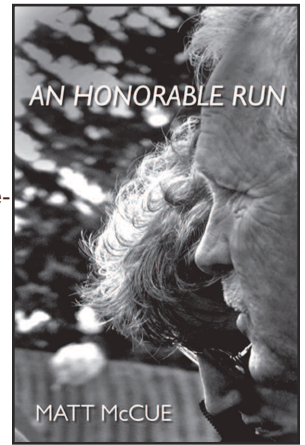
Ideas are very much like children – your own are very wonderful.



*Inflation is a
national headache
caused by
asset indigestion.*

An Honorable Run

Matt McCue, a camper from 1996 to 2001, has published his first book, *An Honorable Run*. It is already in its third printing as he travels the country to promote it. As Matt states on his website, "The book is both a tribute to my high school coach, a man I respected and loved, and a memoir detailing the thrilling years I devoted to running." It is much more than that. It is a book that many of us can relate to: pursuing a dream, succeeding, failing, not realizing that those around you are trying to help you succeed, and many other lessons of growing up. It is a great read for parents, athletes, students, and those who have competed and failed and later realized they succeeded. Check out www.anhonorablerun.com to purchase or read more about the book.



Living Outside the Box ... continued from page 1

with the different toys in his room (including his favorites: a plastic solo cup and a plastic disk with a picture of a duck on it). It is amazing to me the development that is happening on a weekly basis as he "plays" all day. (Side note: Jackson is also learning how to live outside the box. Just today, he jumped out of his crib and landed on the floor. His parents were a bit shaken up and realize this is only the beginning of raising a son who wants to live "outside the box.")

As we get older, the time for play gets tougher and tougher to find. Our career, our families, the normal every day demands can eliminate the opportunity to play. I invite you as 2010 begins to find time each day or each week to play. Find "a winding trail" and wander for a few hours without your iPod or your phone and reconnect with who you are and who you want to be. Go outside and throw the ball, sit around the dining room table and play a game, or lie on the floor and play with a Solo cup. That's what Jackson, Erika and I will be doing.

JUST ANOTHER REASON TO BE AT CAMP IN THE SUMMER:

Two recently published studies in the journal *Pediatrics* show that 60% of children and adolescents have insufficient levels of vitamin D. The main biologic function of vitamin D is to maintain normal blood levels of calcium and phosphorus, as vitamin D aids in the absorption of calcium, helping to form and maintain strong bones. Vitamin D deficiency results in impaired bone mineralization, and leads to bone softening diseases such as rickets, osteomalacia, and osteoporosis. In the elderly population, studies link vitamin D deficiency to cancer, diabetes, and obesity.

Deficiency of vitamin D results from a number of factors including inadequate intake coupled with inadequate sunlight (UVB) exposure. Dietary sources include vitamin D-fortified milk (the most common source), fortified cereals, eggs, and oily fish (such as tuna or salmon). Because it is very difficult to get enough vitamin D from dietary sources alone, vitamin D supplementation helps. The American Academy of Pediatrics, which recently updated its vitamin D guidelines, now recommends that infants, children, and teens take 400 IU per day in supplement form.

Historically, the sun has always been considered a primary source of vitamin D because it causes the vitamin to be synthesized in the skin. Season, geographic latitude, time of day, cloud cover, smog and sunscreen all affect UVB ray exposure. Furthermore, those with darker skin, those living in areas where the sun doesn't shine as frequently, those who either wear sunblock or don't get out in the sun for other reasons are at increased risk for vitamin D deficiency.

One recommendation we have is that your child get unplugged and go outside! Another recommendation is to allow your child to play outdoors for 10-20 minutes before applying sunscreen. Camp, of course, provides the best of times in the great vitamin D-rich Colorado sunshine!

Amy Blevins (Cheley Camper '77-80), RN, FNP

Elizabeth Molsen (Cheley Camper '79-80) RN, Director, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research



ANNOUNCING CILT^s FOR SUMMER 2010

We are excited to announce the CILTs for the summer of 2010. We were very honored by the number of campers who applied for the CILT program last summer. It is always a very challenging decision as most of the applicants have been at Cheley for numerous years. The CILTs will spend time in leadership orientations, consistent follow-up, a week of an exchange to a different unit, and support from **Smitty** and their assistant director.

The following individuals have been selected based on their past involvement at camp, the quality of their application, the vote of their peers and the staff in the unit, and the recommendation of their director.

Girls' Trail's End 1st Term – **Sarah Larson.**

Girls' Trail's End 2nd Term – **Brianna Blumenthal, Madison Deal, Michaela Friedburg, Elsie Gibson, Jennie Lee Gruber, Dulie Herr, Adelaide Lummis, and Jessi Sinkula.**

Senior Chipeta 1st Term – **Chloe Beckman, Jessica Carney, Sarah Coleman, Cate Costley, Sarah Duncan, Ellen Smith, Katherine Wade, and Stephanie Warren.**

Senior Chipeta 2nd Term – **Paula Gonzalez-Navarro, Jo Jensen, Emily Hickey (deferring to 2011), Katie Hickey, Hannah Mains, Emily Moss, and Hannah Searle.**

Boys' Trail's End 1st Term – **Kieran Edstrom, Travis Nolan, Walter Rae, and Pierce Westenhaver.**

Boys' Trail's End 2nd Term – **David Arnold, Moogie Brooks, Will de Wispelaere, Daniel Fletcher, Will Gonder, John Kolosta, Jake Mayo, and Michael Slocum.**

Haiyaha 1st Term – **John Noyes, Matt LeJeal, William Sido, and Henry Warrington.**

Haiyaha 2nd Term – **Michael Beck, Matt Brown, Nick Czarnecki, Dylan O'Malia, and Jack Stafford.**

"Loud mouths" don't have to worry about any food shortage for they usually eat their words.



Cheley Surveys

Thanks to those parents who completed the parent/camper online survey on the 2009 summer. We had over 200 completed surveys. We held a drawing for three \$50 gift certificates to the Cheley store for those parents who completed the survey. The winners were:

The Brown Family (**Gaby Brown**)

The Seifert Family (**Anne Seifert**)

The Sinkula Family (**Jessie and Charlotte Sinkula**)

We read all of these surveys and refer to them often during the off-season as we consistently look for areas of improvement. Thank you for taking the time to complete the online form.

We also had a drawing for our staff members who completed the online survey about the 2009 summer. Congrats to **Lauren Foster** for winning a \$50 gift certificate to the Cheley store.

If you didn't complete the survey and would like to, please email the office at office@cheley.com and we can email you the link.



“NINETY SEASONS” REUNION SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2010



We are so grateful to be celebrating our “Ninety Seasons” reunion on September 3-6, 2010. Since you have been such a big part of the spirit of Cheley, please come and celebrate with us. It will be a fun-packed weekend of singing, good food, camp activities, catching up with friends and revisiting your camper days. The schedule is listed below to give you a better idea of what the weekend will entail. and a registration blank can be found on page 7. Specific information and **online registration will begin on February 1st at www.cheley.com**. *If you were here in the twenties the registration fee is on us!*

We are so honored to be carrying on Frank’s dream and we hope you all can join us in the celebration.

Friday, September 3rd, 2010

1:00 pm	Volunteer Meeting in Chipeta Lodge
3:00-5:45 pm	Registration in Chipeta Lodge.
3:00-6:00 pm	Museum open.
5:00-6:00 pm	Boy’s Store open.
6:00 pm	Dinner followed by singing in Ski Hi Dining Room.
7:30 pm	Registration will continue in Chipeta Lodge.
7:30 pm	Choir practice at the Chapel.
8:00 pm	Square Dance in the Cheley Dome.
9:30 pm	Slide Show in the Chapel. Unit Songs and Taps.

Saturday, September 4th, 2010

7:00 am	Early Breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room. for those going on Spearhead hike.
8:00 am	Breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room.
9:00-11:30 am	Registration continues in Chipeta Lodge.
8:45-11:00 am	Boy’s Store open.
9:00- 5:00	Museum open.
9:00- 5:00	Old Cheley movies available in Chipeta Lodge
9:00 am	Hiking to Spearhead, Black Lake, Chasm Lake, Bridal Veil Falls, Lake Isabelle, and more. Climbing on Christmas Tree Rock. All day ride to Pierson Meadow. Half day ride to Gypsy Grounds 2 hour ranch explore rides throughout the day. Fishing all day at the Cheley pond.
12:00 pm	Bulk Lunch in the Pavilion.
1:15 pm	PM Climbing meet in Front of Senior Chipeta Lodge.
1:30 pm	Half day ride to the Gypsy Grounds meet at the Barns.
5:30 pm	The Trigger Bill Barbecue on the Ranch.
8:30 pm	After dinner gatherings in Senior Chipeta Lodge and Totem Teepee.

Sunday, September 5th, 2010

8:00 am	Buffet breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room.
9:00-10:45 am	Registration open in Chipeta Lodge.
9:00-10:45 am	Boy’s Store Open.
9:30 am	Choir practice in the Chapel.
11:00 am	Chapel.
12:30	Lunch at Woods Kitchen.
1:30-5:00	Open afternoon- Enjoy yourselves.
1:30-3:00	Climbing Wall open.
1:30-3:00	BTE and GTE tours meet in front of Ski Hi Lodge.
6:00 pm	Dinner in Ski Hi Dining Room.
7:30 pm	Vespers in the Chapel, Friendship candles, Unit Songs and Taps.

Monday, September 6th, 2010

7:30 am	Continental breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room and goodbye until we meet again.
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GREAT NEWS !

The Cheley Crew has been focused on preparations for our 90th Summer. Betty has been busy enrolling campers and reports that we are ahead of where we were last year at this time. Some of our units are nearing capacity as we continue to receive camper applications. Our goal is to impact as many children as possible in celebration of 90 years of youth development. Please spread the word about Cheley, and also make sure we have your application if you are planning to be at camp next summer.

We are also excited to share that we are ahead of schedule regarding staff for 2010. We have a strong group of returning staff and have received a record number of new applicants which allows us to build an exceptional team for this summer. If you know people who are interested in working at Cheley, please encourage them to apply quickly while we still have spots available.

REGISTRATION FORM ... "NINETY YEARS" REUNION

Name _____ Age _____ Tag Name _____ T-shirt Size _____
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 Email address _____ **ALL communication for reunion will come via email.**

Additional Registrants from your family or group

Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____
Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____
Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____
Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____

HOUSING

Please mark your preference for housing (full registrant only):

_____ Lower Ski Hi (males only and BTE Alumni)	_____ Lower Chipeta (females only: GTE alumni)
_____ Ski Hi (for families wishing to have males on the lower floor, females on the upper floor)	_____ Chipeta (females only)
_____ Haiyaha (males only)	_____ Senior Chipeta (females only)
_____ Tent Only (BYOT)	

Housing requests (we'll try!): _____

Sleeping bag rental at \$10.00 (or bring your own). Number or rental bags needed: _____

FEES

Full registration: \$250 for 13 and up (includes program, 8 meals, lodging, T-shirt, and poster)
 \$200 for 12 and under
 Partial registration: \$200 for 13 and up (includes 8 meals, T-shirt, and poster; lodging on your own in town)
 \$100 for 12 and under
 Sunday registration: \$75 for 13 and up (includes program, 2 meals, T-shirt, and poster)
 \$40 for 12 and under

Saturday Barbecue: Sponsored by the John Austin Cheley Foundation.

I would like to attend the barbecue _____ Number of people attending _____ I will be dining elsewhere _____

Visa, MC, Amex/ Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Name _____

Check number _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer please indicate your preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd). We will make assignments and have an orientation.

Full-time 8-meal kitchen (cook or dishwasher) or full-time barn will receive a free registration.

_____ Full time kitchen helper & dishes	_____ Climbing Wall Coordinator	_____ Piano Player
_____ Full time dishes (8 meals)	_____ Fishing	_____ Song Leader
_____ Full-time cook (8 meals)	_____ Riflery Leader	_____ Bugler
_____ Munch Inn (outcamp kitchen)	_____ Campfire Leader	_____ Choir Director
_____ Cookout Server	_____ Wrangler	_____ Hospitality
_____ Trans	_____ Hike Leader	_____ Parking Assistant
_____ Medical Staff (RN, Dr./EMT)	_____ Meal Grace Leader	_____ Registration
_____ Full-time Barn Area	_____ Chapel Speaker/reader	_____ Store
_____ Photographer	_____ Vespers Reader	_____ Other

What would make this weekend the best possible for you? _____

Please return with payment to: Cheley Colorado Camps, PO Box 6525, Denver, CO 80206



Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

*Loose conduct
is apt to get one
in tight places.*

1930s

Becky Grafton (1937) It was the summer of 1937 when **Jack Cheley** and Becky exchanged experiences about their summer camps. Jack came to Timagami, Ontario for two weeks of WIGWASATI canoe camping in August of 1937 while Becky attended Cheley during the month of July. It was Becky's first sight of the Rockies, and her first oils were painted that summer of the Mummy Range while at Cheley.

1940s

Mark Melton (1942-1946 and 1949-1952) proudly announced that his youngest grandson attended his first session at BTE the summer of 2009. He also acquired a great-grandson in March, so a 4th generation of Meltons will start at Cheley in a decade or so.

Mary Jo "Jake" Jacobs (1949-1951) writes to tell us that her "Over the Hill" group (pictured in the Pack Rat at Bear Lake) will be having their reunion this year on Sanibel Island, FL.

1950s

Louise Kane Roarke (1959-1961) sends greetings from Bartlesville, OK.

Mardi Carter (1954-1956) wrote to tell us that four old friends from GTE got together for a picnic at Endovalley in September. **Betsy (Russell) Craig** (Top Hand '55); **Judy (Coombs) Schreiber** (Top Hand '55); **Jan (Bauer) Miller** (Driver '55); **Mardi (Bauer) Carter** (Top Hand '55). They picked up right where they left off and spent the afternoon just enjoying each other. All agreed that their Cheley experience was a major force in shaping the women they've become. Memories and

photos were shared. It was a memorable day and so much fun!

Kyle (Badham) Long (1953) writes, "Until I saw **Jane Boyd's** comments I did not realize I was the only other camper who spoke Southern. I now have 8 grandchildren who are growing up too fast. Live in northeast Alabama. Love being outside!

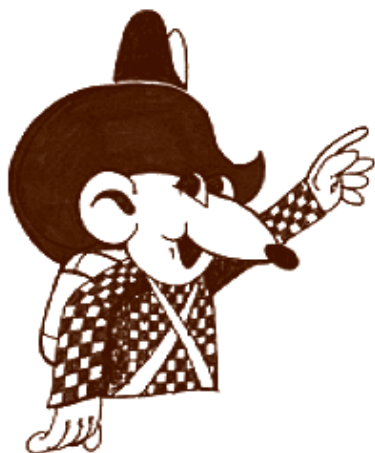
Stephanie (Rankin) Staton (1976-1981) wrote us to say that because her daughter, **Hannah**, was a Chipeta camper the summer of 2009, Stephanie had great memories driving through the camp gates again. "Timeless!"

1980s

Mike Aurand (1980-1984) is currently living in Lander, WY and working for the Wyoming Dept of Health.

Reagan Brown (1980-1985) is married with kids, living the coastal life in the salt and humidity.... "Man I miss the mountains! So many great memories from Cheley. I hope to get back someday and reconnect with some of my now older fellow campers."

Kevin Hennecke (1981-1995) is teaching Industrial Tech at Lincoln Southwest High School in --continued on page 9



Lincoln, NE and would love to hear from any of his campers or fellow counselors.

Mary Elizabeth (Danielson) Harbold (1980-1989) is living in Tyler, TX with husband Corey and three daughters: Sophie (7), Ella Bea (4) and Winifred (6 months). She just heard "Song from Half Mountain" and it brought back a rush of memories.

Matt Perkins (1980s) proudly announced that the 100 year make-over is complete and his home in Waxahachie is one of the Victorian homes featured this year during the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour.

1990s

Paige Mackey (1994-2002) writes that she graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL in 2007 and is currently a 2nd year veterinary student at Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

Matt Melton (1993-1995) says, "I was a third generation camper in my family, and in about 12 years my son will be the 4th generation. Cheley was the best experience of my life. I can't wait for the 2010 reunion."

Kristin Knight (1996-2001 and 2004-2005) wants to let everyone at Cheley know that she finally fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a NOLS instructor! Kristin is also working for the Forest Service in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Says she, "I wouldn't be where I am today if not for Cheley and all of your support."

Jim Stratton (1998-2003) recently graduated from Eastern Illinois University and will be attending Purdue studying Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Alexis Bond (1996) just graduated from UC Berkeley with a Masters in Public Health with an emphasis in environmental and occupational health. She had hoped the job hunt would bring her back to the Colorado Mountains, but it looks like she will be heading back east. In other news, Alexis just got back from a month-long mountaineering and kayaking trip in Alaska.



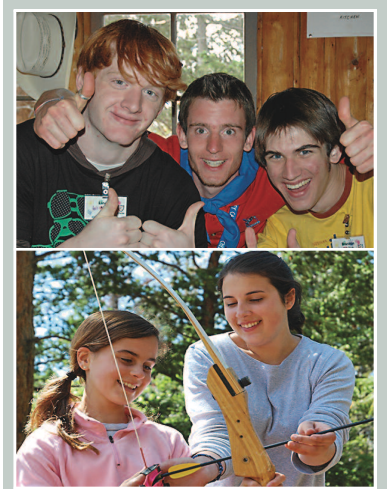
Wendy Kellogg (1996-1997) in the true Cheley Spirit tries to hike often in San Diego. She notes that it's not the same views as Cheley, but it is peaceful and special nonetheless. Wendy has worked in hotel management for the last 6 years and has recently taken a sabbatical from the stress to run an upscale pet boutique in La Jolla, CA. Says Wendy, "I miss every smell, thunder storm, song and moment from Cheley and look forward to coming back someday. I think of Trails' End very often as it will always hold a special place in my heart."

Kody Hill-Davis (1996-2000) is currently a lobbyist in DC working with municipalities in Minnesota to insure they have funding for what is called "rivers, rails and roads": federal funding for bridges, airports, water treatment facilities, etc. She is really enjoying her work and frequently harkens back to her summer experiences at Cheley with great fondness!

Ariel Hill-Davis (1996-2003) lives with Kody in DC and is a staff assistant to Congressman Castle of DE. She remembers her experiences at Cheley with fondness. Both she and her sister have maintained a number of their friendships developed during those many summers at camp.

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It takes almost as much energy to be indifferent as it does to be positive.



*Others will
follow your footsteps
more easily than
they will
follow your advice.*



Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

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1990s

Benjamin Farnham (2001-2005) is currently training to become a naval aviator at Naval Air Station Pensacola

Cyrus Hill-Davis (2002-2005) recently began 8 weeks of basic training for the Air Force down at Lackland AFB outside of San Antonio.

Jedidiah Ballard (2004, 2005 and 2007) decided to become an ER doc and confirms the choice almost daily going in and working shifts. He says, "It's really exciting having no idea what's gonna come in and though the variety can be a bit intimidating, I'm pretty confident I'll never get board."

Jan Rufien (2000) is alive and well. This past fall, she visited Guatemala to work triage and experience the country, culture and beautiful weather.

IN PASSING

Ruth Doty passed away in November, 2009. Cheley Camps was the reason that Ruth and husband Cliff moved from Oklahoma to Denver, and they often traded camp stories at family gatherings.

Erin Kellie Shehan (1990s) passed away May 17, 2009. She loved the mountains, especially Cheley Colorado Camps where she spent many summers as a child. She was a wonderful musician who found great joy in playing her guitar, writing music and singing.

Richard Kane (1927), 91, died peacefully on April 20, 2009. Dick lived his entire life in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Happy Cheley Camp memories stayed with him all his days. Ranching, singing campfire songs and outdoor adventure were carryovers from Cheley days.

Bob Stafford passed away in June. Bob was the first Treasurer of the John Austin Cheley Foundation and was involved as the Foundation's Financial Advisor since his term in office ended. He went to every meeting, was on every conference call, and had been there to give guidance as needed. He was a

friend, a mentor, and a true inspiration. He will be missed.

Frances Fricke Kiertzner (1946-1949) of Holstein, Iowa, passed away June 9, 2009.

WEDDING BELLS

Brianne Lynn (Ehrlich) Clanton (2005-2006) married James Clanton of Pembroke Pines, FL on July 18, 2009 in her hometown, Denver, CO. The Clantons live in Denver and hike the trail past BTE each summer.

Margaret Crail (1996-2002) married Nick Folse in Baton Rouge on July 18, 2009. Several of Margie's old Cheley friends were in attendance including Meg Wiese and Stephanie Eppig.

Jason Walker was married to Riva Sazama on July 4, 2009 in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

FUTURE CAMPERS

Todd Fenton (1980-1985 and 1986-1987) is proud to announce a new baby girl, Riley Kate, born July 9, 2009 to Todd and his wife Amy.

Mary Thiessen (1984-1994 and 1996-1998) Caroline Lee Thiessen arrived December 22, 2008, and was a Christmas surprise since she wasn't due until mid-January. Mary is back to work now as an emergency physician in KC, juggling work and motherhood, but says, because of Cheley, she has learned to be balanced in her life.





FORMER CAMPERS AND STAFF

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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 – you can mail this form, or better yet, send us an email with the information (office@cheley.com) And – we also want to hear from you with news for the next PACK RAT.

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

Years as Cheley CAMPER: _____ – _____ ... Years on Cheley STAFF: _____ – _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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- ☐ 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.*

NEWS!

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

History Snippet – 601 Steele !



above: the home-office of Chief and Eva Cheley as it looked in the early days before the porch was filled in. For many years after Chief's death, Eva lived upstairs and the office was in the "basement." **right:** when Eva moved to Colorado Springs, we moved to the main floor, using the basement for storage.

Did you know? Since 1921 all camp families have been using the 601 Steele address? Cheley is no doubt one of a very few 90-year-old camps (or businesses) that are still operating from their original address.
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PACK RAT?

Our newspaper gets its name from one of our furry friends at camp, the pack rat, who has a year-round habit of carrying off bits of foods, sweets, and bright, shiny objects for future enjoyment. In exchange he leaves sticks, stones, and pine cones to avoid the stigma of being a complete thief. Our newspaper is named for him because we want to exchange bits of news and information among members of the camp family.

Pack Rat wants to hear from you with news and information about your friends, reunions, accomplishments, and even chance meetings of Cheley friends. Fill in the form above and send your news for the next issue.



TRIGGER BILL?

Trigger Bill is the camp philosopher (frequently connected with Granny May, Chief's horse manager). Trigger Bill "cards" were sent with each Pack Rat and were originally printed on "blotter" paper to absorb ink from ink pens (ask your grandparents!). When we stopped printing separate cards, we started including the card as part of our website so you can print your own as desired.

To see and print the Fall 2008 card, go to <http://www.cheley.com/online-fun/pack-rats/20081028-trigger-bill.pdf>