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# The Cheley PACK RAT

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#### CHELEY ... 90!

The spirit button this year stood for Celebrate & Honor the Experience, Love Every Year. Since 1921, Cheley Camps has been dedicated to youth development and providing a nurturing environment for young people to create unique life experiences. The idea behind the spirit button was twofold. One idea was that we should celebrate the experiences of those campers



that came before us. With this being our 90th Summer, we had the opportunity to celebrate our history and reconnect with many past campers and staff during the 90th Reunion. They shared stories of their experience that they still carry with them years later. Many of these stories are similar to the stories that were created this summer.

The second part of the button was the idea that the Cheley Experience is many times a multi-year experience. Campers grow and develop as they become more comfortable in their surroundings. During their first summer in Lower Ski Hi or Lower Chipeta, campers are learning the fundamentals of the program areas and learning how to live away from their parents. As campers grow up at camp, they have more opportunities to challenge themselves with longer backpacks, rides, and hikes. They also come to camp with different values and developmental needs. During the teenage years, support systems are created consisting of a group of friends with similar values that will be there to help individuals make the right decisions. With the ease of communication via email and Facebook, these friends are more available for support throughout the year. We hear so many stories of campers helping each other through challenging times away from camp because they have been through challenging times together at camp. Whether you are nine or ninety-nine, it is so valuable to have a support system that has your best interest at heart.

Thank you for a wonderful summer. We are excited for the next 90 years (Jackson, Ellie, and Kate have told me so).



Trigger Bill says...

You will never stumble on anything good while sitting down.



#### Often when a person starts to rest on his laurels he discovers they are poison ivy.

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# ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR 2011

We have opened enrollment for the summer of 2011, and we are extremely excited to share that we are ahead of where we were last year at this time. We have received many comments from parents about the impact of the Cheley Experi-

At this time, we do have space in every unit for both terms but that will change soon. Please don't wait too long ifyou or your children are planning on attending Cheley for our 91st Summer in 2011.

Please let us know if you know anyone who would benefit from and enjoy the Cheley Experience. We would love to have them here next summer. You can either call our office at 303-377-3616 or email us at office@chelev.com.

#### THE DATES FOR 2011!

#### **Full Season:**

Wed. June 15th - Mon. Aug. 8th

#### First Term:

Wed. June 15th - Mon. July 11th

#### Second Term:

Wed. July 13th – Mon. Aug. 8th

#### Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 9th - Sun. Aug 14th

#### Family Camp 2:

Mon. Aug. 15th - Sat. Aug 20th

#### **Upcoming Cheley Colorado Camps Presentations**

#### **EAST COAST 2010**

Friday, November 5th, Washington DC show, 8:00 pm, Home of the Skigen Family, 2421 Newton St, Vienna. VA. 22181. RSVP at hskigen@aol.com or 703-281-0892.

Saturday, November 6th, New York City Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Olsen Family, 20 Greene Street 4th Floor, New York City, NY 10013. RSVP bkny@davenow.com or 212-226-4754.

Sunday, November 7th, Boston Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Ellison Family, 10 Old Weston Road, Wayland, MA 01778 RSVP jde1130@yahoo.com or 508-358-7671

#### **DENVER 2010**

Wednesday, November 10th, Denver Show, 7:30 pm- First Plymouth Congregational Church, The Plymouth Hall, 3501 S Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80113.

#### **CALIFORNIA 2010**

Sunday, November 14th, Los Altos Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Dumanian Family, 840 Parma Way, Los Altos, CA 94024. RSVP 650-533-4414 or elizdumanian@yahoo.com

Monday, November 15th, Marin County Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Blevins-Bickler Family, 91 Polhemus Way, Larkspur, CA 94939, RSVP 415-927-3869 or alblevins@comcast.net

Tuesday, November 16th, San Luis Obispo Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Slocum Family, 1610 Cordova Dr, San Luis Obispo, 93405. RSVP 805-544-4220 or annemslocum@aol.com

The serenity, the joy, the beauty, the challenge, the strength, the independence, the pure present in the moment of Chelev ....

You should come check it out. Spend a summer worth having!







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LOWER CHIPETA

Dear Family and Friends, Can you believe that camp is over? Neither can we! We've certainly been busy here in Lower Chipeta this summer between hiking, horseback riding, outcamping, climbing, archery, riflery, games and crafts. Hopefully you've heard several fun stories about your daughter's Cheley experience this year.

Our crafts program is a popular in-camp activity. Natalie had the girls create an impressive range of crafts including pillows, princess and sailor hats, interactive fairy tales, bulletin boards, aprons, scrapbooks, memory banners, and so much more. The girls also had the opportunity to create and design ceramic pottery. Hopefully you are enjoying the various craft creations and have them proudly displayed at home.

Our hikers have taken full advantage of being in the beautiful Rocky Mountains this summer. Kristin and Jess were a powerhouse hiking team that led numerous day hikes all over Rocky Mountain National Park. Hikes to Lake Helene, Half Mountain, Audubon, Lumpy Ridge, Bridal Vail Falls, and Lulu City are just some of the destinations. Early Breakfast ("EB") hikes first term included Lady Washington and Flattop, Hallett, and Otis while during second term, the big EBs were Chapin, Chaquita, and Ypsilon. The girls persevered through both the physical and mental challenges that hiking and peaking present and truly did a wonderful job. Chipmunk Hiking Patches were awarded to Elizabeth Collins, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Kate Penner, Renee Wright, Elizabeth Cummings, Brie Walker, Jacqueline Walker, Grace Weiler, Morgan Woodbridge, and Jamie "Jimbo" Schiff. The Hiking Patch-Basics was obtained by SecondTerm camper, Olivia Cahill.

The Lower Chipeta riders were led by Lauren, Taylor, and Sarah this summer. Our wranglers were impressed



with the vast improvement in the girls' riding abilities from the first day on the horse until the last. The horseshow was an excellent example of this growth. Campers learned to walk, trot, canter, and jump. The all day rides and dinner rides were especially popular to beautiful destinations like Strawberry Hill, Gypsy Grounds, Tee Pee Village, and Pierson Park. The girls demonstrated great composure while riding whether a first time or a seasoned rider. Good job girls! Riding Patches were awarded to Nadia Langer, Joy Pasin, Maria Melsness, Hannah Fogus, Anna Zelenka, Grace Burgert and Madeline Laidlaw. Riding Patch Basics was given to Cate Delafield.

At the riflery range was Annie, and at the archery range were Becca and Devon. Both riflery and archery require the girls to practice their concentration and focusing abilities as well as their patience. The girls showed rapid improvement on both programs, especially after "getting the hang of it." Even though these activities are of a more solo nature, the girls helped and supported each other and celebrated every success.

Becca and Devon led climbing for the Lower Chipeta girls. They learned to tie knots, belay, follow safety protocols, and climb both indoor and outdoors. Many fears were faced, goals reached, and positive reinforcement was in abundance. It was fantastic to see and hear the girls cheer each other on, especially when challenges surrounded them. The Spider Patch was earned by Isabel Horst, Maya Mohr, Julie Street, Marlee Rietano, Aurora Sharp, Zoe Bennett, Emily Biggs, Danielle Brown, Crafton Deal, Claire Elliott, Annie Ellison, Grace McCaffrey, Lily Neary and Amanda Soper.

Outcamping counselors were Mary and Julie. The girls learned to make fires, cook over an open fire, pitch tents, and much more. Theme outcamps were very popular and included Survivor, Harry Potter, and the Olympics. Much time was spent playing games and forming a close bond with a small group of Lower Chipeta campers. The girls returned to main camp raving about the food they ate while camping out. Mary and Julie put together an Outcamping Cookbook for every LC camper who went on an outcamp; hopefully you have already enjoyed some delicious recipes! Circle of Stars recipients are:

Avery Ortiz-Hunt, Anna Zelenka, Hannah Goloub, Sarah Van Hare, Holly Wagner, Renee Wright, Cari Mullins, Margaret Drummond, Aurora Sharp, Tori Smith, Julie Street, Morgan Ammonett, Margot Bickler, Isabella Branscomb, Cate Deltafield, Leigh Farion, Alex Greiner, Lily Lederer, Grace McCaffrey, Kate Olsen, Eva Reiling. Anna Trapp, Lily Trapp, Grace Weiler, Ella Wexler, and Lucy Zicarelli.

Veronica, the campfire counselor, provided our evening entertainment during campfire at night as well as participating in numerous program activities throughout the summer. Campfire activities included Bring Me a Champion, Birdie on a Perch, Spa Night, Counselor Impersonation, All Camp Campfire Practice, and so much more. Ending the day was games, songs, fun with lots of laughter being our ever-present custom.

In Lower Chipeta everyone left with their blue kerchiefs on, meaning the Code of Living was upheld by all. In addition, some campers were recognized by the rest of us for having upheld the traits created together as a unit to a higher degree. Those who were chosen by their sisters in Lower Chipeta to receive their Silver Coup were **Kate Pen** 

Always do right.
This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.



ner, Franny Hough, Elizabeth Collins, Cate Deltafield, and Jamie "Jimbo" Schiff.

This has been an incredible summer for the girls of Lower Chipeta. We hope that you all return next year, either back to Lower Chipeta, or to an upper level, to continue to enjoy the magic of sisterhood. With love, Sandy Sorensen Director & Ellie Billington Assistant Director





It is quiet here as the aspen leaves turn from bright green to softer shades of yellow. No banging doors; no more Tonka trucks loaded with stones flying down the hill. Tie-dyed shirts are off the lines, and there is no crash of the basketball hoop during endless hours of knock-out on the court. Though the campers are no longer here, the memories from the summer float around Lower Ski Hi on the fall breezes.

All the campers are home now telling stories from their summer up in the mountains. Their friends and families must be amazed by tales of epic hikes to Mount Lady Washington and Flattop, Hallet and Otis. A few campers went above and beyond to take the time to earn their hiking patches. Those campers were Andy Bredar, Josh Chamberlain, Drew Cousin, Grant Dumanian, Alec Fillipitch, Lawson Lamme, Nolan Larson, Matthew Vasquez, and William Wells.

Along the trails in and out of camp are fading hoof prints from some of our favorite horses like Petey and Grey Ghost. These trails saw campers and horses going down to the ring to work on trotting or jumping, or heading on long rides to Strawberry Hill or into the national park to Storm Pass. A few campers know these routes well, spending so much time riding them and learning all about the horses to earn their riding patches. These impressive men are Teddy Allegra, Theo Chesnut, Colton Donovan, Mason Jerden, Richie Connell, Brock Cannon, Charlie McCollum, Mac Nicholson, and Benjamin Spiro.

Quiet now is the riflery range where paper targets were facilitated to work on focus and precision in the riflery program. An impressive number of campers participated in, and gained awards in, riflery this summer. The archery range, too, is seeing nothing of the onslaught of arrows that produced so many awards among the campers. Not far from the riflery and archery ranges down in Tee Pee Village the fire ring is cool, but hot with the memories of outcampers learning the basics of sleeping and eating in the outdoors. Nearly every camper enjoyed going to the Gypsy Grounds, or out to Rockstock, and one camper, **Oliver Penner**, went farther to learn knots and all the essentials of being an outcamper that one needs to know in order to earn his patch.

Over in the Dome the mattresses are piled away, the ropes are tied up, and the bells are quiet from a summer full of ringing as campers bested each of the walls. Whether inside at the Dome, or out at Christmas Tree Rock, many campers pushed themselves to climb to new heights. Some pushed themselves even further to learn the safety knots, commands, equipment, and conduct in rock climbing to

earn their spider patch. Well done Andy Bredar, Drew Cousin, Trevor Hamlin, Westin Rounsley, E. Matthew Bayne, Eli Bucksbaum, Kyle Blumenthal, Brock Cannon, Jackson Harvey, Philip Jenevein, Jack Lee, Devin Murray, Jack Murray, Mac Nicholson, Jack Petricig, Cornelius Pettinga, Benjamin Spiro, and Gabe Wineman.

There are those in Lower this summer who will remember having done all of these activities. They spent some time hiking, and riding, went on an outcamp and shot a rifle. Being well-rounded in activity choice means these campers experienced it all during the summer, and in doing so, these gentlemen earned their Circle of Stars patch: Trevor Adam, Alex Allegra, Andy Bredar, Drew Cousin, Russell Drummond, Sterling Gillman, Trevor Hamlin, Logan



Haselden, Maxwell Lyon, Mac McNeil, Jack Milazzo, Spencer Oldham, Oliver Penner, Samuel Podschun, Chris Richmond, Westin Rounsley, Jack Street, Austin Tyler, Matthew Adam, Richie Connell, Laurent Foyer, Jackson Harvey, Akhil Jakatdar, Mason Jerden, Clyde Johnson, Cinque Mason, Nathan Marchant, Devin Murray, Jack Murray, Cornelius Pettinga, S. Rhys Robinson, and Gabe Wineman.

Up in the Hidden House on the wall are quite a few new names on the Coup plaque. Everyone left with his blue kerchiefs on, meaning the Code of Living was upheld by all. In addition, some campers were recognized by the rest of us for having upheld the traits created together as a unit to a higher degree. Those who were chosen by their brothers in Lower were Cooper Blankenbaker, Theo Chesnut, Drew Cousin, Sterling Gillman, Logan Haselden, Mac McNeil, Samuel Podchun, Grant Dumanian, Laurent Foyer, Tristan Podlasek, Matthew Vasquez, and Gabe Wineman.

Another wonderful summer has been added to Lower Ski Hi's history. It is imprinted in the cabins, from eating s'mores down in the Buddy Ring, with songs sung in the Hidden House, games played on the basketball court, and most of all, the memories created all summer long. As the leaves continue to change colors and the air gets a little cooler, Lower Ski Hi remembers a summer full of laughter and brotherhood, and looks forward to next summer and seeing you all again.

It is a pleasant thought that when you help a friend up a steep hill, you get nearer to the top yourself.







The leaves are starting to change and Chipeta Lodge is quiet as fall settles into Estes Park. We all miss the sounds of laughter during treats and the consistent music from the pianos. 2010 was an amazing summer in Chipeta. Campers came from all over the world and created and rekindled friendships from summers past. We helped each other grow as we peaked mountains, rode horses, and overcame our fears at tech climbing. We all have memories we will keep forever of our summer at Cheley.

Horses were saddled and Colorado blue skies loomed high above as the ladies of Chipeta hit the trails to such places as Eugenia Mines, Pierson Meadows, and Strawberry Hill with Anna Albonetti, Jordan Bennett, and Lauren Haug. Every day was full of adventure and fun while riding the trails. Earning their Riding Patches this summer were Jeanne Chesnut, Isabeau Spooner, Lucy Whaley, Meagan Moor, Margaret Hemp, Mason McKay, Delanie Hubers, Isabelle Arnheim, Anna Benoit, Julia Friedberg, Ashley Jones, and Ella Lowenberg.

Chipeta hikers who headed up trails on foot saw the world from a new perspective. Our great hiking counselors, **Oakley Strasser** and **Callie Wade**, guided the intrepid to the top of mountains to enjoy the breathtaking views and delight in the beauty of shimmering mountain lakes. Some of the inspiring moments of the summer occurred during hikes to Audubon, Flattop, Meeker and Longs Peak. Earning her Hiking Basics this summer was **Rachael Ruggiano**. Hiking Patches were earned by **Sierra Johnson**, **Ellie Schwarz**, **Laura Street**, **Heather Pippus**, **Kelly Kossen**, **Meg Miller**, **Lanie Flint**, **Elise Kreiling**, **Grace McCamy-Miller**, **Carlyn Scheu**, and **Ariel Wagner-Randall**.

Girls who spent their nights under the stars in the back country enjoyed camping in Never Summers, Aspen Meadows, Boulder Brooke, and Jasper Lake. We created great memories with counselors Annie Dorweiler and Jackie Long, and their mascot Ernie the Elk. Earning their backpacking patches this summer were Griffith Greer, Isabelle Nettere, Morgan Brown, Madi Nardi, Grayson Melby, Barbara Starshak, Rachael Ruggiano, and Grace McCamy-Miller. Other Chipeta girls enjoyed starry nights at locations such as TeePee Village, Pierson Meadow, and Rockstock. Chipeta campers had fun learning to cook over a fire, set up tents, and shared plenty of laughs with Abby Kerr and Michele Most. Earning their Outcamping patches this summer were Josephine Ryder, Madeline Mills, Katie Comfort, and Meghan Vincent.

A number of Chipetans spent 15 out of 18 program days hiking, riding, backpacking, outcamping, and tech climbing. Those who earned their On the Trail Patch were Alex Grant, Alex MacMahon, Alicia Comer, Alyssa Bower, Caroline Baizer, Clarissa Leighou, Courtney Greer, Delanie Hubers, Eliza Wagley, Faith Rankin, Griffith Greer, Hannah Gohl, Heather Pippus, Isabeau Spooner, Jessica Thompson, Josephine Ryder, Kate Wood, Kelly Kossen, Kendall Wood, Kyrie Wynn, Laura Street, Lili Clark, Lucy Whaley, Mackensey Moor, Maggie Mullins, Maria Leuzinger, Meagan Moor, Meg Miller, Meredith Bower, Morgan Brown, Nicole Ebel, Olivia Albers, Sarah Nielsen, Sierra Johnson, Summer Koweek, Virgina Drummond, WhitneyJohnson, Annie Albers, Anna Curry, Ariel Wagner-Randall, Barbara Starshak, Brittany Beller, Carla Seravalli, Carlyn Scheu, Caroline Ahearne, Elise Kreiling, Grace McCamy-Miller, Grayson Melby, Jennifer Laidlaw, Julia Vaughn, Lanie Flint, Liz Satter, Maddie Kane, Madi Nardi, Meg Miller, and Rachael Ruggiano.

In-camp activities were always fun. Hanging out with Mary Clara Hutchison in the craft shop or Michele Van Hare in the ceramics shop let campers get their creative energies out. Carla Wolters kept the enthusiastic young ladies of Chipeta moving with four square, soccer, archery and tech climbing. Helping to improve their aim and patience was Nikki Moss at the rifle 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 of the Code and were awarded their Silver Spurs. They were Laura Street, Courtney Greer, Whitney Johnson, Anna Delash-

mutt, Sierra Johnson, Chloe Hooks, Katie Comfort, Elise Kreiling, Grace McCamy-Miller, and Rachael Ruggiano.

Lauren Mikkelson always had a fantastic campfire at the end of the day, and who could forget counselor imitation night, spa night, improv night, talent night, and all of the singing that filled Chipeta Lodge as the Colorado sun set? Chipetan's enthusiasm and passion for camp made the summer of 2010 one to remember. "The friendships we've made here will always remain dear, although we have drifted apart..."









Greetings from Ski Hi! Cheley has settled down from an eventful summer, as the campers are back home, or vacationing with their families. A hushed tone has fallen over Cheley, and all the fun, challenges and friendship making is but a memory. Building memories is what we do best. Some memories to last us for a few months; others for a lifetime!

Gazing over at the barns, we can still hear the sounds of our Wranglers Wood Brownlow, Dan Moffitt, and Aaron Orlowski getting our riders and their horses ready for a day in the rings or out on the trail. This summer, the Wranglers gave the campers an opportunity to canter, jump, ride bareback, and explore the beautiful terrain around camp. The horseshows were successful, as it was a pleasure to see our men show off their newly discovered skills. Riding Patches were awarded first term to: Max Damon, Sam Groskind, Miles Bivins, and Tyler Sharp. Second term, awards went to Maxime Lacoste, Nick Flato, Zac Plett, and Tom Adkins.

Hiking counselors Jim Dawe and Will Putnam led climbers on early breakfast hikes to places such as Meeker and Longs Peak, with regular hikes to Flattop, Ouzel Lake, Shelf and Solitude, and Audubon Peak. Congratulations to Jason van de Zande, Henry Zelenka, Spencer Papay, Douglas Klink, Graham Tyson, Peter Schmidt, Peter Kubly, Rueben Teverow, Miles Passeur, John Eide, Aidan Tuttle, Alex Roederer, and Max Bucksbaum, who all received their Mountaineering Patches.

Backpacking counselors **Matt Brooks** and **Ben Kahn** were seldom seen in camp, but were always chock-full of stories when they stopped by. Their outings took them to Sandbeach Lake, Thunder Lake, Chapin Creek, and numerous surrounding peaks over the course of the summer. **SJ Durand, Evan Le Jeal, Peter Rosston,** and **Dylan Lederer** deserve praise for receiving their Backpacking Patches.

The ever-popular outcamps were led this year by Josh Groves and Tom Henderson. They "roughed it" at places such as TE Crossing, Meadow Outpost, and Rockstock. Campers helped out with meals, learned the necessary safety procedures, and spent a substantial amount of the term outcamping. Outcamping Patches were awarded to Dylan Lederer, John O'Neil, Hank Perkins, Dru Callaway, Andrew Campbell, lan Bender, Jeremy Francoeur, David Pastor, David Pedroza, and Sultan AlKhonji this summer.

One of the best parts about Cheley is experiencing the wonderful environment around camp. In any given term, there were 19 days of program. Campers who spent 15 or more days enjoying the surrounding area on hikes, rides, outcamps, or backpacks earned to the right to be awarded the "On the Trail" Patch. Those gentlemen included Douglas Klink, Graham Tyson, Jason van de Zande, Anthony Van-DeLinder, Connor Wilkinson, Henry Zelenka, SJ Durand, Michael Cummings, Spencer Papay, Simon Bertron, Brian Gittleman, Myles Savage, Ream Thomas, Dru Callaway, Hunter Enright, Dylan Lederer, Trace Montgomery, Hank Perkins, Michael Harman, Peter Rosston, Geoffrey Whiteside, John Baizer, Andrew Campbell, Ben Haselden, Ian Bender, Evan Le Jeal, John O'Neil, Max Schwartz, Ruben Teverow, Peter Kubly, Antonio Mass, Miles Passeur, Alexan-

der Roche, Alexander Roederer, John Eide, David Pastor, Max Bucksbaum, Michael Fenner, Jeremy Francoeur, Lee Hughes, Cody Robertson, Peter Schmidt, Jack Schneiders, Aidan Tuttle, Ramiro Lozada-Billot, Jacob Alcott, Lincoln Hughes, Spencer Niemann, Augustus Ruppert, and Joey Searle.

Target sports (Archery and Riflery) are always programs in high demand. This year, riflery counselor Jake Waltermire and archery/sports counselor Travis Price taught the skills necessary to have a safe and fun program while at the same time increasing the campers' marksmanship skills. Those campers who earned high distinction include Trace Montgomery, Peter Rosston, Simon Bertron, Geoffrey Whiteside, Gus Pasin, Arturo Barnetche, Aymeric Foyer, Sultan AlKhonji, Ryan Boesky, Aidan Tuttle, Max Bucksbaum, and Brandon Connell.

The Woodworking and Crafts program is an enjoyable in-camp activity, giving the campers a chance to take projects home with them at the end of the camp term. Our crafts counselor **Luke Geller**, and the perpetual favorite woodworker **Bill Kalbac**, were responsible for getting the campers to produce "works of art" this summer. These projects were proudly displayed at Ski Hi Lodge at the end of the term. These masterpieces included wooden bowls, Yule logs, and night lights!

When counselors weren't doing the activities in which they specialize, we found time to take campers rafting, playing in Stanley Park, and mini-golfing on a regular basis. It's a tough life, but somebody has to do it.

A very special award is given to those campers who exemplify the camper designed "Code of Living". Each camper and unit counselor receives a ballot to vote for those campers who qualify by being outstanding examples



The real sources of happiness in this life are not the result of easy tasks ... but of hard ones.



in several quality traits. The award is given at a special award night, on our last night of term. Those honored campers this year were Ross Ackerman, Simon Bertron, Miles Bivins, Evan Le Jeal, Spencer Papay, Peter Rosston, and Max Schwartz from first term, and Tom Adkins, Sultan AlKhonji, Peter Kubly, and Peter Schmidt from second term.

Evening programs created by our campfire counselor **Matt O'Brien**, were enjoyed by all. Some were reflective, while others were quite raucous. The "All Camp Campfires" were extra special, with the campers showing off their dance skills before a crowd of hundreds. Our friendship circle and our unit song "Ski Hi We Love You" ended evenings.

This has been an awesome summer for the men of Ski Hi. We sincerely hope that many of you return next year, either back to Ski Hi, or to an upper level, to continue to enjoy this magic of camaraderie and brotherhood.

Until next year, **Troy Staten**, Director and **Nick White**, Assistant Director.





Greetings from Senior Chipeta! The adventures experienced in Senior Chipeta this summer were nothing short of amazing. We were all successful in challenging our minds and our bodies throughout the course of the summer, lessons were learned as goals were set and accomplished, and deep friendships were made creating the incredible bond we all know as the sisterhood of Senior Chipeta. As fall quickly approaches, the echoes of laughter and life in the Senior Chipeta courtyard have fallen quiet. The temperatures are growing cooler, and the winter months will soon be upon us. It is our memories of the previous summer that will stay in our hearts and keep us warm until the return of the camping season.

Our program areas were filled with great successes this year. Our hiking counselors, **Becca Ellerbroek** and **Laura Spaller**, led remarkable treks into the Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. The highlighted hikes of the summer included summiting peaks such as Elk Tooth and Eagle's Beak. Memorable days were also spent in the journey from Milner Pass to Bear Lake as well as the day in the Mummy range summiting Fairchild, Hagues, and Mummy. We had five campers work very hard to achieve their mountaineering patch. Congratulations to **Erin Pippus, Kate Dumanian, Michela Nardi, Katie Scruggs,** and **Georgia Williams** for their hard work and dedication on the trails.

Our riding program, led by Sam Harrison, Colleen Horne, and Rachel Goyette, had an amazing summer filled with cantering, jumping, riding bareback, and beautiful trail rides around the Estes Park area. The ladies of Senior Chipeta had the opportunity to show off their horsemanship skills at the end of the term Horse Shows. Andrea Carney, Ali Brown, Hana Durkee, Patricia Herrera, and Elise Newman all worked very hard this summer and earned their riding patches. Mary Dumm also studied hard and earned her riding basics. We also had one camper who re-

ceived her Trail Hand, the ultimate recognition of horsemanship skill and leadership: congratulations **Jordyn Sessel!** 

Backpacking counselors, **Sydne Harwick** and **Lauren Foster**, led many incredible trips into the backcountry always returning full of stories and memories. The two fiveday feature backpacks were a great success filled with memories of Buchannan Pass and the astonishing views from the Never Summer peaks. We had five ladies work very hard and achieve their backpacking patches this summer. Congratulations to **Barbara McDonald**, **Abby Lewis**, **Callie Hiner**, **Elise Newman**, and **Tess Starshak**.

Alice Hodgkins led the outcamping program this fall. Alice's outcamps were full of team-building activities as well as a time for deep self-reflection. Her feature overnights were the Solo trips, which gives the campers the opportunity of spending 24 hours alone in supervised wilderness. A few of these campers decided to further their skills in the outdoors and earned their outcamping patch: Alison Hix, Stephanie Kihm, and Grace Randolph.

Our Mountain Biking adventures this summer were led by **Jennifer Lovas**. The girls learned all about how to take care of their mountain bikes while riding up formidable trails. The three-day mountain bike trips were challenging treks that united the groups through their perseverance and determination. **Julie Alvarez, Kristina Goodman, Lexy Kadey, Blythe Baresh, Meaghan Bellamy, Emily Hickey,** and **Quincie Glimcher** biked hard and earned their mountain biking patches.

Many campers also took opportunities to participate in Tech Climbing. Christmas Tree Rock on camp property served as the location for half days of climbing. The feature tech climb was located on Lily Mountain at an area called Jurassic Park. There, the campers had the opportunity to have a full day of trying different climbs as well as the Tyrolean Traverse.

Another group of campers impressed us with their well-rounded approach to program. They chose, instead of focusing on just one area of activity, to try everything Cheley had to offer and spend the majority of their camp time out of camp. The "On the Trail" patch was awarded to Julie Alvarez, Andrea Carney, Kristina Goodman, Brindley House, Michelle Leon, Kelly Manion, Stephanie Warren, Rachel Blevins-Boor, Sarah Kubly, Elise Newman, and Claire Weiler.

A number of campers sharpened their skills on the riflery range with **Sara Crow** to earn recognition for their





precision and aim. Many campers were awarded with **Prone Specialists, Amelia Eskridge, Marion Ahearne,** and **Kaitlyn Stafford** earned their Level 1 pin, and **Emma Carroll** earned her Level 3 pin!

And who can forget the crafty projects and days of dancing with **Brittany?** The campers could be seen making journals, jewelry, wood working, and even learning the single ladies dance with our artsy craft counselor this summer.

At the beginning of each term, the girls created a Code of Living, put together by the Campers in Leadership Training (CILTs), which served as the foundation for the community in the unit. The CILTs also served as leaders throughout the term and especially during a week of exchange to GTE, Chipeta, or Lower Chipeta during the third week of the term. These ladies were Chloe Beckman, Jessica Carney, Sarah Coleman, Cate Costley, Sarah Duncan, and Ellen Smith (1st term) and Paula Gonzalez- Navarro, Katie Hickey, Jo Jensen, Hannah Mains, Emily Moss, and Hannah Searle (Second Term).

At the end of each term, the campers and staff voted to recognize those campers who best exemplified living up to the Code. Those women receiving the Gold Key were Jessica Carney, Marta Chaljub, Kelly Dulin, Brindley House, Jordyn Sessel, Paula Gonzalez-Navarro, Jo Haller, Emily Hickey, Katie Hickey, Abby Mayo, and Julia Tuttle. They, as well as all of Senior Chipeta, will carry the Code of Living home with them and keep it in their hearts always.

In the evenings, **Emily Miller** led the campfire program, which included a variety of activities ranging from spontaneous dance parties in the Senior lodge to a square dance with Haiyaha, to more reflective programs such as discussions on goal setting and the importance of a positive mental attitude. The Senior Chipeta lodge was often filled with the delightful sounds of laughter and singing throughout the evenings.

Thank you, ladies, for an incredible summer. And a special thank you to all of the parents and family members who allowed their daughters to spend an amazing summer with us. Ladies, remember to cherish your memories, live passionately, light your candles on December 24th, and we hope to see you in 2011! Take Care!





2010 was a strong summer on "the hill," as 97 energetic young men joined 14 talented staff to generate the Haiyaha brotherhood. With days full of challenging programs and nights of creative campfires, the eight weeks of camp passed in the blink of an eye. Somewhere in the middle of all the activities deep friendships were formed, memories were etched from powerful and fun experiences in nature, and the spirit of 90 years of Cheley was renewed.

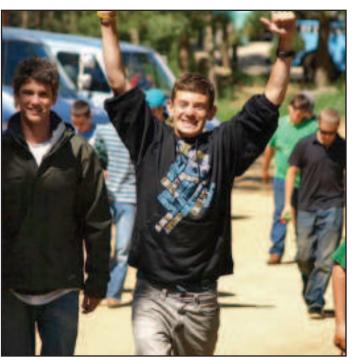
Haiyaha was blessed with a dedicated group of peer leaders in this summer's nine CILTS. Henry Warrington, William Sido, Matt Le Jeal, John Noyes, Nick Czarnecki, Matt Brown, Mike Beck, Dylan O'Malia and Jack Stafford guided the unit with focused energy and youthful idealism.

The counseling staff worked hard to generate intentional and challenging programs for the campers.

The hikers ventured up new demanding routes such as

Donner Ridge, the Rowe Massif and Chaos Canyon in addition to their traditional treks to destinations such as Navajo and Longs Peaks. Nathan Hoyt, David Connelly, Malcolm McDonald, Bruno Zicarelli, John Albers, Dan Penoyer and Adom Dumanian passed the "trials of miles" to earn their hiking patches.

The backpackers journeyed into Colorado's alpine



wilderness, spending 32 days exploring dramatic basins, glacially carved cirques, picturesque lakes, and rugged peaks along the Continental Divide. Thomas House, Gaddis House, Joey Meli, Nick Moore and Graham Tallian demonstrated the necessary skills and knowledge to earn their backpacking patches.

The riding program complemented their traditional focus on skill development with a STRONG playful energy that was heard across camp during their slow claps and impromptu dance parties. Ryan Le Jeal, Bryson Ware, David Sternberg, John Ikenberry, Eric Hahn and Nick Russ pushed themselves in the ring and on the trail, becoming this year's Riding Patch recipients.

The mountain bikers charged up and down the hilly jeep roads of Pierson Park for 16 days this summer, completing several multi-day rides along the way. Ethan Strange, Nevin Whittemore, Jay Patenaude, William Schmidt, Victor Gonzalez-Navarro and Nick Francoeur showed the proficiency of skills and knowledge that is required to earn their mountain biking patches.

Austin Ansay, Nick Francoeur, Joey Grisso, Eric Hahn, David McKnight, John Moore, Leonardo Patmore-Zarcone, Joshua Peacock, Dan Penoyer, William Schmidt, Bolan Walker, Jake Shayne, Matt Stone, Russell Temple, Sam Goddard, and Louis Dussart all earned their On the Trail Patch, spending 15 days participating in a diversity of active programs.

The artists involved with the crafts and woodworking programs were guided to expand their creative horizons

## You can't push yourself ahead by patting yourself on the back.



during sessions of ring making, tie-dye, painting, technical drawing and leatherworking. Also, the archery and riflery ranges had a renaissance in 2010, with over 50 campers earning various levels of recognition (not to mention enjoying the numerous "junk shoots" and biathlons).

We finished each term with our recognition campfire in the Teepee. When we started the term together, we created our unique Code of Living. One of the best parts of the Cheley Experience is the focus on becoming better people. The Code of Living serves as a moral compass on how we act during the summer. On that last night, we presented a few campers with the Gold Key as a recognition of their ability to live up to the Code of Living. As members of the unit, we decided who did the best job this term in living up to the Code. Congrats to Jack Douglas, Ted Kornish, Bill Angel, Bolen Walker, Will Schmidt, Dylan O'Malia, and Mike Beck. We concluded the evening with an emotional rendition of The Gambler. Let it Shine.

The days are growing shorter in the Estes Park Valley, and the nights are gaining a bit of crispness with the changing of the seasons. While the Haiyaha community may be physically removed from Cheley, the experiences, lessons, and Codes of Living from the summer are still very much alive through our efforts and decisions. We hope that all Iron Men are enjoying a safe, fun and productive time away from camp!





Girls' Trail's End had yet another fantastic summer full of successful programs, lifelong memories, and a ton of laughter. As we came to the close of each term, campers and staff were sad to say goodbye to our little slice of heaven in Glen Haven. The smell of pine, the bright blue skies, and the occasional afternoon mountain thunderstorm have each helped to create one of our most treasured places in the world. While each of those things help to make this place special, the uniqueness of GTE truly lies in the spirit of the young women who choose to spend their summer at GTE. Now that the summer has concluded, the giggles and laughter from the wagon yard have ceased while the guiet trickle of the creek and the breeze through the trees linger. Even though the girls are no longer physically here, their everlasting impact on GTE remains. Their dedication to their programs, the Code of Living, and to one another is steadfast; ready for them to return for another life-altering summer next year. Each of our campers accomplished outstanding things in our various program areas.

Among many hard-earned riflery and archery recognitions, we had several campers earn patches. The counselors worked hard with each camper and were proud of all of their hard work and diligence. The backpacking program was extremely successful both terms of the summer. They peaked mountains, trudged over passes with full packs, and ate delicious meals in the backcountry. Second term, the backpackers peaked Longs Peak and Mount Meeker, the

two highest mountains in Rocky Mountain National Park. Way to go, girls! Due to the high demand for backpacks second term, GTE even sent out an extra 2-day "baby backpack!" Quinn Evangelakos earned her junior backpacking patch. Carson Peacock, Bonnie Currie, Zari Dumanian, Elisabeth Dee, Cate Ellison, and Selina Foster each earned the senior level backpacking patch. In addition, Isabelle Stillman received her backpacking basics. Each of the backpacking recognition recipients also completed the five day backpack.

The hiking program at GTE was a success this summer by having almost every single camper go on at least one hike. This summer GTE completed hikes such as Navajo, Spectacle Lakes, Mount Meeker, Taylor Peak, and Thatchtop,



among many others. While the hiking counselors pride themselves on allowing the campers to enjoy the journey rather than always focusing on the destination, the hikers were proud of each of their destinations reached this summer! Many laughs, jokes and stories were shared on the trail and many long lasting memories were made. Jackie Hiner and Wittney Skigen earned their junior hiking patch and Rosie Mertz and Morgan McGonagle were each recipients of the senior hiking patch.

GTE riders work hard day in and day out throughout the entire summer. They groom, feed, and care for each of the twenty horses at the GTE barns. From two and three day horsepacks, to peaking Signal Mountain on horseback, or days barebacking in the riding ring, our campers had a memorable summer in the riding program. Macey Allen and Katie Collins earned their junior level riding patch. Senior riding patch recipients this year were Brittany Glassberg, Anna Curry, Fanny Risbourg and Allison Radcliff. Megan Rash received her senior level riding patch basics. First term camper, Meghan O'Brien, was recognized as a Trailhand. Meghan is an extremely competent rider and was fully deserving of this prestigious award.

The outcamping program is the prefect opportunity for campers to spend time in nature and learn to love camping at its finest. GTE campers had a blast on various outcamps such as "ninja" overnights, alien watching at TeePee Village and three days spent at Rockstock. Many of our campers also participated in solos. Solos are an opportunity for campers to spend 24 hours of solitude in nature. Tasty meals, stories shared over the campfire, and a zillion

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.



games of Mafia helped to create a successful summer for our outcampers. **Annika Skigen** and **Britta Ward** each received their outcamping patch during second term.

In addition to program patches, GTE campers also have the opportunity to earn their On the Trail Patch. The junior level patch requires campers to be out of camp 15 days within a single term. For the senior level, it also requires 15 days out of camp with a combination of days spent riding, hiking, on overnights, and doing other activities such as tech climbing and mountain biking. This year's junior recipients were Jo Blakenbaker, Emily Coplan, Quinn Evangelakos, Arianna Finger, Hannah Higgins, Jackie Hiner, Emma Jenevein, Haven Martin, Morgan McGonagle, Maddie Moore, Abigail Nadler, Julia Nadler, Grace Anne Odom, Tessa Podschun, Ally Price, Gretchen Price, Bailey Remmers, Morgan Smith, and Britta Ward. Senior recipients included Caitlin Benkoski, Emily Glover, Yvonne Mondesir, and Klevisa Rama.

We also have two special awards given at Recognition Campfire called the Driver and the Top Hand. The campers and staff vote on the campers who best exemplify the traits of the Code of Living. The Code of Living is developed by the campers at the start of each term. It is a great honor to be recognized by your peers for the Driver (younger campers) or the Top Hand (older campers). First term Driver recipients included Josephine Blakenbaker, Ally Price, and Morgan Smith. This year's second term Driver recipients included Josephine Dunne, Quinn Evangelakos, Maddie Moore, and Grace Slocum. Top Hand recipients for first term were Anna Kenyon, Eliot Meade, Allison Radcliff, Fanny Risbourg, and Addie Wilkins. Bonnie Currie, Dulie Herr, Meg Herr, Adelaide Lummis and Ombline Paire were each second term Top Hand recipients.

We were thrilled to have seven CILTs at GTE second term. Our CILTs helped to create a positive and memorable summer. CILTs have a big responsibility as they transition from their years as a camper into more of a leadership role at camp. They led our unit with grace and played an integral part in the success of our second term. During the third week of the term, we sent our CILTs off on exchange to Lower Chipeta and Chipeta. Both of those units loved having their energy, new ideas, and leadership. Our CILTs this summer were Brianna Blumenthal, Madison Deal, Michaela Friedberg, Elsie Gibson, Dulie Herr, Adelaide Lummis and Jessie Sinkula.

Congratulations to each and every camper that was at GTE this summer. Each of our young women accomplished what they often thought was unattainable. Climbing up



14ers, peaking a mountain on horseback, shooting bullseye after bulls-eye or going on that first mountain bike, each of our campers faced her fears and overcame challenges. As we look ahead to the seasons ahead, we can't but wish that the start of the summer of 2011 was already here and that the laughter was back, contagiously spreading throughout the wagons. We wish you all the happiness in the months to come and can't wait to see each of our smiling campers back at GTE next summer. We would like to remind our campers to keep their Cheley spirit alive throughout the months to come! And don't forget to light your friendship candle on the 24th of December to reflect back upon your amazing time spent at the Ranch at the End of the Trail!





The sounds of summer have slipped away here at Boys' Trail's End. The chipmunks have reclaimed this property as their own for the next ten months as the burly but benevolent men of Boys' Trail's End have all gone home. The North Fork rolls along, but now without any fishing lines dangling into its rushing waters, and there is no laughter emanating from wagons when the rains pour down.

This summer was an exceptional one at the end of the trail: exceptional activities, exceptional memories, and, most importantly, exceptional campers who learned how to become more resilient young men who know what it means to live intentional lives. Campers pushed themselves to climb mountains, ride horses, raft rivers, shoot rifles, bike down trails, and backpack into the most remote areas of the backcountry. More significantly, however, campers pushed themselves to become better people: they maintained positives spirits when things did not turn out how they expected; they befriended peers with very different worldviews; they encouraged each other to try new things and persevere through tough challenges; they went out of their way to be selfless and help others have a better camp experience; they learned what it means to be truly friendly and open to others; they showed resilience by working through struggles and finding success and pride in their accomplishments.

Some campers chose to utilize their time at camp to experience a number of different activities. **Dylan Holland** and **Ben Mertz** both received their Senior On the Trail patches. Many campers, however, chose to focus their time going for a patch in a specific program. These campers spent time learning about a certain program and gaining extra knowledge.

Our Hiking Patch recipients were Charlie Beckman, Jack Burton, Warren Smith, Hawk Hammer, Austin Ricks, and Dan Ross. They learned about Leave No Trace principles, trail etiquette, orienteering, flowers, animals, and how to lead hikes safely.

While out on backpacks, campers learned how to set up tents, cook their own food, and remain safe in the

## A day gets its importance from what you do with it.



wilderness. A few campers went above and beyond to gain even more knowledge about living and traveling in the backcountry. **Charlie Beckman, Dylan Holland,** and **Warren Smith** all received their Backpacking Patches. Along with this recognition, **Charlie Beckman** was awarded the Tyrolean. This is a recognition that is rarely given out, and it recognizes those campers who excel in the hiking and backpacking programs in a remarkable way, acting almost as third counselors and being the one who staff can turn to for help, experience, knowledge, and a positive attitude.

Our Mountain Biking Patch recipient of the summer was **Cory Gentner**. The mountain bikers this summer explored a number of new trails and had a very strong group both terms. Cory, however, went above and beyond to learn First Aid, bike maintenance, and how to lead a trip.

Also out on the trail were our horseback riders. They went to some beautiful destinations and gained a great deal of confidence while learning to control and care for animals that weigh over 1,000 pounds. Our Riding Patch recipients were Christian DeSouza, Dave Ettelson, Cooper Ramsey, Hawk Hammer, Christopher Beavers, Joseph Apodaca, Dimitri Culpepper, Otto Jose, Grant Whiteside, Sam Collins, and Ari Peyser. They were invaluable out on the trail as they helped feed, saddle, and care for the horses.

Although the skills and knowledge necessary for achieving a patch are important and can greatly improve the quality of a camper's experience, the most important aspect of camp here at Cheley is the Code of Living. Every term, the CILTs gather the entire unit together to create a document in which every member of the community has input, and by which every member of the community

strives to live. The Blue Kerchief is an important anchor at Cheley that symbolizes the Code of Living and citizenship in the BTE community. All campers around the country can feel proud when they look at their BK, knowing that it represents that they lived up to the Code and formed a brotherhood. The traits of the Code of Living apply to life outside of camp just as much as they do to life in camp. Those campers who make the intentional choice to continue to push themselves to show the traits of the Code of Living in their daily lives will be better young men and lead better lives because of it.

Certain young men, however, were recognized this summer for living up to the Code in an exceptional way. For the Driver and Top Hand recognitions, campers voted for their peers whom they thought best exemplified the traits of the Code of Living. The recipients of the Driver this summer were Gabe Mertz, Marco Quaroni, McCarthy Fitch, and Andy Gambini. The recipients of the Top Hand were Joseph Apodaca, Ben Mertz, Alex Gambini, Christopher Beavers, Hawk Hammer, Daniel Fletcher, Austin Ricks, Randy Slocum, and Michael Slocum.

As the memories from this summer take on the sepia hue of nostalgia that comes with time, the lessons that campers have learned are still having an active impact on their lives and the lives of their friends. The mission of Cheley is to grow the character and resiliency of campers, and this summer our campers took up this challenge and lived life to the fullest. Every member of our community this summer at Boys' Trail's End has much to be proud of and learned important lessons about how to be better men. If every member of BTE takes his Code of Living and applies it to decisions made every day, even when it's difficult or unpopular to do the right thing, the world will indeed be a much better place for it.

### HISTORY SNIPPET

#### A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE By "The Chief"

All live, vital things grow. So our camp enterprise is growing not only in size and equipment, but in quality and reputation and in our roster of true and appreciative friends.

The success of Bear Lake, Camp Haiyaha, demanded a sister camp so that sisters of old Haiyaha campers and their friends might enjoy the same wonderful summers of development that had come to boys. Chipeta – a vigorous camp for vigorous girls was created, founded on Haiyaha traditions, with the same

high quality of leadership and program. It had to succeed!

Never before have there ever been gathered together any finer group of more congenial girls. Their accomplishments were splendid – their morale 100%. The camp was vital. It demanded a chance to grow. It demanded a up-to-date-and-complete-in-every-detail equipment, and plans were set in motion to give Chipeta a permanent location.

Haiyaha naturally, as it grew to absolute capacity with satisfied, happy campers, began to split logically into a younger and an older group – until it became clear that the younger boys must have a camp of their own adapted exactly to their needs with their own program and leadership.

And so it came about that one of the finest timbered mountain canyons in the whole region of the Rocky Mountain National Park, just six miles from the village of Estes Park on the main Long's Peak Road, was secured and two new camps built – one on either side of the valley – built of native stone and logs – lodges, dining rooms, sleeping cabins, the very best water supplied by a marvelous stream and spring – one-half mile off the main traveled road – hidden in a virgin forest with wide reaches of country in every direction and overlooking the whole, green valley of Estes with the Mummy Range as a northern boundary and Long's Peak and Twin Sisters on the south.



There are no finer camps, from the standpoint of location and equipment, in all America than the three Cheley Colorado Camps. The girls' camp will be known as Chipeta. The new camp for junior boys up to thirteen years will be known as Sky-Hi. All three camps will be under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cheley of 601 Steele Street, Denver, assisted by a general staff – a Resident Director at each camp and a local staff of high grade leaders.



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