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The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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LACMRAC

Let's All Create Meaningful Relationships at Cheley was the spirit button for this summer. As we looked at the goals for the summer during the spring, we realized we have a wonderful opportunity to teach young people how to create meaningful relationships. In today's world, so much of our communication is in short bursts. Whether it is a text message, a tweet, or a Facebook post, people are not taking the time to connect meaningfully with each other. We are even shortening our responses to save time. LOL, BFF, and other acronyms are used to make our short communication even shorter. (I feel my grandmother is speaking through my hands right now; she hated it when we shortened words.)

I love the conversations that happen around a campfire. Boys feel more comfortable talking if they can be burning a stick in the fire. There is no rush to finish dinner, cleanup and start your homework on an out-camp. The same is true on a hike or a horseback ride. Campers and staff have the chance to get into debates, tell stories, and really learn about their fellow campers. Even 20 years later, I can remember listening to my backpacking counselor as he recounted his travels through Europe. These stories were so captivating that I added a trip to Europe to my "bucket list." After college graduation, three friends and I headed to Europe to travel for 7 weeks. Our budget was about \$30 per day, and I wouldn't trade that experience for anything. Plus, there is no way I could do it on \$30 per day now. Prices have increased and my standards have changed. (I can't sleep on the floor of a train station anymore.)

Don't get me wrong, life is busy and we don't always have time to sit down for 30 minutes and visit. Just this morning while Jackson was eating breakfast in his high chair, he said, "Daddy, sit down." "I am sorry Jackson, Daddy has a meeting this morning and I have to go," I replied. I could just hear Cats in the Cradle playing in my head.

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Trigger Bill says...

**A SMILE IS A CURVE
THAT CAN SET A LOT
OF THINGS STRAIGHT**



CAMP DATES FOR 2012!

Full Season:

Wed. June 13th – Mon. Aug. 6th

First Term:

Wed. June 13th – Mon. July 9th

Second Term:

Wed. July 11th – Mon. Aug. 6th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 7th – Sun. Aug 12th

Family Camp 2:

Tues. Aug. 14th – Sun. Aug 19th**PACK RAT PUT TOGETHER BY**

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2012 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

We have opened enrollment for the summer of 2012 and we are very excited about the response. A few of our units second term are almost full.

Both first term and second term are way ahead of our numbers last year. In fact, Betty double and triple checked the numbers since they were so much higher. This is exciting and also a bit concerning since we hate it when we have to tell people we are full. We want as many people as possible to have the Cheley Experience so

they can go back and impact their own communities. Please don't wait too long if you or your children are planning on attending Cheley for our 92nd Summer in 2012.

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 you can email us at office@cheley.com

UPCOMING CAMP PRESENTATIONS**EAST COAST 2011**

Thursday, November 3rd, Washington DC at 7:00 pm at The Columbia Country Club, 7900 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. 301-951-5000

(Enter through pool entrance on East West Hwy side)

Friday, November 4th, New York City at 7:00 pm at the home of the Megown Family, 68 Bradhurst Ave, Apt 7M, New York City, NY 10039 *(located at corner of 145th street just west of Fredrick Douglass Blvd).*

RSVP to Lori at Imegown@aol.com or 917-714-1811

Saturday, November 5th, Boston area at 4:00 pm at the home of the Ellison Family, 10 Old Weston Road, Wayland, MA 01778.

RSVP to Jill at jde1130@yahoo.com or 508-494-1632

DENVER 2011

Wednesday, November 16th, Denver Show at 7:30 pm., First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 South Colorado Blvd., Englewood, CO 80113.

**LACMRAC**

Fortunately, we have some relaxing weekends where I can sit down during breakfast and we can talk. Jackson is entering the "Why" stage so we always have things to talk about.

I hope each camper and staff member had a chance to create meaningful relationships this summer. The beauty of all of this technol-

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ogy is it makes it easier to nurture those relationships during the school year. Hopefully many of you are able to continue the quality conversations to strengthen the conversations rather than just quick texts. It was an amazing summer, and I hope you are still enjoying the impact of the Cheley Experience.

–Jeff Cheley

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LOWER CHIPETA

HEEEY LOWER, how do you feel?! Our unforgettable summer has come to an end, and though camp is quiet now, the Cheley Spirit lives on. Under the direction of **Veronica Roths** and **Megan Griffith**, we hiked, rode, and outcamped until we dropped. We shot riflery and arrows with skill, conquered the climbing wall in the dome, created masterpieces in the crafts shop, and ate delicious food three times a day. We learned songs and dances, played tether ball, made up skits, and enjoyed quiet reflective moments on Sunday in Chapel. We developed new friendships, laughed a lot and created many memories that will last us a lifetime.



Our horses were always rested and ready to go on our full-day and half-day horseback rides thanks to our wranglers, **Maddie Brooks**, **Caitlin McGonagle**, and **Taylor Gudgel**. They led their riders to many beautiful destinations such as Strawberry Hill, Gypsy Grounds and Storm Pass, and worked hard on their riding skills in the Western Riding Ring. The wranglers also worked with the girls as they diligently improved their form and style to prepare for the horse shows at the end of each term. Quite a few girls worked hard to earn the Riding Patch (RP). The Patch requirements include knowing how to properly saddle and bridle a horse, being able to name 20 parts of the horse, knowing how to tie three knots, and much more. First term RP recipients were: **Sophie Boorstin**, **Mackenzie Burkhardt**, **Lucy Carlson-Krakoff**, **Elizabeth Cummings**, **Matalyn Lass**, **Ellie Miles**, **Juliette Moore**, and **Samantha**

Thompson. Second term recipients were: **Lilly Brilz**, **Alex Greiner**, **Emily Wagner**, **Emilia Arnheim**, **Jessica Lane**, and **Morgan Amonett**. **Logan Triplett** and **Emily Wells** both earned their Riding Basics.

Mary Blum and **Annie Dunn** led hikes to incredible lakes, meadows, waterfalls, and up several challenging peaks. Sarabun Snowfield, Chasm Lake, The Loch, and The Lumpy Ridge Loop were just a few of the hikes that were done. Hiking Patches were earned during first term by **Anna Zelenka**, **Holly Wagner**, **Julie Street**, **Alexa Rooney**, **Marlee Reitano**, and **Annie Price**, with **Jordan Lang** earning her Hiking Basics. Second term patches were earned by: **Phoebe Lummis**, **Lucy Conlon**, **Lily Hobart**, **Eva Reiling**, **Elliot Singer**, **Lily Lederer**, **Cecilia Mancera**, **Lilly Trapp**, **Grace McCaffery**, and **Sally Buck**, with **Madeline Zolik** receiving her Hiking Basics. Reading maps, naming peaks, and hiking safely in the mountains were just some of the requirements needed to earn this special patch.

Outcamps with **Hattie Buikema** and **Jenny Brown** were very memorable. Good times, gooey s'mores, and camping skills were a must on outcamps to Rockstock, Gypsy Grounds, and TE crossing. Girls who met the numerous requirements for the Outcamping Patch were especially conscious of their responsibility to LEAVE NO TRACE, learning about the fire ban, and planning some scrumptious meals! The young ladies who earned their patches were: **Pia Davis**, **Ashley Sheneman**, **Tori Smith**, **Kenna Vaughn**, **Cate Delafield**, **Claire Elliot**, and **Kamryn Deveny**.

Under the watchful eye of **Laura Obrycki**, campers played a wide variety of sports and games both in and out of camp. And the climbing wall inside the Dome was a very popular program. Girls who focused on the climbing program, both on the wall and outside on our rock climbing area- Christmas Tree- earned their Spider Patches. First term recipients of this patch were: **Holly Wagner**, **Tori Smith**, **Avery Ortiz-Hunt**, **Maddee Martin**, and **Faith Coffman**. During second term, **Lily Dines**, **Kate Frankmore**, **Lillian Shropshire**, **Elliot Singer**, **Grace Burgert**, **Madeleine Adam**, **Nina Rogatz**, **Dakota Rudnick**, **Margot Bickler**, **Elyse Taglia**, and **Lilly Trapp** all earned their patches.

Cierra Van Leeuwen made sure riflery was fun, and her emphasis was always on safety and precision. A very large number of girls not only participated in the program but received recognition for their sharp eye and persistence at the range! Cierra also lead many days down at the archery range, with many girls receiving differently colored arrows for their levels of proficiency. Congratulations to everyone who received recognition in both of these programs.

Abby Joslin led a wonderful crafts program this summer, and the campers made many beautiful art projects. Some of the activities that were enjoyed this summer were leather bracelets, enameling, ceramics, making a new sign for Lower Chipeta, and stamp making. An array of different crafts were displayed at the end of the summer in our Crafts Show which allowed families to see what their girls created in their time at camp.

Even easy tasks become difficult when they are done with reluctance.



Another patch that was given out this summer was the Circle of Stars. Our fabulous general counselor **Emily Juarez** was in charge of this patch, and was present on many different activities with the girls every day and presented this patch at Recognition Night. This patch was received by girls who did a wide array of activities during their summer instead of focusing on one program area. First term recipients were: **Caroline Ritchie, Allie Ritchie, Abby Oyer, Carmen Oldham, Elizabeth Heerdt, Eleanor Gray, Margaret Gee, and Pia Davis**. Second term recipients were: **Caleigh Haid, Andrea Soler-Roig, Isabel Haifleigh, Divya Jakatdar, Lillian Shropshire, Claire Elliot, Ivy Goldson, Carolina Skinner, Kate Frankmore, Campbell Nicholson, and Kamryn Deveny**.

Our fun-packed days were ended with wonderful campfires lead by **Devin Riggs**. From counselor dress-up night, to movie night, square dance, Vespers, karaoke, scavenger hunts, and Big Sis/Lil sis with Senior Chipeta, the girls were entertained every night with new and creative ideas. The end of term brought Recognition Night which families could attend and see everything their girls had accomplished during their summer.

It was so exciting to see campers receive recognition for all their hard work this summer. On Recognition Night, the Silver Coup was presented to the girls who were selected as outstanding representatives of our Code of Living. First term recipients were **Juliette Moore, Mercer Pipa, Alexa Rooney, and Julie Street**. Second term Coups went to: **Margot Bickler, Erin Bingaman, Alex Greiner, Grace McCaffery, and Elliot Singer**. We know that these girls- and all the other fabulous young ladies of Lower Chipeta - will continue to uphold our Code of Living throughout the year.

As the holiday season approaches, our friendship candles will help us recall the brightness of our summer days at Cheley. The candles we lit on the final night in camp as we stood together in our last friendship circle will remind us of our shared adventures. Light your friendship candle during the holidays and remember your friends in Lower Chipeta and the unforgettable summer you spent together in the mountains of Colorado. We are already counting down the days until we see you all again next summer!

Yours Truly, The Lovely Ladies of Lower Chipeta



Fall has settled in Estes Park. The leaves are changing and the basketball court is quiet. The memories of knock-out and trucks in the dirt are behind us. It was an amazing summer in Lower Ski Hi. Campers learned how to work together, challenge themselves, and build a community. The days were full of activities and each night we came back together to hang out in the Buddy Ring or Hidden House.

The LSH hikers left each day full of enthusiasm. **Brock Lowe, Charlie McGillivray, and Dan Devine** loaded the campers in the Cheley van every day headed for the trailhead. Whether they were headed for Twin Sisters or CCY, the campers were excited for a day on the trail. A

few campers during the summer demonstrated their expertise and earned their Chipmunk Patch. **Nathan Thompson, Duncan Shumate, Kaprao Tiptaradon, and Ford Cousin** were our first term recipients and **Jackson Harvey, Spencer Harvey, Lucas Spiro, Charlie McCollum, Brock Cannon, and Drew Marchant** earned their Chipmunk Patch second term.

The horseback riders in Lower Ski Hi headed through the woods every day for the barns. Whether they were headed for the riding ring or Strawberry Hill, they were full of excitement for a day as a cowboy. The riding program was a popular activity with many campers earning their riding patch. **Neil Pettinga, Trevor Adam, Zachary Clements, Jackson Young, Jack Street, Nasir Green, Philip Jenevein, Jack Milazzo, Joseph Wagnon, and Stewart**



Randall all earned their riding patches during the summer.

The outcampers spent their days building fires, playing in the stream or playing games in the wilderness. TE Crossing, the Outpost, or Rockstock were all popular destinations. Outcamping patches recipients were **Coleman Jennings, Alex Kowalske, Chris Richmond, Lloyd Chinn, Raymond Filsinger, Owen Elton, Lucian Broady, Ben Spiro, Gabe Wineman, Jack Murray, Jack Delafield, and Mac Nicholson**.

The climbing wall is also a popular place for the young men of Lower Ski Hi. On most days, you could stop by the wall and find some of our expert climbers heading up the climbing wall. **Oliver Penner, Josh Chamberlain, Nathan Thompson, Matias Davis, Caleb Stadler, Reis Hendrix, Ryan Foust, Golden Hardy, Jamie Ullman, Andy Thompson, Henry Horne, Matthew Adam, Spencer Harvey, and Clyde Johnson** all demonstrated their proficiency and earned their Spider Patch.

Throughout the summer, we consistently talked about the Code of Living and the values we strived towards as a unit. To be successful as a community, we needed to be consistent and honest with each other. Each camper had the opportunity to have input into the Code of Living on the second night of camp. At the end of the summer, each camper and staff member voted on the campers

*A fair idea put to use
is better than
a good idea never tried.*



they felt did the best job of living up to the code of living. **Ryan Foust, Golden Hardy, Nathan Thompson, and Jack Street** earned their Silver Coup first term. The second term recipients were **Jackson Harvey, Matthew Adam, Ben Spiro, Charlie McCollum, Jackson Tanner, and Brock Cannon.**

Remember to light your friendship candle during the holidays to rekindle your memories of a wonderful summer. Keep striving to live up to the Code of Living and spread the Cheley Experience in your community. We look forward to seeing you next summer.



The laughter that filled Chipeta all summer has quieted. The constant activity of campers has come to an end and all that is left are memories floating through of the buildings. All of us will remember the summer of 2011 for various reasons. It was a summer full of many challenges and many good times with friends.

Among the things we won't forget were our thrilling rides to places like Eugenia Mines, Storm Pass, and Pierson Park with **Elizabeth Farnham, Sonnet Ludwig and Verity Snell.** Every day was full of adventure and good times with the nays and the wranglers. They taught the girls all sorts of skills involving the horses and the final horseshow goes to show how much the girls



learned. Earning riding patches, or RP's, this summer were: **Katherine Allison, Olivia Cahill, Jessica Thompson, Dawn Goodfriend, Cassie Watters, MK Peet, Taryn d'Avignon, Brie Walker, Grace Weiler, Jenny Laidlaw, Maddie Laidlaw, Sylvia Bloom, Mickey Galetti, and Gabby Coco.** Way to go on a job well done!

Many of us challenged ourselves on hikes with **Alisa VinZant and Erika Gottschalk.** We will always remember how proud we felt when we peaked those mountains and shared our peak dedications on top. The inspiring views

from the top of Longs Peak, Thatchtop, Flattop, and many other mountains inspired campers to hike day after day. Beautiful mountain lakes such as: Bluebird Lake, Chasm Lake, The Loch, and Ouzel Lake remind us of our summer in Chipeta and the beautiful Rocky Mountains. The girls receiving their hiking patch this summer were: **Chloe Hooks, Whitney Johnson, Kate Wood, Sarah Nielson, Olivia Albers, Isabel Froemming, Laura Street, Lucy Zucarelli, Isabelle Arnheim, Katie Comfort, Taylor Champlin, Kate Pearce, and Julia Friedberg.** Congratulations on an outstanding job!

Backpacking and outcamping were very memorable programs this summer. **Callie Wade and Sarah Thomas** were quite the fun team and we loved going to Fourth of July Mines, Ditch Camp, Big Meadows and Michigan Lakes. They passed along their knowledge of the backcountry and our girls had amazing experiences. Earning their backpacking patches this summer were **Laura Street, Elise Kreiling, and Lanie Flint.** On outcamps we stayed busy learning games, cooking great food, and mastering "Leave No Trace" techniques. **Emily Howell and Emma Rosen** kept us busy and showed us a great time at places like Meadow Outpost, Rockstock and TE crossing. Outcamp patches were earned by **Katie Belle Perkins, Campbell Davitt, Ali Loftis, Lauren DeMoudt, Rachael Branscomb, Cammie de Loys, Petie Boylan, Mary Grace Carroll, Annie Albers, and Annabelle Finger.** We are so proud of you all!

Lots of Chipetans spent at least 15 days of program out of camp—hiking, riding, outcamping, rafting, backpacking and technical climbing. On the Trail patches were earned by **Isabel Froemming, Campbell Davitt, Madi Mills, Laura Street, Molly Magid, Taylor Champlin, Courtenay Roche, Claire Waichler, Audrey McCamy-Miller, Maya Mohr, Katie Comfort, Isabelle Arnheim, Petie Boylan, Lanie Flint, Carla Seravalli, Barbara Starshak, Cecile Roche, Emily Biggs, Cammie de Loys, Annie Albers, and Madi Nardi.** Way to go ladies! Other campers spent a lot of time trying everything that Chipeta has to offer. They sampled all the program areas, helped with campfires and cookouts, and more. These ladies earned their Pinecone patches and they are: **Zoe Pipa, Grace Harrison, Grace Ikenberry, Madeline Fouts, Kelli Huff, Hannah Wine-man, Lizzie McGlinn, Audrey McCamy-Miller, Cecile Roche, and Suraya Foster.** Great job!

In-camp activities were always a blast. Hanging out with **Heather Hurley and Michelle Van Hare** in the crafts and ceramics shops, campers learned to make sandals, plasters, lotions and lip gloss, and create ceramics. **Michele Most and Megan Gaines** kept us all in high spirits while playing knockout, volleyball, teaching us archery, creating scavenger hunts and belaying us in technical climbing. And of course we all enjoyed **Kait Perry** and her huge smile at the riflery range.

While all of the Chipetans wore their Blue Kerchiefs with pride and devoutly adhered to the Code of Living, there were a few campers who proved to be role models to all and were awarded the Silver Spurs. The 2011 Silver Spur girls were: **Margie Hemp, Kelli Huff, Meg Miller, MK Peet, Lucy Whaley, Renee Wright, Kate Pearce, Suraya Foster, Ashley Jones, Cecile Roche, and Taylor Champlin.**

The summer of 2011 was a fantastic one in Chipeta. **Brittney Passini** taught us many great camp songs and

A secret of happiness is to limit your desires more than attempting to satisfy them.



organized awesome campfires like the square dance with Ski Hi, counselor imitations and talent night. We loved to come back to Chipeta after days on activity to see directors **Sandy Sorensen** and **Carla Wolters** in the unit. Their warmth, enthusiasm and energy helped make the summer of 2011 one of the best yet in Chipeta. For all of us, this summer was one to remember. The friends and memories we made will always be a part of us. "The friendships we made here will always remain dear, although we have drifted apart. We love you Chipeta, we're loyal Chipeta. You'll always be close to our hearts."



SKI HI

As the summer comes to a close and the units of camp are empty and quiet, we have time to reflect on the past two months we've had at Cheley. We will always remember the beautiful sunsets over Rocky Mountain National Park; games of Knock-out on the basketball court; Duck, Duck, Goose in the pavilion; All Camp Campfire and all of the great programs we shared every day.

We set goals for ourselves – whether it was to climb a great peak or make new friends – and along the way we learned a little about ourselves and our place in our community. The character and integrity we have developed



this summer in Ski Hi will help shape us for the rest of our lives. We learned new skills in Crafts, Archery, Riflery, Sports, Wood Working, Tech Climbing and at the Challenge Course. In Horseback Riding, Backpacking, Hiking, and Out-Camping we learned both independence and teamwork. And through our everyday experiences, we learned how to build a community of trust and support.

The Horseback riding program completed another successful summer with rides to Pierson Park, Gypsy Grounds, Strawberry Hill, Eugenia Mines, Storm Pass and 4 overnights to Pierson Meadow. The ring rides were a crucial part in the success of our riders in pursuit horsemanship skills and the Riding Patch. It was an arena to show off the skills and talents on a horse and to learn different gaits such as trotting and cantering. The Riding program was proud to award the Riding Patch to **Guy Wall, Ian Stanford, Fred Fridman, Peter Horne, Jacob Alcott, Charlie Ovens, Jeremy Francoeur, and Andrew Conlon.**

The Hiking program also had a strong summer. We made such great destinations as Taylor Peak, Blue Lake, Sky Pond, Meadow & St. Vrain, and Bear to Grand. All along the way we became stronger campers and learned LNT & new skills for hiking in the backcountry. The program was proud to award the Hiking Patch to **Tripp Dearborn, Michael Cummings, Andrew Harper, Colin Waichler, Lawson Lamme, William Wells, Josh Bennett, Alex Roche, Eric Zimmer and Alec Filipitch.**

The Backpacking program successfully completed many destinations and learned skills for living in the back country. The destinations included Diamond Lake, North Inlet, Red Deer Lake, Thunder Lake and Parika Lake. There were 4 backpacking patches awarded this summer to **Joey Searle, Peter Schmidt, Peter Kubley and Ryan Boesky.**

The Out-Camping program had a great experience teaching camp cooking, fire building, and fun & games. The out-camps included Meadow Outpost, Gypsy Grounds, TE Crossing, Pierson Meadows, Rockstock, Sky Vu and Teepee Village. The out-campers that earned their out-camping patch were **Nolan Larson and Kyle Blumenthal.**

There were almost 50 campers who earned their On the Trail patch for spending at least 15 days out of camp on program – not an easy feat, considering we had 19 days of program. There were also almost 60 Riflery and over 100 Archery awards earned this summer. We would also like to recognize those who participated in every program we have at camp to earn their Pine Cone patch – **Russell Drummond, Jay Sidhu, Logan Haselden, Doug Klink, Ben Haselden, Ian Stanford, Dejon Love, Iñaki Cornejo and Paul Olsen.**

At the end of each term, we as a community voted to recognize those campers who strived each day to exemplify our Codes of Living. This summer, there were nine campers who were recognized with their Silver Spurs. They were **Douglas Klink, Logan Haselden, Connor Hill, Guy Wall, Jeremy Francoeur, Jacob Alcott, Kyle Blumenthal, Peter Horne, and Joey Searle.**

Ski Hi Lodge and the porch are now quiet – no more sounds of Ping-Pong, foosball, mail call, or games and songs during campfire. The summer of 2011 will live with us through our memories and lessons & we will look back fondly on our time and accomplishments together here in Ski Hi.

*Thank you all for a great summer,
Ski Hi Staff, 2011*



SENIOR CHIPETA

Senior Chipeta was the place to be this summer! We loved our time together in the mountains, and made many unforgettable memories, from rambunctious dance

*It is difficult to keep your
mind – and your mouth –
open at the same time.*





parties to challenging peak hikes and thrilling multi-day horseback rides! The girls had a blast together in the beautiful Colorado wilderness, and formed close, long-lasting relationships that will carry us through until next summer!

It was a white summer in Estes Park, and **Lauren** and **Becca** led the girls on tons of snowy and wonderful backpacking trips! Their 3-day trips brought them to some beautiful campsites with lots of opportunity to explore the mountains. Their feature 5-day backpacks, one in the Mummy Range and one south of RMNP, gave the girls amazing exposure to pristine and isolated areas, and provided them with unforgettable bonding moments. Lauren and Becca taught their budding backpackers many useful backcountry skills, and some campers went above and beyond to learn the requirements for their backpacking recognitions! **Claire Larson, Kristina Goodman, Sierra Johnson, Emily Page, Grayson Melby, Jessica Savage, and Georgia Williams** earned their Backpacking Patches.

The hiking counselors, **Jess** and **Jennifer**, dashed through lots of snow to bring the campers on some amazing day hikes! They went to beautiful lakes and climbed many peaks. On their feature hikes first term they awoke early to trek across the Front Range, climb up Meeker, and peak Mummy, Hagues, and Dunraven in the Mummy Range. Second term, they summited Snowdrift, Pagoda, and Navajo Mountains! **Kelly Kossen, Ellie Schwartz, Peggy Rowe, Kate Woodward, Brindley House** worked to build mountaineering knowledge and earned their Hiking Patches!

Colleen, Amy, and Rachel taught horsemanship skills to many budding cowgirls this summer! The Senior Chipeta riders awoke every day to care for the horses, learning to groom, saddle, and muck stalls! The riding program featured many trail rides as well as time in our Western and English riding rings. They also went on several multi-day trips! Several girls had the opportunity to learn from the wranglers' extensive horsemanship knowledge. **Courtney Greer, Jeanne Chesnutt, Grace Randolph, Grace McCall, Mary Dumm, and Amanda Markoe** earned their Riding Patches.

One of the perks of being in an older unit at Cheley is that campers have long-awaited access to mountain biking, and **Sarah** did not disappoint! Sarah led a safe, challenging, and fun mountain biking program, and many campers were excited to try it out! She led all-day rides to Stanley and Pierson Park, as well as a two-day and three-day trip each term. They always had a great time hanging out, playing games, and eating LOTS of food. Senior Chipetans who earned their mountain biking patches were **Lauren Lamm, Reavey Fike, and Hana Durkee**. In addition, **Elle Lowenberg** received her Mountain Biking basics.

Sara was Senior Chipeta's Outcamping Counselor this summer, and lots of girls had the opportunity to join her for exciting wilderness experiences! The Big Sis-Little Sis Outcamps offered the young women of Senior Chipeta the opportunity to be role models for the little Lower Chipeta girls, and everyone had a great time. The 24-hour Solo trips allowed campers to experience a night on their own in the wilderness, where they reflected on their experiences at camp as well as their life at home. **Mackensy Moor** earned her Outcamping Patch.

Almost every camper had the opportunity to join **Erica** for a bit of riflery this summer! She taught the campers all about gun safety and shooting skills, and many who participated in the riflery program called it a "relaxing and meditative yet competitive sport." Lots of campers got creative with **Natalie**, our crafts counselor. She helped the girls make many interesting projects, including tie-dyed clothing, ceramics, and jewelry.

Throughout the summer, campers could also be seen doing other camp activities such as archery, Frisbee golf, and yoga.

Campfires this summer with **Emily** and **Melissa** were so much fun and a great way to end every evening in camp. Some highlights were the square dances, discos with Lower Ski Hi, All-Camp Campfire, and spa night, and many more evenings filled with singing, dancing, relaxing, and bonding with the wonderful women of Senior Chipeta.

One of Cheley's very special traditions is the creation of the Code of Living, which is a set of traits that the campers create and choose to live by while at camp. At the end of each term, the campers and staff voted to recognize those campers who best exemplified the traits of the Code of Living that they had created together. The young women who received their Gold Key were **Griffith**



*Luck takes place
when preparation
meets opportunity*



Greer, Walker Howard, Abby Lewis, Emily Page, Errin Pippus, Kate Woodward, Callie Hiner, Alison Hix, Kaitlyn Stafford, Kate Dumanian, Carlyn Scheu, and Gwen Marter.

Altogether, summer of 2011 couldn't have been better! We made new friends, formed deep bonds, and challenged ourselves to try new things, and all of that happened in one of the most beautiful places in the world! We appreciate everyone who made this summer possible. A great big THANKYOU goes out to our camp parents for sharing your wonderful daughters with us! Campers, thanks for a great summer, and we miss you already! Remember to light your friendship candles during the holidays as a symbol of our everlasting bond and Cheley Spirit. See you all next summer!



Summer has flown by, and it is hard to believe we left the Haiyaha hill more than a month ago. Since our departure campers and staff have returned home where each of us is settling back into life. However, this is not a typical homecoming. Camp changed each of us in ways that we may have yet to fully understand, and we know that within each of us we carry an experience rich in cheerful memories, invaluable lessons, and genuine friendships. As men of Haiyaha who lived under the Code of Living we are held to the expectation that each of us will incorporate what we learned this summer into our lives wherever we go – with every new opportunity we encounter we dare to claim it and go beyond with the legacy of the experience we shared in that short month.

We met each day in Haiyaha with an enthusiasm to overcome whatever challenges the mountains threw at us and discover more about ourselves through the victories and unforgettable moments we found on peaks, along the trail, and within the unshakable brotherhood we built over the summer. Naturally we made time to enjoy the quiet moments sitting on the back porch of Totem Teepee, singing The Gambler loud and proud at campfire, playing countless games of knockout, and savoring every moment. Our excellent staff guided us through physical and mental hardships to keep us safe and incessantly inspired. Our brothers under the Code of Living pushed us to be our best man and never stop exploring how to grow beyond our own expectations.

On program we had a number of young men step up to pursue a deeper knowledge and understanding of their own passions they discovered at camp. In the riding program, **Gaddis House, Thomas House, Henry Zelenka, Hank Perkins, Miles Bivins, Spencer Papay, AJ Stair, Diego Rose, and Dylan Lederer** all received their riding patches. **Kyle Weinsein** and **JJ Perkins** received their riding basics. In addition, **Andy Blaylock** was recognized with his Trail Hand during the final campfire.

Our hikers spent the summer exploring the Rocky Mountain National Park and the National Forest. **Max Schwartz, Simon Bertron, Dylan Lederer, Alex Beane, and Graham Tallian** all received their Hiking patches for their proficiency in the hiking program. In addition, **Bill Angel** was awarded the Tyrolean Fourth Degree Mountaineer

recognition during final campfire for his expertise in the hiking and backpacking program.

The backpackers spent much of their summer in the backcountry learning to depend on each other. **David Connelly, Malcolm McDonald, and Aidan Tuttle** were recognized for their efforts as leaders in the program with their backpacking patch.

There are very few flat spots in Estes Park which makes mountain biking a challenging experience. Anyone who has attempted the Cheley Challenge can tell you how fun and exhausting it can be. **Jacques Decalo, Josh Levinson, Sam Goddard, Ryan Vazquez, Joshua Peacock, Austin Ansay, and Ruben Teverow** earned their mountain biking patches this summer. We applaud their efforts to learn more and take advantage of the opportunities offered on program.

Our CILTs provided invaluable peer leadership throughout the summer. In the beginning they helped us develop our Code of Living and throughout the term they guided us on the trail and gave us genuine mentorship. First term we had **Jack Douglas, Andy Blaylock, Bill Angel, and Everett Brownstein**. Second term we had **Henry Rand, Jack Patenaude, Kevin Kim, and Bo Walker**. Each of these young men contributed individually to the success of both terms – their efforts to build strong foundations gave the brotherhood of Haiyaha the opportunity to grow and sink its roots deep into each one of us. They got a taste of what it means to be a counselor on their CILT exchange, and they each did an excellent job during third week at Boys' Trail's End, Lower Ski Hi, and in Ski Hi. We thank each of them for their passion to push the men of Haiyaha forward and give themselves as unwavering



leaders to this cause. They will be missed on the Haiyaha hill next summer.

Our final campfire not only allowed us to share with our families and friends what we have been accomplishing throughout the summer, but it also allowed us the opportunity to recognize our brothers in Haiyaha who, in the eyes of their peers, lived up to and beyond the Code of Living this summer. **Andy Blaylock, Everett Brownstein, Gaddis House, Thomas House, Hilyard**

*A good sense of humor
reduces one's troubles to their
proper proportions.*



Nichols, Hank Perkins, and Nick Vann received their Gold Key First Term. **Bruno Zicarelli, Dan Penoyer, Henry Rand, Jay Patenaude, Tommy Herr, and Kevin Kim** received their Gold Key second term. We applaud these men for this honor and thank them for the inspiration and brothers they have been to us in our own lives.

With the transition back into our lives and new opportunities wherever we are now, we are still the Ironmen of Haiyaha. The experiences from the summer of 2011 will carry with us wherever we go, and it is upon us to apply the lessons from the Code of Living in our own lives so that we may share the impact Cheley has had on our own lives. "All Fires are the Same Size at the Start," and each of us can tend and feed the flame of the Haiyaha spirit throughout the year.



Summer has come and gone, and all that remains at the property of Girls' Trail's End are quiet buildings and empty wagons defending the snow and winds of the Rocky Mountain winter. But in spirit, Girls' Trail's End lives on in the minds and hearts of girls from Kansas to the Bahamas and everywhere in between. The lessons we learned this summer – how to overcome and persevere through challenges, encourage one's peers, and form lasting, meaningful friendships – are being applied in the thoughts and lives of campers and counselors alike. We conquered trails on foot, horse, and bike; we laughed, cried, and sang together; most of all, we gained experiences, friendships, and knowledge that will last a lifetime.

With the leadership of our backpacking counselors, **Julia Campbell, Ashley Hock, and Lark Turner**, our backpackers learned about life in the backcountry. They learned how to depend on themselves and others while taking care of their own basic needs. They hiked many miles with everything on their backs, conquering majestic peaks with strong determination, a smile on their face, and snowshoes on their feet. This summer, **Elena Bird, Eliot Meade, and Morgan McGonagle** went that extra mile by learning the specifics of orienteering, Leave No Trace camping, and wilderness safety by earning their Backpacking patches. **Addie Wilkins** earned her Backpacking Basics.

Over the summer, riders were found in the riding ring, on trail rides, and overnight pack trips led by wranglers **Meredith O'Maila, Helen Oexmann, and Ashley Tierney**. Our horseback riders gained confidence by learning skills and control on top of strong and powerful animals. Not only did they learn the finer points of riding form and the lessons in taking care of a horse, but they also learned the importance of precise focus and safety. **Aimee Bonnain, Lindsey Daniels, Emily Gast, Emily**

Glover, Erica Kleckner, Meredith Manda, Georgia Marshall, Annika Skigen, and Emily Trousil took the time and effort to earn their horsemanship patches, becoming talented riders who are able to ride and take care of horses independently.

With hundreds of miles of trails, lofty mountains, glistening alpine lakes, and abundance of late season snow, our hiking counselors, **Christie Koets and Emily Palmquist**, worked to lead our hikers all throughout Rocky Mountain National Park and beyond. They pushed themselves to hike at the wee hours of the morning during EB hikes, learning that they could accomplish anything if they put their minds to it. Often seen smiling, sweating, and even singing on the trail were our Hiking Patch recipients: **Elizabeth Collins, Quinn Evangelakos, Eliot Meade, Abigail Nadler, Carson Peacock, and Addie Wilkins. Roxanne Barte, Elena Bird, and Selina Foster** each earned their Senior Hiking Basics.

Riding up and down the rigorous mountain trails, our mountain-bikers used focus, responsibility, and a sense of care to make every trip fun and successful. Led by counselors **Sarah Bryan, Jess Bloise, Kailey Blunt, and Amy Nystrand**, they gained awareness of themselves, their bikes, and their surroundings as they biked over many types of terrain. **Emma Jenevein, Sarah Kozlowski, Emma Noyes, Tessa Podschun, Ginny Taglia, and Morgan Woodbridge** led the program as they learned proper riding techniques and bike maintenance to earn their Mountain



Biking patches. **Hannah Webb** earned her Mountain Biking Basics.

Campers who spend the majority of their term out of camp on program have the opportunity to earn the On the Trail patch. This summer, earning their Junior patches were **Josephine Blakenbaker, Alyssa Brookover, Elizabeth Collins, Emily Coplan, Kelsea Critin, Lindsey Daniels, Quinn Evangelakos, Clara Fernandez Odell, Arianna Finger, Jackie Hiner, Alora Jamison, Erica Kleckner, Sarah Kozlowski, Brooke Lummis, Georgia Marshall, Gabi Montembeault, Megan Moor, Julia Nadler, Katie Prekup, Ally Price, Annika Skigen, Ginny Taglia, and Morgan Woodbridge**. Earning their Senior On the Trail patch, which requires doing a large variety of out of camp activities throughout the term, were **Caitlin Benkoski, Travette Copeland, Katie Deitchler, Tori Johns, and Bailey Wilhelm**.

*Wisdom
is knowledge
in action.*



Outcamping counselor, **Danielle Sweet** concocted yummy eats and crazy themes on outcamps to locations such as Gypsy Grounds, Rockstock, and Upper Wagon Yard. One special camper, **Christina Lewis**, exhibited an exceptional commitment to this program and earned her Outcamping Patch. The campers who earned distinction with **Katie Fletcher** on the riflery and archery ranges are too numerous to mention here, but a big congrats to them for their extraordinary sharpshooting skills!

In addition to the programs already mentioned, campers had a blast getting in touch with their creative side in crafts, led by **Katelyn Goodman**. Campers made tie-dye shirts, handmade jewelry, and even went on an EB craft hike to sketch the sunset. Traveling from the UK, **Liz Church** headed up our tremendous evening campfires. During campfire the campers were usually found in the lodge or courtyard singing songs, performing skits, and playing wacky games. Campfire is a time for us to come together as a unit, share our day, and live out our passion for Cheley tradition.

Thanks to our amazing cooks, **Alyssa Brown** and **Amy Rutledge**, the dining hall was always full of delicious food, laughter, and stories from the day. Also, another big thanks to our wonderful nurses **Stephanie Chestnut** and **Jane Penoyer** who always took the time to make sure that each camper and counselor were well taken care of and healthy.

This summer thirteen young women were agreed upon by their peers and counselors as commendable exemplars of the Code of Living. First term and second term recipients of the Driver were **Alyssa Brookover**, **Hannah Golub**, **Brooke Lummis**, **Annie Laurie Vann** and **Morgan Woodbridge**. Top Hand recipients from both first and second term were **Elena Bird**, **Katie Deitchler**, **Brittany Glassberg**, **Morgan McGonagle**, **Carson Peacock**, and **Miranda Sheely**. Congratulations to each GTE camper who wore a blue kerchief this summer on your great successes and the immeasurable impact you've made on the lives of your peers and counselors this summer.

It is Cheley tradition to – on a special night for you and your family – light your friendship candles during the December holiday season. Think about your loved ones, near and far, and the sisterhood that spans the globe. "For you girls' belong to Trail's End, and Trail's End belongs to you." We greatly hope to see you next summer. Best wishes from your directors, **Terry Taylor**, **Amanda Brookover**, and **Jessica Feltner**.



It's hard to believe that another amazing summer has come and gone here at the end of the trail. The wagons are capped and the lodge braced against the winter chill; it will be a long hibernation before this place comes to life again, bursting with youthful energy. The spirit of the place is quiet, but our brotherhood lives on in the hearts and memories of each of us.

We had an amazing summer full of growth in 2011. It is amazing what happens when you put a group of young men together for 4 weeks and ask them to form a commu-

nity. The bonds that are formed while spending our days on the trails and in the backcountry can stand the test of time. Whether it is the view of the sunset from the wagonyard or the guitar strumming during BK ceremony, we each have memories to carry us through the year. Many of you have probably already impacted your community with the skills you learned by living up to the Code of Living.

The hiking program showed campers the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park, including lakes, snowfields, and peaks. **Alex Meyer**, **Thomas Burk**, and **Brian Hatesohl** led the campers to many wonderful places. The snow was amazing first term and added a whole new dimension to the program. First term camper **Nolan Peacock** received his hiking patch and **Davis Thompson**, **Randy Slocum**, and **Donal McKenna** all received their Hiking Basics.

The backpackers made tracks (and left no trace) throughout the Park and the Indian Peaks this summer. Their hard work earns them a look at some of our mountains' most secret and most beautiful places, with the



additional satisfaction of knowing that they've done all the work themselves. **Brett Stoker** and **Colin Devlin** were the fearless leaders in the backpacking program. **Jack Laird** and **Austin Ricks** went the extra mile and earned their backpacking patch.

Lee Owen, **Jeff Nelms**, and **Julian Castillo** led an incredibly successful riding program this summer. Our riders covered a lot of territory and learned a lot about horses, teamwork, and having fun. They packed everything they needed for two or three days on the trail. **Joshua Stanton-Savitz** earned his Riding Patches first term and **Emmett Berg**, **Devin Murrey**, and **Worthley Burk** received their riding patches second term. **Chris Beavers** was also recognized with his Trail Hand during Final Campfire second term. Congratulations to all of them for their hard work and success!

Our Outcamping counselors, **Brian Hatesohl** and

*If you stand for nothing,
you'll fall for anything.*



Steve Wetzel, showed the campers a great time and taught them quite a bit about how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. **Will Tague** and **Shane Spencer** received their Outcamping Patches. The highlight of the term for the outcampers is the trip to Solo Meadows, where each camper spends a night alone enjoying the solitude and time to reflect.

David Pollard headed up a successful Riflery program, teaching the campers proper safety and technique to focus their amazing talent.

Our Sports and Mountain Biking Counselor, **Jurrien Ten Hoeve**, helped the campers learn how to ride safely on mountain trails. **Ryan Abbott**, **Sam Podschun**, **Andrew de Wispelaere**, **Fischer Woodbridge**, **Brennick Thompson**, **Colin Groves**, **Nathan Marchant**, **Marco Quaroni**, and **Theo Ubben** were leaders in the program and invested the time and energy required to earn his Mountain Biking Patch.

Ian Warren kept the crafters busy in the crafts shop. Each night we would return home for a wonderful meal from **John Marshall** and **Jaime Caicedo**. In addition, **Cissy McCrary** was there to take care of each of us when we were sick or needed the nurse.

At the end of each day, **Keegan Swihart** led us in an evening Campfire program. The guys had a blast singing songs, playing Knockout, or learning from our International staff. **Chandler Jones**, **Brett Stoker**, and **Colin Devlin** also contributed with their musical talent.

The Campers in Leadership Training provided support and enthusiasm that were essential to the happiness and success of the unit this summer. During third week's CILT exchange, they experienced the responsibilities of a counselor and practiced their leadership skills. The CILTs also prepared each term's Code of Living with the campers' input. We would like to thank all of them for their contributions to BTE this summer and over the years: **Dylan Holland**, **Ben Mertz**, **Kyle Boncelet**, **Will Wilde**, and **Charlie**

Shure.

When the terms ended, all of the campers were wearing their Blue Kerchiefs, symbols of their commitment to each other and the Code of Living. Each group chose from among their ranks those young men who best exemplified the traits of the Code and recognized them as Top Hands and Drivers of the Covered Wagon. **Nolan Peacock** and **Sam Podschun** were named as Drivers during first term; **Christian DeSouza** and **Jackson Burow** were second term Drivers. First term's Top Hands were **Jason Van Hare** and **Charlie Beckman**; the second top Hand recipients were **Harris Lummis**, **Kyle Boncelet**, and **Will Wilde**.

The summer of 2011 was an amazing experience for everyone at Trail's End. The connections and memories we made here will be with us forever. To those CILTs and other campers who are unable to return, we offer thanks for everything you shared with us and wish you the best. Those who will return next summer should know how excited we will be to see you again!



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