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At Cheley, We Respect Ourselves, Nature and Others. This was the spirit button for 2012. Since 1921, Cheley has been dedicated to introducing young people to nature and teaching them to work together in a community. Frank Cheley felt that "Great things happen when youth and mountains meet." He understood that if we can introduce children to nature and the positive impact of our natural lands, they will be more interested in preserving them. Long

before the technology available today, he felt that children needed to get back to nature and experience the restorative benefits of a campfire, a star-filled sky, and a day spent exercising at 10,000 feet. Frank also believed that young people should have a say in their community. He created the Code of Living because he felt that people are more dedicated to the values they choose to live by. Rather than setting down a list of values in 1921 as the values of Cheley Camps, he made a brilliant decision to allow each term and unit to select their own values. We often see respect listed on a Code of Living. Just imagine if we all lived with more respect in our lives. Whether it is road rage, bullying, or all of the political ads we



have been forced to watch for the past month, they could all be impacted by more respect. As we prepared for the summer of 2012, we were witnessing more conversations about bullying. It is disappointing for us to see the lack of respect that people show for each other when they choose bullying as a choice of action. Not only do we hope to reduce bullying, but we hope to help young people develop confidence so they will not stand by and observe bullying by others. We hope to help empower young people to have the respect for themselves and others as they stand up for their own beliefs.

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Trigger Bill says...

Devote today to something so daring that even you can't believe you're doing it.



CAMP DATES FOR 2013

Full Season:

Wed. June 19th – Mon. Aug. 12th

FirstTerm:

Wed. June 19th - Mon. July 15th

SecondTerm:

Wed. July 17th - Mon. Aug. 12th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 13th – Sun. Aug 18th



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2013 ENROLLMENT UPDATE

We have opened enrollment for the summer of 2013 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 ahead of our numbers last year. 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 93rd Summer in 2013.

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

- Saturday, January 26th, 6:00 pm, St Louis Show, Home of the Bingaman Family, 76 Lake Forest Drive, St Louis, MO. 63117. RSVP 314-644-2465 or deannbingaman@ gmail.com
- Sunday, January 27th, 4:00 pm, Winnetka Show, Winnetka Community House, East Garden Room, 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093. (847) 446-0537
- Sunday, January 27th, 7:00 pm, Chicago Show, Home of the Walker-Rudnick Family, 60 East Elm Street, Chicago, IL 60611. RSVP 312-972-0580 or Ilwalker2@yahoo.com
- Monday, January 28th, 6:30 pm, Kansas City Show, Home of the Levinson Family, 12307 Aberdeen Rd, Leawood, KS 66209. RSVP 913-400-3159 or Julie.Levinson@att.net

- Friday, February 8th, 6:30 pm, Houston Show, Home of the Greer Family, 407 Tecumseh Lane, Houston, TX 77057. RSVP 713-254-0483 marymargaret.greer@kinkaid.
- Saturday, February 9th, 5:00 pm, Austin Show, Home of the van de Zande Family, 5613 Clarion Cove, Austin, TX 78746. RSVP 512-347-0223 or julievdz@gmail.com
- Sunday, February 10th, 6:00 pm, Ft Worth Show, Home of the House Family 3920 Potomac Ave, Ft Worth, TX 76107. RSVP 817-271-4908 or ahouse@grinc.com
- Wednesday, February 13th, 6:30pm, Dallas Show, Home of the Lockhart Family, 5354 Waneta Drive, Dallas, TX 75209. RSVP 214-704-0325 or michellelockhart@mac.com

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It starts with each of us demonstrating a bit more respect each day. Maybe it is picking up a piece of trash, recycling an item, or figuring out how to use less energy. Or it could be listening to someone

else's idea, supporting a different belief, or standing up for a stranger. Imagine the impact if each camper from 2012 recommitted to living by the Code of Living every day. See you in 2013.

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2012 Another Great Summer



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. Below you'll find what we've been up to this summer. Enjoy!

Our crafts program is a popular in-camp activity. Lauren had the girls created an impressive range of crafts including jewelry making, paper mache creations, bowls made of leather, banners, interactive fairytales, mask making, metal smithing, ceramics, paintings and many others wild creations and fun projects. 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. Hattie and Emily were a powerhouse hiking team that led numerous day hikes all over the National Park. Hikes to Ouzel Falls, Mills and Jewel Lakes, Gem Lake, Mount Wuh, Half Mountain and Twin Sisters were some of the few hikes from first term the girls powered through. Early Breakfast ("EB") hikes from first term included Chapin, Chaquita and Ypsilon Mountain, as well as a hike to Meadow & St. Vrain and Flattop, while second term the big EBs were Audubon and Lady Washington. The girls persevered through both the physical and mental challenges that hiking presents and truly did a wonderful job. First term we had four girls receive their hiking patches: Carmen Oldham, Avery Lack, Chloe Solon and Emma Citow. Second term the four hikers who achieved there patches were Abigail Ammonett, Sophie Berger, Isabelle Dunn and Ivy Goldson! Congratulations hikers; what a remarkable accomplishment!

Lower Chipeta riders were led by Caitlin, Haylee and Amanda 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 rider or seasoned rider. The first term girls who achieved their riding patches were Indira Nichols, Marcella Senti, Abigail Edinger, Marleigh Hill and Gianna Rubino. Second term the riders who achieved there riding patches were Sophie Reeves, Kamryn

Deveny, Kate Olsen, Logan Triplett, Sally Buck, Lucy McCollum, Elliot Singer, Madeline Zolik and Lucy Conlon. Good job girls!

Emily Horne taught the girls at the riflery range and Heather Frank was at the archery range. Both activities required 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 more solo activities, the girls helped and supported each other and celebrated each other's successes.

Heather led climbing for the Lower Chipeta girls. They learned to tie knots, belay, follow safety protocols, and climb both indoor and outdoor technical climbing. Many fears were faced, goals reached, with lots of positive reinforcement all around. It was fantastic to see and hear the girls cheer each other on, especially when challenges surrounded them.



Our wonderful outcamping counselors were Ada and Shelby. The girls learned to make fires, pitch tents, create fun games, learned how to survive in the wilderness and much more. Theme outcamps were very popular and included Hunger Games, Harry Potter, Spa theme 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. Ada and Shelby put together an Outcamping Cookbook for every LC camper who went on an outcamp; hopefully you have already enjoyed some delicious recipes! First term we had one outstanding girl who received her outcamping patch, Carly Campbell! Way to go Carly, you were a star! Second term we had a strong group of girls who

You will never get ahead of anyone as long as you are trying to get even with him.



received their outcamping patches: Lillian Shropshire, Margot Chambaud, Abigail Ammonett, Bunny Rutledge, Lilly Brilz, Eleanor Lockhart, Lily Lederer, and Kate Frankmore. Way to go first and second term girls! You guys accomplished this goal with flying colors!

Maggie, the campfire counselor, provided our evening entertainment during campfire at night as well as attended numerous program activities over the summer. Campfire activities included International Night, Spa Night, Ice Cream Sundae Night, Christmas in July, Camp Olympics, All Camp Campfire Practice, Onward and Upward to Chipeta and Girls' Trail's End and so much more. Ending the day with games, songs, fun and laughter was our custom.



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 Silver Coup recipients were Ruby Bertron, Carly Campbell, Carmen Oldham, Allie Ritchie, Caroline Ritchie, Nina Sidhu and Chloe Solon. Second term girls were Abigail Amonett, Sally Buck, Emelia Arnheim, Caroline Delafield, Ivy Goldson, Kate Olson, Logan Triplett and Ella Wexler, way to go 2012 Silver Coup winners! We know that all the 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.

With love, Your Lower Chipeta Girls



People can do more than they think they can, but usually less than they think they do.



Lower Ski Hi

It truly was a special summer in Lower Ski Hi, with campers coming together from all over to enjoy the fresh mountain air and take part in incredible adventures. From arrival day, when our counselors greeted campers and family outside of Apache, Omaha, Navajo, Comanche, and Winnebago cabins, to our final recognition campfire headed by campfire counselor Jonathan Sherrod, Lower Ski Hi was bursting with energy and the excitement of new experiences.

Every day was full of wonderful memories. Who could forget cracking the bullwhip outside of Navajo, or the hilarious "Counselor Imitation Night?" Our Play Day with Lower Chipeta was full of teamwork and exciting games. Working together with our sister unit was fun! "You know, those girls aren't that bad!" From our vantage on the porch of Homestead, the Lower Ski Hi staff loved watching the campers play with Tonka trucks; once full of Rocky Mountain dirt the trucks would rumble down the hill, often upending in spectacular fashion! How about the Scavenger Hunt, where campers went above and beyond by bringing none other than Don Cheley down to the Buddy Ring, as well as the entire Kitchen Crew from Boys' Camp!

Raucous games of Capture the Flag at the Cheley Soccer Field were favored by the Lower Ski Hi counselors, who were wise Field Generals who led their companies of brave young men in search for the coveted Flag of the Bandana Republic. Eddie Martinez and Matthew Quigley, Lower Ski Hi's Director and Assistant Director, loved the Dirty Derby, in which our young men played in the stream and competed to become the grimiest, muddiest, squishiest campers in history! The directors especially enjoyed the inevitable question, "Do we have to take showers after Dirty Derby?"

Lower Ski Hi campers took full advantage of Cheley's historic and renowned Riding Program, using the Western Ring to learn the parts of a saddle, how to care for their horse, and how to ride with confidence. Then, Joe Hembree, Colby Jerden, Charlie Strasser, and Zach Weinstock, Lower Ski Hi's skillful wranglers, took them on trail rides to outstanding locales like Pierson Meadow, Eugenia Mine, and Storm Pass. Pablo Adler, Peter Cannon, Teddy Carlin, Aidan Cooke, Wyatt Ellison, Logan Gutzwiller, Spencer Harvey, Henry Horne, Akhil Jakatdar, Kade Lahner, Billy Lockhart, Matthew Olsen, Aidan Olson, Henry, Caden Pew, Kade Lahner, Will Smart, and Bennett Wagnon showcased their horse sense and earned their Riding Patch.

The fantastically wild lands within the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains are easily accessible to Camp Cheley Hikers, and Lower Ski Hi trekked into the backcountry to beautiful destinations such as Ouzel Falls, Black Lake, Steep Mountain, and the lofty Mt. Lady Washington. Along the way hikers were taught

how to load a pack efficiently with essential gear, how to use a map and compass, identify the highest peaks within Rocky Mountain National Park and how geologic forces formed them. Hiking counselors Rob Liesecke and Mitch Miller recognized **Charlie Comfort, Daniel Horn,** and **Myles Rosenblum** with their Chipmunk Patch.

Lower Ski Hi Outcampers learned how to be capable and self-sufficient in the backcountry, an increasingly rare quality in today's world. While on two and three-day overnight trips with Outcamping counselors Kyle McCall and Will Sido, campers slept outdoors, cooked for themselves, and played plenty of exciting games like camouflage and flashlight tag. Clyde Johnson, Cornelius Pettinga, Harry Winer, and Jackson Young received their Outcamping Patch.



Rock climbing is an exciting and demanding sport that requires concentration, dexterity, and strength. Campers were expected to be well-versed in safety gear and procedures, verbal commands, and basic skills required to scale a wall, either on Cheley's indoor climbing walls or on a route on the imposing Christmas Tree Rock. The following campers were awarded their Spider Patches by Sports and Climbing Wall counselor Ben Parker and General counselor Rory McLaughlin: Julian Blackburn, Ford Cousin, Henry Dewey, Harrison Donovan, Charlie Erthal, Akhil Jakatdar, Nick Johnson, Jan Kasal, Brady Lamme, Drew Marchant, William Schnieders, Eric Shih, Lucas Spiro, and Jack Wineman.

Lower Ski Hi honed their Riflery skills at the range, learning how to handle safely and accurately operate their own rifle with counselor Aaron Mulder. If the wind was still and you listened carefully during the summer, you could hear the twang of bowstrings across the stream from Lower Ski Hi. In both riflery and archery, many campers earned recognitions for their target prowess.

Creativity was never in short supply in Lower this summer. With counselor Taylor Cowart at the helm, LSH campers got crafty with tie-dye shirts, panoramas, and enough survival bracelets to supply the entire 82nd Airborne with paracord! Campers also had the opportunity to craft wooden boats in Cheley's woodshop with legendary Bill Kalbac.

With so many excellent programs and opportunities to grow, a well-rounded camp experience is important for the young men of Lower Ski Hi. The following campers were recognized for their involvement in multiple activities and presented with their Circle of Stars Patch: Tyler Albert, Julian Blackburn, Cooper Blankenbaker, Carson Campbell, Peter Cannon, Will Cochran, Charlie Cope, Ford Cousin, Ben Crosby, Jackson Dean, Luke Dean, Luke Defrancia, Henry Dewey, Mac Dye, Charlie Erthal, Sebastian Griffin, Akhil Jakatdar, Luke Jerome, Nicholas Johnson, Jan Kasal, Brady Lamme, Charlie Lamme, Alvaro Mariscal, Henry Martin, Andrew Mattson, Jansen Mauffray, Alex Menikoff, Elliot Niemann, Teddy Pasquesi, Kai Rankin, William Sampson, Eric Shih, Will Smart, Lucas Spiro, Finn Stanley, Jackson Swartz, Dylan Tripp, Jamie Ullman, Luke Weaver, and Jack Wineman.

On the second day, our campers created a Code of Living for Lower Ski Hi. Our Code was a list of traits and qualities that each agreed would be required for us to live and grow together in our wonderful surroundings. Each cabin worked together to uphold our Code, and by keeping their areas tidy, encouraging their peers to give their best effort, and dedicating themselves to being better young men each day, every member of Lower Ski Hi contributed to making their home a place of growth and support. At the end of each term, campers chose which of their peers best exemplified our Code of Living, and those young men were presented with the Silver Coup. Jackson Dean, Daniel Horne, Brady Lamme, Alvaro Mariscal, Cornelius Pettinga, Lucas Spiro, and Luke Weaver were our Coup Men for 2012.

The Aspen leaves, turned golden in the autumn chill, are speckling the ground outside the cabins. From Apache's porch you can see the Mummy Range, covered in early snow and resplendent in the Colorado sun. Winter is coming to Camp Cheley, and when the ice melts from the evergreens and the wild Columbine blooms again near Hidden House, it will be time to welcome the campers back. Light your friendship candles this holiday season and recall the memories of close friends and special times at Camp Cheley. We wish you all the very best.

The Lower Ski Hi Staff of 2012

No quality gets a person more friends than the ability to admire the qualities of others.





Chipeta

The laughter, sisterhood, and excitement that filled Chipeta all summer has disappeared and the winter is settling into the mountains. Although the continuous activity of campers has come to an end, all of us will remember the summer of 2012 for various reasons. It was a summer full of many good times with friends, challenges, funny memories, and most of all, successes.

Among the things we won't forget will be the horse back rides we had to places like Storm Pass, Pierson Park, and who can forget our favorite ride to Eugenia Mines? Every day was full of adventure and good times with the horses and wranglers Amy Keding, Katie Clurman, and Becca Settele. They taught the girls many skills, and the horseshows proved just how much they learned while still having fun. Learning the most about horses and earning their Riding Patches, or RPs, this summer were: (1st Term) Clare Wickman, Sami Thompson, Mackenzie Burkhardt, Morgan Dunn, Nadia Langer, Juliette Moore, Kaitlin Steinfort; (2nd Term) Hattie Hobart, Morgan Amonett, Marina Matsudaira, Emma Cypherd, and Nina Rogatz.

Many of us challenged ourselves on hikes with Megan Gaines and Brittany Passini. We will always remember how proud we felt when we peaked such mountains as Meeker and Longs and getting to "Chief's Temple", instead of his head. The scenery and the beauty of Colorado and the National Parks are simply amazing. The girls receiving their Hiking Patch this summer were: (1st Term) Kate Penner, Holly Wagner, La'Reya Brown; (2nd Term) Cameron Marter, Alexa Hart, Grace Weiler, and Daisy Williams.

Backpacking was a very memorable program this summer with Stephanie Graudons and Chelsea Weekly being quite the backpacking team. They loved going to 4th of July Mines, Fern Lake, Battle Mountain, Ditch Camp, and Gray Jay. They passed along their knowledge of the backcountry, and our girls had amazing experiences. Backpacking Patches were earned by: (1st Term) Viva Freedman, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Lucy Wallace; (2nd Term) Lucy Zicarelli, Hannah Wineman and Maya Mohr.

On outcamps, we stayed busy learning games, cooking great food, and mastering "Leave No Trace" techniques. Britty Buonocore, Natalie Bournstein (1st Term) and Caitlin Dillon (2nd Term) kept the girls busy and showed them a great time at places like Tee Pee Village, Rockstock and TE Crossing. It was amazing to

Thirty and

"It can be done" is good, but "It is done" is better.

be able to cook over stoves and even more exciting when the fire ban was lifted to start one of the first campfires of the summer with our outcamping crew. Outcamp patches were earned by: (1st Term) Emily Biggs, Zoe Pipa, Sage Bigford, Jordan Kimball; (2nd Term) Avery Bell, Dani Brown, Margot Bickler, Annie Eidelman, Eva Reiling, Drew Stanley, and Lilly Trapp.

In-camp activities were always fun! Abbey Blue lead the way for our crafters as they made tie-dye shirts, paper from recycled office paper, friendship bracelets, and much more. Michele Van Hare helped out sometimes in the craft shop but was mainly seen in Ceramics, teaching the girls how to throw their own pottery and sculpt clay. Meredith Hackett led up the riflery program and so many girls can be proud to say they were able to shoot a gun and earn a patch or two. Michele Most was always ready to help out our young archers and most of our girls earned arrows.



Lots of Chipetans spent at least 14 of our 18 days on program out of camp doing activities such as hiking, riding, outcamping, rafting, backpacking, and technical climbing. Over 40 girls earned their On the Trail patch this summer. 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, cookouts, and more. (1st Term) Julie Street, Anna Zelenka, Annabel Clark; (2nd Term) Taylor Champlin, Courtenay Roche, Bella Scott, Reilly Jackman, and Nikki Kasal earned their Pinecone Patches — congratulations!

While all of the Chipetans wore their Blue Kerchiefs with pride and followed the Code of Living, there were a few campers who proved to be role models to all and were recognized with the Silver Spurs. The 2012 Silver Spur recipients were: (1st Term) Viva Freedman, Emily Biggs, Juliette Moore, Kate Penner; (2nd Term) Avery Bell, Erin Bingaman, Brie Walker, and Hannah Wineman.

After program each night, Mary Clara Hutchison entertained us with some awesome campfires like Newspaper Fashion Show, Spa Night, and Talent Night. After long days out on program, it was nice to return to Chipeta to see Directors Anne Shingler and Helen Oexmann in the unit always wearing a smile and offering to play a few songs on the guitar. However,

it was even better when they came on program with such lucky ducks and little kittens! Their warmth, enthusiasm, and guidance helped make the summer of 2012 complete for Chipeta. Remember Chipeta: "The friendships we made here, will always remain dear." Do not forget to light your friendship candle during the Holiday Season and know that we all will be thinking of each other and the amazing summer we had together! The summer of 2012 was fantastic for Chipeta and congratulations to all the girls who went out for patches this summer!



Ski Hi

Greetings once again from Cheley Colorado Camps. It is hard to believe that only a few months ago, camp was alive and filled with children. Campers sang in the Ski Hi Lodge, played knockout on the basketball court and laughed over stories shared of the day's adventures.

The riding program led by Lucas Hanagriff, Drew Averdick, and Will Horne had a successful summer of horseback riding. Our wranglers taught the men of Ski Hi how to walk, trot, and canter properly as well as other skills such as riding bareback and playing fun games like musical stalls. While the riders were not in the ring, they had the opportunity to go out on rugged trail rides and overnight rides to explore the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park on horseback. On some occasions, riders would be able to see elk, deer and other wildlife from the trail. On the overnight rides, campers were able to play fun games around the campsite while others prepared dinner after a long day of riding. At the end of the term, Ski Hi put on a horseshow to present some of the skills they learned during the summer. This year the riding patches were awarded to Hunter Parish, Jack Lee, Michael Trentel, Logan Manhart, Chase Manhart, Ben Spiro, Colton Hart, Colton Kirby, Iniaki Cornejo, Josh Bennett, Mac Nicholson, Nasir Green, Caleb Sussman, and Philip Jenevein.

The hiking program led my Patrick Spook and Christian Hamiter had the opportunity to go on many beautiful hikes this summer. Some of the destinations included Sky Pond, Chasm Lake, Mummy Mountain, and the tallest mountain in Rocky Mountain National Park, Longs Peak. As campers hiked, they would learn the names of wildlife, wildflowers, trees, and the mountains that surrounded them. This summer the Mountaineers Patch was awarded to Jackson Tanner, Rishi Varma, JohnDavid Lancaster, Kaprao Tiptradon, Duncan Schumate, Gabe Wineman, Matthew Vasquez, Max Nardi, Lloyd Chinn, Ben Blevins-Boor, Andrew Conlan, Grant Dumanian, Jackson Harvey, and Chris Comfort.

The Outcamping program led by Dustin Pippin and William Whipple went on camping trips to many

beautiful locations around Rocky Mountain National Park. While campers were outcamping, they were taught how to cook over camping stoves, First Aid procedures, a variety of helpful knots, as well as how to play some fun games. The outcamping patches were awarded to Teddy Radle, Jack Milazzo, Lloyd Chinn, Michael Pohlad, Chase Haskell, Eric Zimmer, Iniaki Cornejo, Josh Bennett, and Kellan McEachen.

The backpacking program led by Lee Michael Krieger and Dan Kandt, spent most of their days and nights on the trail. Those that went backpacking this summer went to beautiful destinations such as Sandbeach Lake, Diamond Lake, Chapin Creek, and Aspen Meadow. Whenever campers arrived back from their backpacks, they would be excited to see their friends, sleep in a real bed, and take a hot shower. This summer the backpacking patch was awarded to Rishi Varma, JohnDavid Lancaster, Michael Cummings, William Wells, Grant Dumanian, Charlie McCollum, Ryan McCoy, Lawson Lamme, and Jack Kozmetsky

If campers ever wanted to have a relaxing day, they could create wonderful works of art with crafts counselor Diego Arias, or build wooden works of art with Bill Kalbac. At the end of each term, the artwork campers made throughout the summer was displayed in the Ski Hi Lodge, including drawings, sculptures, wooden bowls, and night lights.



Target sports (Archery and Riflery) this summer were led by Henry Warrington, Adam Lessard and Tom Henderson. When campers participated in the target sports, they would practice their patience, body posture, and the safety methods that go along with target shooting.

At the end of each day, campers would gather in the Ski Hi Lodge to be led in an evening activity by Parker Schiffer, the campfire counselor. Campfire activities included singing songs in the lodge, playing fun games, or a relaxing night of vespers when campers could watch the sun set behind the mountains. Each

Dogs make friends so easily because the wag was put in their tails instead of their tongues.



term, campers create a skit for All Camp Campfire, a night where all of camp comes together for an evening of skits and laughter. First term, the men of Ski Hi dedicated a song to camp legend Bill Kalbac, while second term campers sang a song from the movie Aladdin and dedicated it to the one and only Don Cheley.

At the beginning of each term, the campers of Ski Hi created a Code of Living for the time they would be at camp. The Code of Living dates back to 1921 when Frank Cheley started Cheley Colorado Camps. The Code of Living gives the opportunity for campers to create a set of guidelines they plan to live by while they are here. Traits such as honesty, respect, humility, and integrity often make the list. At the end of each term, campers vote on who has best displayed the traits on the Code of Living. At the final campfire, Director Nathan Wilson, Assistant Director Jordan Hagen, presented the Silver Spurs to the following campers: Rishi Varma, Nicolas Mariscal, Logan Manhart, JohnDavid Lancaster, Jackson Tanner, Ben Spiro, Brooks Kreiling, Paul Olsen, Matthew Vazquez, Josh Bennett, Grant Dumanian, and Charlie McCollum.

As the winter holidays approach, the summer of 2012 and the time spent in the Rocky Mountains will become a nice memory around a warm campfire. The first snow has already fallen at Cheley Colorado Camps, and camp is now silent where children once played. Camp waits for the summer of 2013 be filled, once again, with life. Next summer marks the 93rd anniversary for Cheley Colorado Camps, and it would be wonderful if you could be part of the experience.



Senior Chipeta

Wow, another wonderful Cheley summer has come and gone! The young women of Senior Chipeta had an amazing time exploring the mountains and making deep friendships. Each Senior Chipetan seized the opportunity to experience a real Cheley adventure, actively participating in the various fun programs listed below.

The hiking counselors in Senior Chipeta were Sarah and Erica, and they had the pleasure of leading the campers all over Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. These hikes started fairly easy and worked up to our feature "Early Breakfast" hikes, difficult mountain hikes that require wake-ups as early as 2 AM! Our EB hikes included Elk Tooth, Meeker and Longs Peak, the Circle Peaks, and the Mummy Kill.



Talent knows what to do; tact knows how to do it.

Over the course of the summer, some campers took a particular interest in the hiking program and wanted to learn more about the backcountry. Sarah and Erica taught these campers about Leave No Trace principles, route-finding, reading the weather, and much, much more. After lots of hard work and studying, the 2012 hiking patch recipients included Sierra Johnson, Alicia Comer, Laura Street, Isabel Froemming, Courtney Greer, Whitney Johnson, Isabelle Arnheim, Lanie Flint, Julia Friedberg, Katie Comfort, Grace McCamy-Miller, Elise Kreiling and Kristina Goodman.



For campers that loved the backcountry so much that they didn't even want to come back to camp at night, there was the backpacking program! Jordan and Kristen M. enjoyed taking the campers deep into the Colorado wilderness for two-day, three-day, and even five-day trips! The first term feature five-day trip was from Tonahutu to July campsites and the second term trip was through the entire Mummy Range. Both trips included laughter, hard work, mountain summits, bonding, and lots of memories! Several girls chose to delve into the backpacking program even deeper, learning lots about the backcountry to earn their patches. These impressive young ladies were Ellie Schwartz, Ella Rounsaville, Griffith Greer, Barbara Starshak and Hanna Reedy.

Senior Chipeta had three wonderful riding counselors, Kait, Rachel, and Asia, who took the campers on fun trail rides through the beautiful mountains surrounding Cheley. They also taught advanced horsemanship skills, both in the riding ring and in the barns. Waking up every day to care for the horses, groom, saddle, and muck the stalls was a real learning experience for our Senior Chipeta riders! The dedicated young women that excelled in the riding program to receive their patches were Carly Kelly, Katharine Allison, Mary-Katherine Peet, Jessica Thompson, Rosemary Krudewig, Ashley Jones, Sophie Winer, Rachael Branscomb, Madison Nardi and Jenny Laidlaw.

Brigitte, hailing all the way from Germany, led the outcamping program this summer. Brigitte's outcamps were full of team-building activities as well as a time for deep self-reflection. Her feature overnights were the

Solo Outcamps, which gives campers the opportunity to spend 24 hours alone in the supervised wilderness. Two campers decided to further their outcamping skills and earn their outcamping patches: **Raya Foster** and **Hilarie Mains**.

Mountain biking with Nichole was another fun and challenging program! She led all-day rides to Stanley Park and Pierson Park, as well as two-day and threeday trips. Campers always returned from the overnight trips with lots of great stories and full bellies from all of the delicious cooking! Elizabeth "Petie" Boylan, Sierra Johnson and Ruby Outwater took it upon themselves to learn more about mountain biking, and were awarded with their patches.

Besides those program areas, there were plenty of other fun activities happening in Senior Chipeta! Campers honed their shooting skills in the riflery and archery programs, led by Kristen T, got their creative juices flowing doing crafts with Jessica, and worked on their leadership and teamwork skills down at the challenge course with Claire. The campers also enjoyed tech climbing, Frisbee golf, yoga, volunteering, and much more! Campers that opted to explore a wide variety of activities were recognized for their diversity, receiving the On the Trail patch. These campers were Courtney Greer, Caroline Downey, Taylor Kerr, Emma Staton, Griffith Greer, Andrea Carney, Alicia Comer, Elizabeth "Petie" Boylan, Hana Durkee, Whitney Johnson, Ella Rounsaville, Clarissa Leighou, Grace Harrison, Laura Street and Michelle Galetti.

At the end of the day, the girls gathered in Senior Chipeta Lodge for the evening campfire program, led by Melissa. These nightly gatherings included games, spa nights, dance parties of all varieties, a goal-setting night, and even a presentation by an expert on wild horses! We ended each and every night with friendship circle, a wonderful tradition in which we link arms and sing a few special songs before heading to the cabins for a good night's sleep!

To bring each term to a close, the campers and staff voted to recognize those campers who best exemplified the Code of Living, which is the powerful and meaningful code of conduct created by the campers at the beginning of the term. The campers who received their Gold Keys were Andrea Carney, Courtney Greer, Margaret Hemp, Sierra Johnson, Taylor Meneley, Laura Street, Marion Ahearne, Hana Durkee, Shannon Jack, Elise Kreiling, Sarah Kubly, Jessica Savage and Georgia Williams.

As the 92nd Cheley summer winds down, the Senior Chipeta staff is so appreciative of the wonderful days they got to spend with such a great group of campers. Parents, thank you so much for sending your young ladies to Cheley this summer! And to the campers- cherish your camp memories, remember how you've grown over the summer, and don't forget to light your friendship candles during the holidays. Thanks for an amazing summer, and we'll see you next year!



Haiyaha

It has been another incredible year in Haiyaha, and it has been an experience we each will cherish as we move into our lives beyond the Hill. The experience of this summer is now transcending into life back home for campers and counselors alike — the Code of Living, the memories of standing on that peak, the moments we all laughed and cried together, are formative foundations to the men we are becoming.

At the end of the term we all asked ourselves what moments from Cheley inspired us, who and what challenged us, when did we lend a hand to one of our peers, what changed in you, and what traits of your Code of Living will have an impact in your community. You will receive the answers you wrote this summer at some point this year, but I encourage you to ask yourself these same questions right now. Put down the packrat and think, grab a piece of paper and write them down. You may find there is room to improve. You might find you are already living with the purpose



you discovered and defined in Haiyaha. You heard and contributed to deep conversations, and you know what it takes to create those profound moments when you find a new piece of the fabric of what is good in you — find that same courage and circle of friends which allow you to continue being an inspiration to yourself and others at home.

Everyday on the Hill presented us with new opportunities to forage friendships and challenge ourselves in new ways on program. You conquered mountains and horses, worked hard for that patch, honed your craft, and subconsciously developed life skills. Our Code of Living defined this experience — first term Drive, Consciousness, Confidence, Tenacity, Reflection, and Perspective. Second term traits were

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



Poise, Grit, Vision, Flexibility, and Humility. Through these traits, combined with the rich experiences of camp, we hoped to impart a spirit of resiliency that will carry you through any challenge. It is upon you to find the strength and expand your perspective to make the product of these memories a part of your everyday life.

A few of our campers were recognized for their accomplishments in different program areas. Kyle Weinstein, Josh Copito, Kai Lindsey, Charlie Ovens, Dylan Lederer and Douglas Klink received their riding patch by demonstrating their proficiency in the horse program. Peter Rosston, Spencer Papay, Jack Woodward, Jason van de Zande, Ali Teoman, Will Bertelson, Eric Hahn and Sam Goddard all received their hiking patch for their dedication to the hiking program. Miles Bivins, Jakubb Fahrenkrug, Thomas House, Gaddis House, Joey Searle and Peter Kubly received their mountain biking patch for all their effort on the bike. Peter Schmidt, John Albers and Alex Roederer were recognized with their backpacking patch for displaying their knowledge of the backcountry.

At the end of first term we presented **Thomas House** and **Gaddis House** with their Gold Spurs. The Gold Spurs are earned by receiving all of the major patches as well as demonstrating proficiency in archery, riflery and crafts. It takes a multiple year commitment to receive your Gold Spurs. A job well done!

Our program recognition recipients were: Thomas House and Gaddis House (Gold Spurs): Kyle Weinstein, Josh Copito, Kai Lindsey, Charlie Ovens, Dylan Lederer and Douglas Klink (Riding Patch); Peter Rosston, Spencer Papay, Jack Woodward, Jason van de Zande, Ali Teoman, Will Bertelson, Eric Hahn and Sam Goddard (Hiking Patch); Jakubb Fahrenkrug, Douglas Klink, Austin Krueger, Dylan Lederer, Trace Montgomery, Spencer Papay and Mitchell Crego (On the Trail); Miles Bivins, Jakubb Fahrenkrug, Thomas House, Gaddis House, Joey Searle and Peter Kubly (Mountain Biking Patch); Peter Schmidt, John Albers and **Alex Roederer** (Backpacking Patch). These young men worked diligently to become students in their respective areas, and often times we counted on them as teachers when we needed a hand. We applaud their efforts to apply themselves and make the most of what Cheley has to offer.

The men who received their Gold Key this summer, Sam Goddard, Aidan Schorsch, Ryan Le Jeal, JJ Perkins Alex Beane, Adom Dumanian, Tyler Humphrey, Holden McComb, Diego Rose, and Graham Tallian were recognized for the brothers they were to their peers and their embodiment of our Code of Living. Every camper this summer walked away with a Blue Kerchief around his neck, and we applaud each of you for



What this country needs, in fact, what the whole world needs, is to settle up and settle down.

holding a high standard and living up to the purpose and expectation you created for yourselves.

The CILTs this summer were instrumental to creating the Haiyaha experience. They challenged themselves, accepted the sacrifices of leadership at times, and took on the burden of actively laying the foundations of brotherhood on the Hill. First term CILTs were Gaddis House, Thomas House, Ted Kornish, Ryan LeJeal, Hilyard Nichols, JJ Perkins, Aidan Schorsch, and Nick Vann. Second term CILTs were Alex Beane, Tommy Herr, Tyler Humphrey, Will Schmidt, and Bruno Zicarelli. It was no easy task, but because of their constant effort to make this the best summer, we had the best guides to show us just exactly how to make the most of the Cheley experience.



Thank you to each of you — thank you for making the decision to be here, thank you for having an open mind, and thank you for bringing an insatiable enthusiasm to make the summer of 2012 a successful experience for every person who was touched by it. As we begin to write the next chapter of our lives, remember what it took from you, remember that feeling of singing the Gambler loud and proud, remember looking around the friendship circle and saying goodnight one last time before we embarked on our own journeys. We look forward to seeing you next summer and hearing where you have gone with your story. Keep writing, and have an awesome year.



What an awesome summer we had this year! It seems like the sounds of the young ladies of Girls' Trail's End catching up in the dining room (being VERY solemn!), hula hooping in the courtyard, chatting over treats on the Honcho House porch, bonding with each other and the horses at the barns, creating something cool in the crafts shop, giggling in wagons after the last bell, and doing whatever it is you do in the boathouse are still there at GTE. Stop for a minute and I bet

you can hear these sounds clearly — sounds of our home at the end of the trail. As always, GTE girls and counselors alike lived up to the challenge of "doing the hard thing" and looking for, appreciating, and making the moments that can be remembered for a lifetime. We made friends with the girl sitting next to us that first night and realized that the choices we make in life are just that — OUR choices. Many copies of the Code of Living are now hanging in prominent places around the country as a reminder of how we choose to live each day — even now — next to photos of friendships bonded in a way that just doesn't happen that often.

Alex Oldham and Greta Stetson led some adventurous backpacks in our spectacular Rocky Mountains. With their guidance, the backpackers learned to be self-sufficient in the backcountry and persevere up some pretty significant peaks. They also found many hours to relax by mountain lakes and in campsites building close friendships. This summer Annika Skigen, and Rio Permenter earned their backpacking patches recognizing exceptional skill and leadership in the backpacking program. Katya Lopatko was recognized with her backpacking basics.



Once again, Christie Koets and Emily Palmquist led the hikers (who were just about everyone in GTE this year!) up trails, over tundra, up the waterfalls, through the woods, up peaks, and to high lakes. They went to places such as Snowdrift, Navaio, Isolation & Mahana, Shelf & Solitude, Spearhead, and Alice & Tanima as well as to so many equally beautiful destinations. As rewarding as peaking a mountain is, a common occurrence this summer, equally rewarding were the friendships that were made on the trail, at lunch on a pile of rocks, and in the van. This summer Cate Ellison, and **Emma Jenevein** earned their hiking patches demonstrating their hiking skills and knowledge in the backcountry. In addition, Elena Bird received her Tyrolean recognizing her exceptional leadership in both the backpacking and hiking programs.

Kelsy Ward, Kayla Privitt, and Danielle Lellek led fun-filled and challenging rides in the ring and on the trail as well as adventuresome pack trips to new destinations like Homestead Meadows, Eugena Mines, Aspen Brook, and the OP Corral where GTE rarely gets to go as well as GTE favorite destinations such as West Creek, Pipers Meadow, and Signal Mountain. This summer, Lindsey Daniels, Katie Prekup, Meagan Moor, Shaina Steinersoul, Morgan McGonagle, Wittney Skigen, Grace McCaffery, Grace Burgert, Madeline Braksick, Jacqueline Walker, Ginny Taglia, Meghan Gerdes, Retta Smith, Amanda Soper, Kate Delafield, Sophia Rodawig, Hilary Griggs and Sarah Darley all earned their Riding Patch (RP) while Natalie Skigen, Hannah McCreavy, Amelia Daube and Alex Greiner earned their Riding Basic. Congratulations to all the GTE riders! It was an amazing summer on horseback and everyone did an excellent job at both the GTE barns and on our visits at the Fishcreek Ranch.

In a different kind of riding, Olivia Klein worked with several counselors this summer to lead safe and challenging mountain biking trips. Several GTE girls excelled in this difficult sport riding up steep, rocky terrain to destinations such as Pearson Forest and Meadow Outpost often finishing the day persevering up the Cheley Challenge. Campbell Davitt and Taylor Gohl demonstrated their exceptional mountain biking skills and leadership by earning their mountain biking patch.

Kelsey Reynolds worked with several of our multitalented counselors to lead more relaxing, but equally entertaining outcamps to places like the Upper Wagon Yard, the Gypsy Grounds, and Rockstock. The stories at dinner after an outcamping trip were always hysterical! It was obvious that the outcampers were well fed and highly creative! Showing exceptional leadership and demonstration of backcountry skills were Marion Humphreys, Katie Furlong, and Lily Neary who earned their Outcamping patch.

Almost all of the girls at GTE made amazing crafts with Emily Galli in the craft shop and on the trail including tie-dyed EVERYTHING, hula hoops, exquisite jewelry, and so much more. Julie Wickman taught most of GTE riflery skills, and many earned several recognitions for their bowmanship skills. Mostly, they just had fun hanging out and relaxing in our own little paradise. Olivia Klein, with the help of so many other counselors, led a variety of sports and taught the girls archery. As with riflery, many girls earned several levels of recognitions demonstrating their sharpshooting skills. A special thanks to the general counselors — Micah Bernard, Molly Kuntz, and Maggie Hull. What a talented staff we had! We could not have done so many cool things without their constant smile, diverse talents, and crazy antics!

Character, like a rifle, cannot shoot higher than it is aimed.



Each night we all came home to evening activities planned by Devin Riggs, our campfire counselor. She led us in singing songs, playing games, showing off our talents in Java Night, relaxing during Spa Night, teasing our counselors during Counselor Dress Up Night, and organizing so many fun events with other units. There is nothing quite like the lodge benches of GTE girls just hanging out with each other.

The girls and staff of GTE take the Code of Living very seriously, striving to live it every day in every situation. All of the girls were recognized for living up to the Code of Living by their Blue Kerchief.

This summer, Grace Ann Odom, Anna Curry, Tessa Podschun, Emily Gast, Emily Trousil, Kelsea Critin, Grace Slocum, Liesel Woollett, Meredith Manda, and Wittney Skigen were selected by their peers and the staff to receive the Top Hand, and Grace McCaffery, Daisy Dunlap, Nora Meade, Renee Wright, Anna Bean and Rio Permenter received the Driver recognizing their exemplary demonstration of the characteristics of the Code in each term this summer.

Finally, big thanks to our wonderful cooks, Barb Podschun and Katherine Barnes. Our meals were so delicious each and every day, and they made our kitchen such a special place to be. I can still see Barb now in her Ducky pajamas with Katherine pounding on pots and with metal spoons leading the "Camper Parade" at Pajama Breakfast! How lucky GTE is in the kitchen! We were also so well cared for by our nurses, Stephanie Chesnut first term and Jeanne Henderson along with her husband second term, Bob. Not only did they take care of our aches and pains, but also brightened our days as we left for programs and then returned at the end of the day.

In the Cheley tradition, we will light our friendship candles during the holiday season and think about each GTE girl and our special sisterhood of GTE. Don't forget: "You belong to Trail's End, and Trail's End belongs to you." Best wishes from your directors, Terry Taylor, Lark Turner, and Amy Thorne. We hope to see you next summer!



Boys' Trail's End

Another summer at Boys' Trail's End has come and gone, and I now file my final investigative report! This year I was tasked with a risky, undercover assignment. Embedded near the lower wagon yard, a stone's throw away from Triangle Lightning, my goal was to investigate the mysterious brotherhood that bonds the manly but mellow men together at Cheley's most



Some minds are like concrete; all mixed up and permanently set.

rugged outpost. Specific questions had to be answered. How does a group that ranges in age from 11 to 17 become so tight-knit? How does a community so far removed from the "city suburbs" of main camp still manage to embody the Cheley Spirit so perfectly? Like H.G. Bissinger's infamous "Friday Night Lights" journey into the heart of West Texas, I was not sure if my presence would be welcome. Nevertheless, the time had come to seek the truth. A dangerous assignment to be sure — but in the words of Clint Eastwood, I had to ask myself, "What's it gonna be, punk?"



Stunningly, I was able to infiltrate the first term of campers with relative ease. In a shocking turn of events, these campers actually welcomed me into their unit, engaged me with conversation, and even volunteered information! For example, after a group of backpackers scaled the heights of Longs Peak, one of Colorado's most famous 14ers, one camper had the audacity to describe the experience as "fun!" On another occasion, campers all donned tank tops on a gritty, 20-mile horseback ride through mountains and brush that John Wayne would have balked at. When asked about the experience, a camper disclosed to me, "It was totally hilarious. Best horseback ride ever!" Who were these rough-hewn, yet oddly congenial children?

As I walked around the unit, I noticed campers with special patches on their blue kerchiefs. After some investigation, I discovered that these patches signified accomplishment in a certain program area. Blue Watson, Will Gast, Nikita Rovensky, Cameron Wilk received their senior level riding patch. Zach Clements, Theo Chesnut, Nolan Peacock, Stuart Randall and Brock Cannon received their junior level riding patch. Worthley Burke and Christian De Souza received their senior riding patch basics. Ben Brandenburg, Jason Van Hare, Marco Quaroni, Jackson Burow, and Drake DiAngelo received their senior level hiking patch. Mike Melody received his junior level hiking patch. Blake Rockwell, Mason Jerden, G. William Bonnie, Sol Broady, CJ Johns, Isaac Price, Trevor Adam, Preston

Beavers, Mike Melody, Parker Meer, and Tristan Podlasek all received their junior outcamping patch. Devyn Caine, Jacob Swartz received their senior level outcamping patch. Sol Broady, Wesley Koweek, Henry Woodward and Luke Walker were recognized with their junior backpacking patch and Dan Ross, Ryan Rorsky and Jackson Burow were recognized with their senior level backpacking patch. Blake Evertsen was awarded his Mountain Biking patch.



Still... I had more questions than answers about this "so-called" brotherhood! One continuous theme seemed to be this concept of a Code of Living — a list of traits developed by the campers that formed the foundation of the unit. Several campers who embodied these traits received recognitions at the end of the term. Driver recipients at BTE included **Oscar Adler** and **Sol Broady**. Tophand recipients included **Ben**

Brandenberg, Otto Josie, and **Will Gast.** At the final campfire, there was not a dry eye in the lodge.

I had a feeling I was on to something.

The second term of campers arrived and immediately developed their own Code of Living. Then they hit the rocky mountain trails with a wild alint in their eye (known to some as the "eye of the tiger"). Backpackers bushwhacked through remote parts of the jagged Indian Peak Wilderness, climbing peaks such as the aptly-named Sawtooth. In addition, the hikers, inspired by visions of Sir Edmund Hillary, bagged three out of the five Circle Peaks on one hike, and then tackled the majestic McHenry's, one of the hardest peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park. Meanwhile, riders learned to break in colts and rode to far-flung locations such as the historical Homestead Meadows. Perhaps the most rigorous activity was mountain biking, led by our fearless Australian counselor, Will Candish.

As the term drew to a close, I watched closely. Driver recipients included **Stuart Randall** and **Andy Bredar**. Recognized for the Tophand were **Marco Quaroni, Conor McKenna, Jackson Burow,** and **Dan Ross**. Again, there was not a dry eye in the house. Then it occurred to me. Out here, these campers depended on one another. They had actually learned to put others' needs ahead of their own! They almost seemed to care more about their unit... than themselves!! At last — the secret to the BTE brotherhood!!!

However, further investigation may be warranted. Therefore, I recommend that all of us convene again, perhaps next summer, at the end of that old dusty road outside of Glen Haven...

Until then, Pete Thompson



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