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The Cheley PACK RAT

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"Hey Daddy, Did We Win?"

Last Saturday, Jackson played in his first soccer game. Jackson has played a few times at school and we have kicked the ball around in the yard but this was his first experience with an organized game. All of the children stretch out together with the parents and then each team goes to their own small field for some practice before the game. The coach of the Gray Hawks is amazing. He is an educator and a professional in youth development so he understands how to work with young people. He ran them through a series of drills and games to help them work on their skills. After about 15 minutes, it was time for the Gray Hawks to play the Yellow Bees. I think the Yellow Bees

have more soccer experience because the final score of the 15 minute game was probably 20 to 0. The beauty of a soccer game with four year olds is that none of the players on the Gray Hawks walked away defeated and upset.

As we were walking to the car, Jackson was holding Harrison's hand and he turned to me and said, "Hey Daddy, did we win?" My response was "Yes you did!" At age four, when you had a chance to run around the park on a beautiful 70 degree day, play with your friends, learn new skills, and you are walking to the car holding hands with your younger brother, you are winning. The three of us walked to the car with smiles on our faces.



Later that night, I had mixed emotions as I recounted the day's events. I was overjoyed with the events of the day. Jackson was living in the moment and experiencing the excitement of playing sports (I can't say I always live

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Trigger Bill says...

You can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets.





If you are not afraid to face the music, you may get to lead the band someday.



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"Hey Daddy, Did We Win?"

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in the moment when I am playing golf). I was also sad that this youthful innocence will not last forever. As a new parent, it is crazy to me the pressure young people are facing today. At an early age, some children are working with private coaches to make sure they are the best athlete, musician or dancer. We often hear from parents that a camper can't return to Cheley because they have to attend the mandatory team camp if they want to participate next season. The coach is not willing to accept that the benefits of attending camp and becoming a better, more well-rounded person are more important than the summer practices. I completely understand the positive self-esteem benefits that come from success during these formative years. I know that my success on the soccer field or the ski slopes helped build my confidence in high school. However, I am concerned that we have lost some of our focus. If allowed, sports and other extra-curricular activities can become the focus of a young person's life rather than a joyful pastime. I know that I cannot fix this problem. I also know that as a competitive person myself, and a father of three boys, there is a good chance that I will be faced with the challenge of helping my boys keep

life in perspective as they navigate the pressures of sports and childhood.

As summer approaches, I am excited that Cheley Camps has another summer to instill the values of character, resiliency, honesty, compassion and many more for over 900 lucky young men and women. It warms my heart that we can provide them 27 or 54 days of nature filled excitement.

"Raise Your Hand if You are Listening"

As we are preparing the current edition of the Pack Rat, we are taking time to analyze the value of our newsletter. Are people reading this? Are they finding value? With all of the social media available and the ease of communication, is the Pack Rat still valuable and a good use of time? Please email Packrat@cheley. com and let us know if you enjoy the newsletter. We would also love to know what you would like to see published and if you would rather receive a shorter/monthly digital version. Times have changed and we want to make sure we are not printing this just because "that is what we have always done."

We look forward to your feedback.

Enrollment Update

As we prepare to celebrate our 93rd Season, we are excited to share that our enrollment numbers are ahead of last year. We have campers from 45 states and 17 foreign countries. As of the printing of the Packrat, we are full for First Term Lower Ski Hi, Ski Hi, and Chipeta and Second Term in Lower Ski Hi, Ski Hi, Lower Chipeta, Chipeta,

Senior Chipeta, and GTE. Some of our other units are close to capacity as well. With that said, we do still have space in some of our units and even some of the full units may change. Please contact us soon if you know anyone who would benefit from the Cheley Experience. Email office@cheley.com or call us (after May 17) at 970-586-4244.

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Important 2013 Dates

May 20: Cheley Business Office moves from Denver to Estes Park

May 23: Pre-Camp Work Crew begins

June 3: Riding Counselors and Barn Crew Arrive

June 4: Transportation Crew Arrives

June 6: Directors and Assistant Directors Arrive

June 7-8: Wilderness First Aid Training

June 9: All staff arrive for Staff Training

June 19: First Term campers arrive

July 15: First Term campers depart

July 15-17: Mid-Term trip

July 17: Second Term campers arrive

August 12: Second Term campers depart

August 13-18: Family Camp

August 13-18: Air Force Reserves Leadership Camp

August 19-26: Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp

Mark Your Calendars for 2014

Applications and/or information for enrolling in Cheley for 2014 will be emailed after the third week of camp. Online enrollment will be activated before final weekend of each term. If you are coming to our Horse Show or Final Weekend, you can enroll then as well. We enroll on a first-come, firstserve basis, and we have had units fill during our Final Weekend. Please do not assume that because a particular unit was slow to fill up one year, that it is always the case. We hate telling returning families that they are on a wait list, so please enroll early. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Our dates for the summer of 2014 are listed below. Please mark these dates on your 2014 calendar:

First Term: June 18th - July 14th Second Term: July 16th - August 11th Family Camp: August 12th - 17th

Getting Mail at Camp

For all business mail:

CHELEY COLORADO CAMPS (for UPS) 3960 Fish Creek Road P O BOX 1170 ESTES PARK, CO 80517-1170 Telephone: 970-586-4244

Land O' Peaks campers and staff:

YOUR NAME YOUR CAMP UNIT (Lower Ski Hi, Lower Chipeta, Ski Hi, Chipeta, Haiyaha, Senior Chipeta) CHELEY COLORADO CAMPS P O BOX 1170

Trail's End campers and staff:

YOUR NAME BOYS' TRAIL'S END RANCH BOX 380 GLEN HAVEN, CO 80532

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YOUR NAME GIRLS' TRAIL'S END RANCH BOX 370 GLEN HAVEN, CO 80532

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



There will always be a frontier where there is an open mind and a willing hand.



Go to www.cheley.com/
store to purchase the latest
T-shirts, Sweatshirts, hats,
and other items from the
Cheley Camp Store. The
online store is a great way
to help you prepare for the
summer packing list or to
purchase items for fellow
alumni as gifts. You can
choose to have it shipped
to you or have it waiting for
your camper at Cheley.







People may make mistakes, but they aren't a failure until they start blaming someone else.



Kudos to all of the parents who have completed their forms for this summer. We appreciate your help. Recognitions to the first ten camper families to have completed their forms. Max Albers, Kallista Bishop, Ben Brandenburg, Evan Le Jeal, Dane Lee, Lola Murnighan, Cade Oster, Dan Penoyer, Harrison Whittemore, and Ammar Yahya. Way to go!!

Most of the needed forms are available online. If you haven't completed your forms for this summer, please complete them by June 1st. If you didn't receive the login information, go to www.cheley. com/session/new and click on the password reminder link to get your login information. You can also call our office – or email office@cheley.com for assistance. We need to have all of the forms complete by JUNE 1st at the latest to prepare for the summer.

Update Your Info

We enjoy keeping in touch with all of our alumni so we want to make sure we have your current contact info. If you have moved or our info is incorrect, please email us at office@ cheley.com or call us at 303-377-3616. We also love to hear from you with news and events for the next Pack Rat.

Donate Your Used Items

If you have camp items that you can no longer use, please bring them to camp on opening day. We often have families that are looking for slightly used riding or hiking boots, rain jackets, or other camp items. We would love to pass them along to these families.

Boy Scout Merit Badges at Cheley

This year we are pleased to offer campers who are in the Boy Scouts the opportunity to work on merit badges while at camp in seven areas: hiking, horsemanship, leatherworking, wilderness survival, shotgun shooting, cycling, and wood carving. Interested campers need to attain the approval of their scoutmaster and bring the blue merit badge card with them to camp.





I am honored and humbled to announce that the John Austin Cheley Foundation is sending more that 100 campers to 5 different camps this summer. As a 24 year old organization, their accomplishments are amazing. The foundation was established in



1989 to honor the memory of Jack Cheley. Their goal the first year was to send one camper to camp. Since their inception, more than 400 camperships have been awarded to campers from 31 states and one foreign country, attending a total of 5 associate camps. To learn more about camperships or donations, please visit www.cheleyfoundation.org. They are always looking for people to help identify qualified campers.





Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

1940s

Dr. Louis Ott (Camper: 1941-43 and 1946 -47) "I received my Pack Rat and as always enjoy reading it. I have many fond memories of each and every year. In 1943 my brother received his Top Hand and he was given a Cocker Spaniel as his award. In 1947 I received my Top Hand and was given a silver horseshoe. I know that the campers will cherish their adventure for the rest of their lives as I have for my 83+ years. My best to each and all, and have a great summer."

1950s

Judy and Don Moor (Staff 1950s) celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary on April 6th. Happy Anniversary and cheers to 50 years of marriage.

1980s

Phyllis Mailicoat (Staff: 1980's) writes that she has moved back to Indiana. She was on staff in the kitchen and Munch Inn. "I loved the mountains and Ruthann is the best."

Ashley Mcclelland Hassall (Camper 1984-1989) I went to Cheley many years ago. I was married in 2000. We have 3 awesome kids Jadyn 11, Cadynce 9, and Grasyn 4. We are currently living in Minnesota. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about Cheley and all the wonderful memories I have from there. I hope one day to send my children. (https://www.facebook.com/ashleymcclelland.hassall)

2000s

Jason Dewald (Staff: 2007-2008) "Since working at Cheley I joined The US Marine Corps and have recently been promoted to the rank of Captain. I have been married to Erin for 4 years and we have two children (McKayla-18 months and Landin-6 months). I certainly miss the summers in the mountains and I cannot wait to visit with our kids when they are older."

Susan Brunk (Staff: 2006) "My mother (Stara Brunk) and I will be graduating from college with Bachelor's Degrees in two weeks! We are both very proud of our accomplishments and thank Cheley for fueling our passion for youth outreach. We hope to visit soon. Thanks for the support and making the world a better place."

Kody, Ariel and Cyrus Hill-Davis (campers 1995-2003) live a block apart in Washington DC. Kody just finished her first year of law school, Ariel is working hard for a real estate start-up, and Cyrus just left the U.S. Air Force after four years of service. The gang had a great time celebrating with other Cheley friends at the wedding of Amber Andregg and Chris Snyder. Camp friends are the best friends!

WEDDING BELLS

Whitney Hopkins (Camper 1996 - 1997) married Martin Oehmke on August 11th, 2012 in Vail, CO

Claire Lawhon (Camper 1996 - 2000, staff 2004-2005) married Steele Pearce on November, 17th 2012 in Ft Worth, Texas. Congrats Claire and Steele.

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Very often the chip on someone's shoulder is just bark.





Don't be a cloud because you can't be a star.





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Amber Andregg and Chris Snyder Harris were married in Dallas on February 23rd. Amber was a camper and counselor at Cheley and dragged Chris to camp for one summer as a staff member. There were many Cheley friends at the wedding. Congrats Amber and Chris.

Mary Anne Wheat (Camper: 1997-2003) married Evan Brown in Ft. Worth, TX on March 23, 2013. Congrats to Mary Anne and Evan.

Samantha Looney (Staff: 2006) married Aaron Dyer on April 14, 2013. We are excited for both of you.

IN PASSING

Chip Gerdes (Camper 1980s)
passed away May 6, 2013 in his home
in Quincy, Illinois. Rep. Ann Wagner
(R-Missouri) shared a tribute to Chip
Gerdes. Everyone talks about Chip's
sense of humor and his constant
ability to lighten the mood. Anne
Sorock shared the news with us and
also shared that she had connected

with Chip in Washington DC. She told us that they spoke of Cheley and the Code of Living almost every time they saw each other. Our thoughts are with Chip's family and friends.



FUTURE CAMPERS

"Wy Wy" Holmes (Staff: 1986-88, 93) and his wife Hilary welcomed Piper Irene Holmes on January 7, 2013. Piper joins her siblings Kendall and Wesley. We are thinking of you and hope you are sleeping through the night.

"The 'Code of Living' influenced my work with A Disciplined Life – Like Camp Cheley, creating an intentional culture of compassion, acceptance and being your best self, is what we are constantly striving toward at Perspectives"

In 1997, Diana Shulla-Cose (staff 1988-89) cofounded Perspectives Charter Schools, a network of five public schools that serve over 2,300 - 6th-12th grade students in under-served neighborhoods in Chicago. Perspectives is driven by their A Disciplined Life Education Model, which merges academic rigor with social and emotional learning. A Disciplined Life is a set of 26 principles centered on the development of a positive Self Perception - healthy Relationships and personal Productivity. Some principles include; Take Responsibility For Your Actions, Use Your Time Wisely, Show Compassion and Accept Differences in Others. Perspectives has made a huge impact on



education in Chicago. It has proven to put its students on a path to success. In 2012, 93% of its graduates enrolled in college, nearly 90% of whom are the first in their families on tract to earn a college degree. To learn more: www.pcsedu.org



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History Snippet

From the 1966 Cheley Brochure

(about the time many of our current camp parents were growing up)

"In our present day world of streamlined living, we have become more and more a nation of mass production, mass education, mass thinking, and mass recreation. Today, the youth of America have generally become indecisive, unresourceful, soft, adultized, and over-protected to the point of losing a large part of their individuality.

Because of these facts, Good Summer Camping is an essential part of the growing up process of children because it provides a complete change from the crowded classrooms, loaded school schedules, and regimentation."

Has anything changed?

