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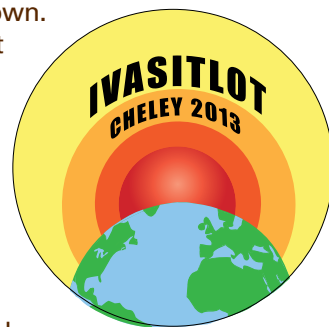


IVASITLOT

"Instilling values and skills in the leaders of tomorrow" was the theme for this summer. The foundation for this theme was an article by Pat Bassett that I referenced in the Holiday 2012 Packrat. Pat talked about the 5 C's needed for success. These values are critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, character, and the bonus C of cosmopolitanism. We have been instilling these values in campers since 1921. Our goal this summer was to be more intentional and purposeful in teaching these values. We consider it a gift that we have 27 days each summer to impact the lives of campers from around the world.

The campers who attend Cheley are going to impact their community. We see campers head off to top-quality universities and thrive in these settings because they have experienced the unknown.

They have learned that living outside their comfort zone is exciting and rewarding. They have learned to make decisions on their own and have become comfortable dealing with the consequences of their decisions. Time after time we hear from campers who are freshman in college and they share how much more comfortable they are than their fellow students who did not have a camp experience.



We don't take our responsibility lightly. We work hard during staff training to inculcate our staff in the Cheley Mission. Many of our parents are second and third generation Cheley families and they expect us to deliver the same (or better) experience than they remember from their youth. We love this challenge. It motivates us to improve every year.

We will continue to explore these 21st Century skills and look for methods to instill them in our campers on a daily basis. We love hearing the stories about how the Cheley Experience has impacted a young man or woman. We also love hearing about how they have taken the skills they learned at camp and used them to impact their community. We hope you can point to one of these traits and remember an experience at Cheley that taught you how to be a better leader.

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Trigger Bill says...

The greatest difficulty of modern humankind is that our knowledge has increased much faster than has our wisdom.



CAMP DATES FOR 2014

Full Season:

Wed. June 18th – Mon. Aug. 11th

FirstTerm:

Wed. June 18th – Mon. July 14th

SecondTerm:

Wed. July 16th – Mon. Aug. 11th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 12th – Sun. Aug 17th



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Flood Update

It had been a very wet fall as we were receiving strong rainstorms every night. September 11th was a crazy day of rain and it just kept coming. On Thursday, September 12th, all of the major roads to Estes Park were closed because of road damage from the rains.

Considering the circumstances, Cheley Camps was very lucky. We had a group from Steele Elementary that was at camp for a three day outdoor education trip. They were all safe and sound throughout the experience. The rain did have an impact on many of our roads and the rivers around camp. We had flooding in six buildings. The buildings impacted were the Pow Wow (the basement of the office), Aspenhaus (Kim's house), Kevin's house by the gate to LOP, Windswill (Alyse's house), the Ranch House (Chris & Amber Rahn's house) and the museum. None of the camper buildings at LOP were impacted. We also had the road washed out just outside the arch.



BTE and GTE were also very lucky. GTE had some road damage and some damage to the riding ring, the wagon yard, the rifle range, and the barn area. Fox Creek, the road to GTE was also washed out. On Monday, October 21st, Mike was able to drive into GTE on a four-wheel drive road to check out the roads and the facility.

BTE was damaged the least. Since the lodge is so close to the North Fork of the Big Thompson river, we were prepared for the worst. About 10 days after the flood, Mike hiked in and was pleasantly surprised. The lodge and every other building was standing. The horse corral was washed out but everything else looked great.

The towns of Estes Park and Glen Haven have some work to do but we are extremely confident that they will rebound from this event. We are excited for the summer of 2014 and have already made huge strides in recovering from the damage from the flood. Throughout this experience, we reminded ourselves that we teach resiliency and character. These traits are challenges and strengthened during a crisis. We will be stronger as people and as an organization because of this event.



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2013 Another Great Summer



Lower Chipeta

There was something different about Lower Chipeta in the summer of 2013. It might have been the incredible counselors who brought our community together, it might have been the excess of "cuddle puddles," or through friends becoming sisters or girls thriving in their code of living; all we know is that the Cheley Spirit was alive and well within our unit. You could find the Cheley spirit everywhere you looked—from the bonds we forged with our fellow campers and counselors on the trail, in the nightly songs we sang as a family or even in the dining hall through our water chugging contests and dance parties, the Cheley Spirit lived in all of us. **Megan Griffith** and **Kristin Guthrie** set the tone early this summer, creating a fun, comfortable and caring environment, perfect for having the best summer of our lives, but also growing as individuals and as a unit.

What can we say about the riding program besides, "neigh neigh!?" Our incredible wranglers **Isa Almy**, **Anna Albonetti**, and **Haylee Schiavo** created a safe and fun program that allowed our campers to shine. Our wranglers led our Lower Chipetans to some incredible locations this summer including Strawberry Hill, Gypsy Grounds and Storm Pass. Who wouldn't want to spend a day in the beautiful mountains of Estes Park riding a horse with your friends? Our girls also worked diligently on their horsemanship in our western ring this summer, from trotting to cantering, tying knots to learning how to properly space a horse, these girls were born to ride! We had some amazing Riding patch recipients during both of our terms this summer. To get your RP you have to be able to name 20 parts of the horse, tie three knots, properly bridle and saddle and so much more! Our Riding patch recipients were: **Amber Perillo**, **Lily Olson**, **Mia Nelson**, **Mariken Gillet**, **Isabella Bieligm**, **Charlotte Bacchetta**, **Osha Ashcraft**, **Marin Tomlinson**, **Elyse Taglia**, **Megan Smith**, **Bunny Rutledge**, **Victoria Newsome**, **Claire Kelly**, **Peyton Humberstone**, **Kate Frankmore**, **Rebecca Dunlap**, and **Abby Amonett**.

"And ooooooh! I can hike, I can hike I can hike!" Can't you just imagine our silly and energetic hiking counselors, **Aubrey Simonsen** and **Katherine Naughton** singing that song before telling us about the hikes for the week ahead? We did some incredible hiking in our backyard of Rocky Mountain National Park this summer. From beautiful lakes to wildflower filled meadows all the way to alpine tundra and mountain peaks, our girls were dazzled by the beauty that nature can offer. We had four challenging and breath-taking early breakfast hikes this summer. During first term, our hiking counselors led us straight up the boulder field of Mount Lady Washington and to the gorgeous

peak of Audubon. During second term, our girls were impressively fast in summiting Mount Ida for a memorable cuddle session on the top, and a few days later our girls peaked three mountains in the Mummy Range: Chapin, Chiquita, Ypsilon. Hiking patch recipients were: **Laura Zelenka**, **Marcella Senti**, **Josefina Santacruz**, **Lauren Mayo**, **Nicole Borland**, **Charlotte Clark**, **Clare Coffman**, **Helen Ruckelshaus**, and **Lucy McCollum**.



Our Outcamping counselors, **Rachel Hanlin** and **Emily Moss** made sleeping in tents a particularly memorable activity for the summer. From making chaco tacos to floating down a creek in a tube, outcamping was a great way to spend some fun-filled days out of camp! 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! These ladies earned their Outcamping patch: **Marleigh Hill**, **Edith Noyes**, **Sophie Reeves**, **Ryan Young**, and **Kenna Sexton**.

The ever energetic **Gabby Carrier** led the Lower Chipetans in sports this summer and it was a wonderful time! Whether it was a challenging day at the climbing wall, staying focused at the archery range, a Frisbee golf game or getting as muddy as possible in dirty derby, our girls had a blast playing together in the mountains. These girls earned their Spider patch: **Amelia Mullen**, **Anne O'Neill**, **Antoinette Gilbert**, **Edith Noyes**, **Eliana Durand**, **Ellinore Ament**, **Emilia Pintado**, **Emma Scharf**, **Frances Street**, **Kirby Kimball**, **Lily Cohen**, **Mariken Gillet**, **Marin Tomlinson**, **Marina Sherman**, **Nicole Borland**, **Osha Ashcraft**, **Sarah Pokorny**, **Sarah Street**, **Abigail Ammonett**, **Bunny Rutledge**, **Carey Salvin**, **Carly Lindgren**, **Elena Hyre**, **Emma Travland**, **Grace Carney**, **Isabella Hughes**,

*Common sense is seeing things
as they are, and doing things
as they should be done.*



Isabella Wild, Isabelle Dunn, Jane Olsen, Kenna Sexton, Lucy McCollum, Maria Albers, Maria Blackburn, Natalie Johnson, Peyton Humberstone, Rebecca Dunlap, Sally Buck, and Scarlett Irwin.

Our fantastic riflery counselor, **Erin Alkire** showed us how to slow down and practice both safety and precision at the range. Many Lower Chipetans found their target with these sports this summer!

Where can you find colorful ceramics, grass covered "Cheley-pets," funky tie dyes, dream catchers and face masks all in one place? Well the Lower Chipeta crafts shop, of course! Our creative crafts



counselor, **Mia Mastracchio** led an incredible crafts program this summer and girls were lining up to spend the day making master-pieces with their favorite camp friends! Mia focused on being creative and doing individual work instead of making anything "perfect," she told the girls there is no right or wrong way to make art, and the girls thrived under her leadership.

Our General counselor, **Emily Horne** made sure there was never a dull moment when she was hanging out with the girls on program. She was responsible for giving out the Circle of Stars patch this summer, which is the patch given to the girls who try a little bit of everything! These well rounded campers earned their patch: **Reagan Weichold, Sarah Street, Frances Street, Emma Scharf, Sarah Pokorny, Anne O'Neill, Rishita Nannapaneni, Amelia Mullen, Kirby Kimball, Kate Kamerman, Ella Froemming, Eliana Durand, Luisa Dorigo, Georgia Cook, Charlotte Clark, Nicole Borland, Charlotte Bacchetta, Ellinore Ament, Kenna Sexton, Carey Salvin, Ana Isabel Prieto, Neely Nicholson, Lucy McCollum, Rosemary Johnson, Peyton Humberstone, Grace Carney Polly Hoffman, Ana Esquino, Rebecca Dunlap, Isabel de la Madrid, Olivia Cohen, Lizzie Cardenas, Sally Buck, Agiina Podlasek, Eve Craven, Scarlett Irwin, Elena Baldrige, and Abigail Amonett.**

During our days at camp we pushed our limits, tried new things and really experienced all that nature, and Cheley had to offer. At night it was time to sing and share with our Lower Chipeta family. Campfires, led by the talented **Maggie Goering** filled our ears and our hearts with beautiful music. Campfires were our time during the day to spend quality time together as a unit, whether we were doing silly skits, practicing for our amazing all camp performance or just singing together in harmony, it was those moments together we will never forget.

Our Code of Living has always been one of the most important parts of our life here at Cheley. It challenges us to be the best version of ourselves while at camp and also at home. All of our Lower Chipetans upheld what it means to live by this Code and we are so proud of them all. The girls who were recognized by their dedication to this code and who relieved their Silver Coup are: **Ava Suman, Kenna Sexton, Edith Noyes, Mia Nelson, Taylor Foky, Charlotte Clark, Lucy McCollum, Piper Jackman, Claire Kelly, Campbell Nicholson, Jane Olsen, and Bunny Rutledge.** We know that each one of you are using your Code of Living as a guide for how to be better sisters, friends, daughters and classmates and we can't wait to hear the stories about how you are brightening your world!

We may be parted right now, but the bonds that hold our sisterhood together are as tight as ever. "I see the moon and the moon sees me, the moon sees someone I'd like to see..." and that person is YOU, next summer!

Until then —

With love,
Lower Chipeta staff



Lower Ski Hi

It sure is quiet around here these days. No banging doors, no Tonka trucks, no games of Knock Out or Infection, the cabins are silent and the unit is empty. What do you suppose happened to all of those happy little campers?

Cheley Camp only lasts for eight weeks, unfortunately. All of the campers had to return to school to tell their friends and families about all the fun they had while at camp. I'm sure there will be lots of surprised people when they hear about the amazing hikes these campers did to destinations such as Chasm Lake, Joe Mills Mountain, Fox Creek Falls, Four Tops, and Mount Lady Washington. **Big Johnny** and **Chris** had an amazing summer with the campers and were extremely proud of the determination the boys showed on the trail. LSH also had two backpacks this summer. First term went to Summerland Park and second term went to Deserted Village. Campers who "went the extra mile" and earned their Hiking patches were: **Jackson**



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

Denko, Sebastian Frankel, Charlie Kennedy, Ethan Street, Alvaro Mariscal, Levi Pinkert, Zach Tini, Josh Bellin, Peter Cannon, Chris Cummings, Brady Lamme, Will Sampson, Grant Weerts, and Jack Wineman.

I'm sure the campers will be telling all of their friends about all of the games and the great food they had on the outcamps. With food like King Ranch chicken, pita pizza, and pork chops, no wonder the outcamps are so popular! **Shea** helped many campers learn how to cook, clean, and camp with Leaving No Trace. **Alvaro Mariscal, Pablo Adler, Sebastian Griffin, Jasper Johnson, Hunter Kirby, Reid McCaw, Dane Lee, Weston Chamberlin, Charlie Cope, Christopher Cummings, Allen Fridman, Spencer Harvey, Jan Kasal, Brady Lamme, Owen Marchant, Charlie Martin, and Henry Martin** earned their Outcamping patch this summer. In addition to learning a lot about being



outdoors, the campers also learned how to get filthy! I've heard before that little boys like to get dirty and if all of that dirt is a sign of a good time, those campers really enjoyed themselves everyday. When they went into the boathouse to shower, I hardly knew who they were, and when they came out sparkling clean – amazing!

Lower Ski-Hi campers also have a lot to brag about when it comes to the horseback program. The first day I saw many smiles and a few tears, but by week two the riding program was extremely popular. I wish I could have gone on some of those dinner rides – more great food! Those boys really know how to live. Throughout the term the campers riding skills improved immensely under the leadership of **Charlie, Ben and Matt**. By the end of the term the campers were prepared and excited for the horse show and got to show their skills to family and friends. This summer **Pablo Adler, Tommy Chamberlain, Bo Montgomery, Allen Fridman, Nate Goodwin, Charlie Kennedy, Nick Kowalske, Dane Lee, Jamie Sussman, Dylan Tripp, Julian Blackburn, Julian Farah, Cade Oster, Grant Weerts, Ricky Weerts, and Charlie Weil** earned their Riding patch. They have lots of memories of good times to tell their friends about.

Those archers and riflery guys sure can hit the target. **Johnny G.** and **Brock** taught many lessons on safety and marksmanship. The boys got to show their talents in the annual archery and riflery competitions against Lower Chipeta- what a fun time!

In crafts this summer the boys worked on many projects. The face masks were extremely popular. When they put the gauze strips across their face and mouth I'm sure that's as motionless as I've ever seen them. I never thought Lower Ski Hi boys could be quiet for that long. Weren't the masks great? Many campers also have survival bracelets to show off. Survival bracelets are made from paracord and are a great item to carry into the back country. T.J. also taught the campers many things while working on a homemade canoe. The boys picked out a log in the forest and began shaping the canoe. Although the canoe is not complete, many campers are planning on returning next year to finish the project.

Earning the Spider patch is no easy achievement. The campers must scamper up a huge rock wall, show how to hook in and belay properly, and demonstrate that they know all of the safety rules in order to get this patch. This year's Spider patch recipients are: **Pablo Adler, Lucian Broady, Sebastian Frankel, Alvaro Mariscal, Sebastian Griffin, Jasper Johnson, Bodhi Kier, Reid McCaw, Carlos Real, William Ockene, Harison Whittemore, Alex Albert, Weston Chamberlin, Charlie Cope, Santiago Junco, Owen Marchant, Charlie Martin, Jameson Mohr, Myles Rosenblum, Will Sampson, and Ricky Weerts.** Good job, boys!

Another patch that LSH campers strongly pursue is the Circle of Stars. The Circle of Stars patch requires a camper to be well versed in many different areas of discipline. This summer **Pablo Adler, Lucian Broady, Joey Hodge, Jasper Johnson, Benjamin Kim, Henry Smith, Jamie Sussman, Harrison Whittemore, Weston Chamberlin, Mathew Francoer, Will Harding, Greg Kintzel, Andrew Nober, Patrick Regan, Harry Robison, William Ockene, Levi Pinkert, Carlos Real, and Simon Reuter** earned their Circle of Stars.

At the beginning of both terms, a Code of Living was established by the campers that they all committed to live by and follow. At the end of the terms, all of the campers and staff voted on the boys who they felt most lived up to the ideals of the code. **Pablo Adler, Nick Kowalske, Dane Lee, Ethan Street, Jamie Sussman, Levi Pinkert, Carlos Real, Simon Reuter, Spencer Harvey, Spencer Rosenblum, Grant Weerts, Peter Cannon, William Sampson, Myles Rosenblum, Henry Martin, and David Shih** were recognized by their peers to receive the Silver Coup. Congratulations to these campers.

I guess we will have to endure the quiet for ten months. Soon the snow flurries will begin and we will have just the memories of those cute LSH boys. Really, I do miss the noise. Hope we see them all next summer!

*Tact is the ability to
stand on your own two feet
without stepping on anyone's toes.*





Chipeta

The summer has come to an end all too quickly here in Estes Park, and it is always sad to see everyone head back home for the cooler months. It has been an amazing summer in Chipeta and the campers have countless incredible memories of unique and challenging experiences in the mountains to keep them connected until they reunite next year.

Some of these memories come from days spent on horses with **Katie Clurman, Mary Ellis Bowler, and Whitney Sarco**, learning how to ride and improving upon their riding skills. From ring rides to trail rides to overnight rides to Pierson Meadow, there was always something fun and exciting going on in the riding program. The girls enjoyed dressing up for different themes and even had a Nancy Drew murder mystery dinner during one of the overnight rides. Those campers going above and beyond with their riding skills and knowledge and earning the Riding patch this summer were: **Katherine Austin, Lilly Brilz, Emma Dern, Madi Guidera, Natalia Henry, Mary Hoffman, Makenna Irvine, Nina Marasco, Allison Means, Annie Salvati, Nina Sidhu, Holly Wagner, Emily Wells, Emelia Arnheim, Ivy Goldson, Nicole Kasal, Eva Lopez, Isley Lopez, Molly McCreight, Avery McKay, Claire Ovens, Olivia Perozzi, Eva Reiling, Maddie Smith, Rachel Sohn, Drew Stanley, Samantha Telson, Logan Triplett, and Kate Watkins.**

This summer was also filled with memories of gorgeous hikes with **Brittney Passini** and **Michele Most** in Rocky Mountain National Park, the Indian Peaks, and around the Estes Park area. The hiking program started the summer with easier hikes to beautiful lakes and the girls worked their way up to doing some more strenuous hikes, including peaking Mummy Mountain, Chapin and Chiquita, Longs Peak, and hiking from Bear Lake to Grand Lake in a day, peaking both Flattop and Otis along the way. Most campers had the opportunity to participate in at least one hike this summer, and several girls earned the Hiking patch, including: **Emily Biggs, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Annabel Clark, Annabelle Cook, Julia Dunn, Natalia Henry, Anna Kaufman, Juliette Moore, Zoe Pipa, Julie Street, Sylvia Bloom, Reilly Jackman, Maya Mohr, and Lilly Trapp.**

Those who were able to get out of camp and spend a few days in the woods on a backpack exercised their sense of adventure and built some very close friendships in a small group setting. A few of the exciting backpacks campers participated in this summer were treks to King Lake, Sandbeach Lake, Summerland Park, Parika Lake, and Chapin Creek.

On longer backpacks, campers got to hike to some awesome destinations on the middle days, including Odessa Lake and Lake Verna. The girls also peaked mountains including Chapin, Lulu, Mummy, and Farview. **Terra Landolt** and **Shelbie Loonan-Hesser** also provided some relaxing time on backpacks for the girls to be reflective and use the natural landscape to think about how their camp experience has helped them to grow and become better individuals. A few girls got pretty into the backpacking thing, learning all the backpacking basics and demonstrating skills to earn the Backpacking patch. These campers include: **Emma Citow, Carmen Oldham, Ella Pinkert, Helen Threlkeld, Sophie Berger, Margot Bickler, and Madeline Zolik.**



Another way for the girls to have some great bonding time outside of camp in a smaller group is through outcamping and this year, the girls had a blast relaxing, making friendship bracelets and lots of good food, as well as making a piñata. **Sarah Fremont-Smith** and **Arin Thompson** taught Leave No Trace ethics and camping skills, led games, and kept the girls busy at some great outcamping sites, including Tee Pee Village, Rockstock, Upper Wagon Yard, Meadow Outpost, and TE Crossing. Those who earned their Outcamping patch this summer were: **Rachel Ansay, Lillie Baxter, Sonya Carrizales, Elizabeth Heerdt, Seari MacMillan, Joy Pasin, Lily Lederer, and Kate Olsen.**

Some campers chose to spend their summer participating in a wide variety of programs and trying lots of new things. For these campers, Cheley awards the Pine Cone patch, and this year's recipients were: **Rachel Ansay, Anna Brennan, Margaret Drummond, Seari MacMillan, Allie Ritchie, Camille Spence, Jillian Weber, Sabina Tamburrino, and Anna Trapp.**

For the On the Trail Patch, campers need to spend at least 15 days on programs that take them out of camp. These activities can include hiking, backpacking, outcamping, horseback trail rides, rafting, tech climbing, and more. These girls earned their On the Trail patch: **Annabel Clark, Carly Campbell, Carmen Oldham, Clare Wickman, Eliza Howard, Ella Pinkert, Ellie Cook, Emily Biggs, Emma Citow, Helen Threlkeld, Julie Street, Juliette Moore, Katharine Maxwell, Lillie Baxter, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Mary Hoffman, Natalia**



*It pays to keep calm in a crisis –
and when there isn't any.*

Henry, Natalie Cross, Ruby Bertron, Sarah Myers, Sonya Carrizales, Summer Russell, Sylvia Bloom, Zoe Pipa, Avery Bell, Danielle Brown, Elizabeth Cummings, Elizabeth Ruckelshaus, Isley Lopez, Kate Olson, Kate Watkins, Lilly Brilz, Lilly Trapp, Lucy Zicarelli, Madeline Zolik, Margot Bickler, Maria de la Madrid, Maya Mohr, Mia Geckeler, Molly Cypherd, Molly McCreight, Nicole Kasal, Olivia Pozder, Reilly Jackman, Ruth Anne Chaney, Sylvia Bloom, and Viva Freedman.

In addition to the fun on the trail and other activities outside of camp, the Chipeta girls enjoyed volleyball, Frisbee golf, archery, and cheerleading with **Maggie Dubey** as well as riflery with **Lauren Dundek**. There was always a neat project in progress in the craft shop with **Meredith Hackett**, including enameling, tie-dying, and mosaics. **Holly Robertson** and **Abbey Blue** led miscellaneous activities and brought enthusiasm and smiles to many programs throughout the summer. Whether in camp or out of camp, the girls were greeted with smiles each afternoon upon returning from program by directors **Anne Shingler** and **Stephanie Gaudons** before ending their day with campfire. **Abbey Blue** led many interesting games and activities that facilitated learning, fun, and bonding within the unit and campfire proved to be some wonderful family time.

At Cheley, we hold campers to a higher standard and expect a lot out of them. Campers write their Code of Living for the summer and strive to live up to this code every day during and following camp. Those voted to be extraordinary role models and to receive their Silver Spurs include: **Sylvia Bloom, Annabel Clark, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Zoe Pipa, Liz Ruckelshaus, Molly McCreight, Grace Weiler, and Drew Stanley.**

It has been a memorable and life-changing summer here in Chipeta and we are proud of all of the girls' accomplishments. We look forward to creating many new memories next summer!



Ski Hi

As winter approaches, we have had time to consider our amazing experiences throughout this summer. The air is growing crisp and the fall colors are turning to snow flakes and our minds still linger on our memories of camp. On our commutes to class, we will catch ourselves smiling at something funny a friend said on a hike, or a horseback ride. We will remember reading by the warm fire in the lodge, or the exhilaration of peaking a 14,000 feet high mountain. These are the memories imprinted in our minds from the amazing Cheley summer of 2013. Our memories, recognitions, photographs, and achievements are what remain. It was a time for us to grow as individuals, and we learned that encouraging one another on a hike, horseback ride or archery could help us achieve almost anything.

Over 80 Ski Hi campers received their On the Trail patch. They are: **Zack Tholke, Tucker Thomas, Sterling Gillman, Alex Dye, Seth Strauss, Sebastian Lopez, Sammy Varma, Alex Kowalske, Sam Connelly, Rishi Varma, Alex Allegra, Noah Stegman, Atticus Sutherlin-Sovern, Miles Dennis, Mathew Bayne, Aziz Alwatban, Ben Citow, Blake Cohen, Kane Riddell, Bobby O'Neill, Josh Chamberlain, Jake Wasilchak, Bodie Burns,**



Jackson Tanner, Jackson Kerr, Hunter Parish, Colton Oleski, Fox Scoufos, Colton Kirby, Henry Corkran, David LaPorta, Charlie Schuham, Scott Bower, Blake Sessions, Lloyd Chin, Levi Perry, Daniel Horne, Tristan Narvaez, Clyde Johnson, Gabe Wineman, Bowie Casey, Cade Goff, Ryan Janek, Harry Ripp, Daniel Waggoner, Will Kozmetsky, Alex Passeur, Sam Sallick, Ridge Williams, Cal Etcheverry, Billy Lockhart, William Schnieders, Philip Jenevein, Eli Bucksbaum, Peter Cameron, Will Funk, Elliot Irwin, Luke McKay, Rodrigo Trejo, Maxwell Nardi, Max Robinson, Michael Trentel, Inaki Cornejo, Miles Lindgren, Jackson Harvey, Jack Lee, Cameron Burge, Kristof Csaky, Asher Hyre, Jack MacGee, Ethan Sissel, Ryan McCoy, Matthew Adam, Thomas Rames, Eric Shih, Jack Leibold, Matthew Olsen, Kyle Blumenthal, and Benedict Laidlaw.

The horseback riding program took rides to numerous breathtaking destinations, including Pierson Park, Pierson Meadow, Storm Pass, Eugenia Mines, Gypsy Grounds, and the Outpost Corral. We also worked on our skills in the riding ring in both English and Western saddles, and had opportunities to train

*Minding your own business
is a full time job.*



the colts on Fish Creek Ranch. Everyone showed their newfound riding skills during the horse show at the end of each term. We had 11 campers earn their Riding patch this summer: **Simon Patmore-Zarcone, Liam Endres, Mac Dye, Nicolas Mariscal, Tyler Goddard, Bobby O'Neill, Billy Lockhart, Kyle Blumenthal, William Kozmetsky, Harry Ripp, Elliot Irwin, and Matthew Olsen.**

The hiking program also achieved incredible feats this summer. We set off to destinations including Long's Peak, Fern & Odessa Lakes, Audubon, Twin Sisters, Copeland Mountain, Battle Mountain, Black Lake, and Meeker! We will never forget encouraging and being encouraged by our companions to just take one more step, and then another up to the peaks of those mountains. Congratulations to those who received their Hiking patch: **Alexander Dye, Ben Citow, Blake Cohen, Bobby O'Neill, Colton Kirby, Sammy Varma, Brooks Kreiling, Scott Bower, Inaki Cornejo, Luke McKay, Ryan McCoy, and Max Robinson.**

The backpacking, and outcamping programs gave us an amazing opportunity to sleep beneath the stars and learn how to take care of ourselves in the wilderness. The outcampers visited the Meadow Outpost, Rockstock, TE Crossing, Tee Pee Village and Pierson Meadow. The campers that earned their Outcamping patch were: **Alex Kowalske, Christopher Richmond, Colton Oleski, Corey Schwartz, Zachary Tholke, William Schnieders, Will Kozmetsky, Grant Dumanian, Matthew Olsen, Clyde Johnson, and Jack Lee.** The backpackers hiked into destinations including Boulder Brook, Diamond Lake, Battle Mountain, Thunder Lake, and Ditch Camp. The recipients of the Backpacking patch were: **Bobby O'Neill, Sebastian Lopez, Daniel Horne, Max Nardi, Lloyd Chin, Jackson Harvey, Matthew Vasquez, and Gabe Wineman.**

We also want to recognize four campers who tried a bit of all the camp activities, and earned their Pinecone patch. The recipients were: **Caleb Sussman, Ethan Ariowitsch, Tate Parker, and Kristof Csaky.**

The Silver Spurs is recognition of those who strived to live up to the Code of Living each and every day and are recognized by their fellow campers. This summer's recipients were **Bobby O'Neill, Jack Street, Sammy Varma, Sterling Gillman, Tate Parker, Cal Etcheverry, Gabe Wineman, Ryan McCoy, and Max Nardi.**

Ski Hi's Lodge is quiet, and the fireplace is empty and cold. There are no sounds of laughter, or feet heard running down the hill. All we have left are the wonderful memories of Ski Hi's summer of 2013. As the New Year comes and our school years are in full swing, we can rest easy knowing that another summer at Cheley is just around the corner. See you all in 2014!.



Senior Chipeta

Wow, it is hard to believe another summer in Senior Chipeta has passed by! The 108 campers and 15 staff members of 2013 managed to play outside, reflect on themselves, and return to their "front-country" lives rejuvenated and ready for another year of challenges. Beyond the skills learned and experiences had on program this summer, the Senior Chipetans found their "best-selves" at camp and learned to celebrate their own and others strengths.



Jordan and Kristen led the girls to some of the most remote corners of Rocky Mountain National Park- Indian Peaks, and Never Summer Wilderness. On their shorter two and three day trips, they were able to test out their backcountry skills and climb a few peaks. The feature five day trips over Boulder-Grand pass and Arapahoe pass took them from the east side of the Continental Divide down near the headwaters of the Colorado river in Grand Lake and Granby. Along the way they formed deep friendships, climbed peaks like Alice, Tanima, South Arapahoe, and Achonee Mountain and learned to take care of every aspect of their day-to-day lives. The following campers earned their Backpacking patch: **Maggie Mullins, Laura Street, Amanda Fenton, Lanie Flint, Elise Kreiling, and Madison Nardi.**

Our hikers explored many expanses of the Rocky Mountain National Park as well as the Indian Peaks with their counselors, **Sarah and Kristen.** They ventured to many beautiful mountain lakes such as Spectacle Lakes, Chasm Lake, Blue Lake, and Lake of the Clouds. The girls also conquered many peaks including Jackstraw Mountain, Half Mountain, and Audubon. Our hikers also had an opportunity to give back to the Park that they enjoy so much by volunteering on a service hike. They worked diligently with the Road Hogs to help maintain the integrity of Rocky Mountain National Park. Our feature hikes pushed the girls to challenge themselves both physically and mentally. First term girls climbed Navajo and Isolation & Mahana. They finished the term by successfully hiking all six peaks and 22 miles of the Mummy Kil" in one day! Second



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

term hikers climbed Eagles Beak and McHenry's. They finished the term by hiking the two tallest peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park: Meeker and Longs Peak! **Griffith Greer** and **Sarah Nielsen** received their Hiking patch!

Amy, Vicky and **Caitlin** led our girls on some fabulous horseback rides this summer. The campers wake up early every morning to take care of their horses and prepare them for the day's adventures ahead. The campers had the opportunity to go on



two overnight rides this summer. On their two-day overnight to Pierson Meadow and their three-day overnight to Outpost Corral, they had the opportunity to sleep under the stars as well as learn how to care for their horses day and night. During the ring rides, campers had the opportunity to fine-tune their riding skills as they learned proper riding techniques, how to jump, canter, and ride bareback. At the end of each term, the girls participated in an early breakfast horseback ride to Chasm Junction, in the shadow of beautiful Longs Peak. This ride gave them the opportunity to experience fantastic views of Rocky Mountain National Park high above tree line. The following girls earned their Riding patch: **Annie Ellzey, Morgan Dunn, Isabelle Haser, Katie Belle Perkins, Madeiline Laidlaw, Danielle Coco, and Emily Carroll.**

Our mountain biking and sports counselor, **Hendi**, guided our campers through many fun and challenging events! The mountain bikers got to travel to new lengths on their overnights. On their first overnight to Gypsy Grounds they practiced their technical skills before embarking on their challenging three day trip to Pierson Forest and Meadow Outpost. This physically demanding trip really proved how strong our campers are. While on these trips, **Taylor Kerr, Emma Staton, Rachael Branscomb, Michelle Galetti, and Jenny Laidlaw** were able to complete their Mountain Biking patch! The girls also had the opportunity to do a lot of technical climbing on Christmas Tree rock. Here, they learned the basics of climbing and belaying before heading on their feature tech climb to Jurassic Park where they were able to do some more difficult climbs, as well as try out the exciting Tyrolean Traverse.

Our outcamping counselor, **Laurel**, gave the girls many opportunities to relax in the quiet stillness of the woods. They helped mentor the Lower Chipetans on Big Sis/Little Sis, held Olympic tournaments, and took 24 hours to self-reflect during Solos. One camper earned the exceptionally difficult Outcamp patch, which has more requirements than any other, and that was **Rachael Branscomb.**

The following campers earned their On the Trail patch: **Alba Sayrol, Alicia Comer, Courtney Greer, Grace Harrison, Julia Lackner, Taylor Kerr, Amanda Markoe, Georgia Williams, Jennifer Laidlaw, Madeleine de Marnix, Madison Nardi, Michelle Galetti, and Suraya Foster.**

We had a number of fun in-camp activities to keep the campers busy. Challenge course, riflery, archery, and crafts gave our campers the opportunity to practice patience and concentration. The challenge course helped our girls build their teamwork skills in a fun and challenging environment. During crafts, the girls created many beautiful pieces of art such as tile mosaics, dream catchers, and leatherwork. Our girls also proved skillful with the target sports and over 50 campers earned a recognition in these areas.

During our final recognition campfire, we recognized those young women who we felt did the best job of living up to the Code of Living. The following girls were awarded the Gold Key: **Meredith Bower, Annie Ellzey, Kristina Goodman, Grace Harrison, Maggie Mullins, Alison Brown, Suraya Foster, Ashley Jones, Amanda Markoe, Grace McCamy-Miller, and Hanna Reedy.**

Though we have left the mountains and cabins of Cheley behind, our Code of Living stays with us. I know each camper of Senior Chipeta brings many of the traits we lived by this summer to their friends, schools, homes, and communities. Thank you to everyone who made this summer possible and amazing. I hope we each continue to have the courage to critique ourselves, the strength to change what we can and accept what we can't, and the confidence to live up to our best selves. See you next summer!



Haiyaha

As the days grow shorter and the air is crisp at Cheley Colorado Camps, we look back fondly to the incredible summer of 2013. It was a year of change, challenges bested, obstacles overcome, new friends made, and old friendships renewed. The brotherhood

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



on the hill was indeed one for the books; a smile is brought to our faces as we remember the good times had throughout the summer.

The Riding program took the unit on some incredible journeys to places like Pearson Meadow, Chasm Junction, Sandbeach Lake, Eugena Mines, and many more. Our three amazing wranglers **Ben Dennis, Pat Dennis, and Tyler Thompson** shared their personalities and knowledge with the campers both on the trail and in the ring. Safety and fun went hand in hand for the riders, as they learned how to control a horse, how to care for them, and how to be the best rider they can be. The wranglers helped the campers perfect more difficult skills such as bareback riding, fly mounts, and cantering. The Riding patch recipients for the summer were: **Jakubb Fahrenkrug, Chase Manhart, Logan Manhart, Ammar Yahya, Quinn Sherfey, and Spencer Niemann.**

The Riding program was also blessed to have among them a camper deserving of their Trail Hand award. Not a recognition a camper can intentionally strive for, the Trail Hand is given to campers who go above and beyond in the horseback program. This camper assisted the counselors, coached other campers, and showed not only a proficiency in riding, but also a great strength of character. Congratulations **Diego Rose** for being the most recent Trail Hand in Haiyaha!

The Hiking program offered a challenging and fulfilling program, enabling the campers to explore the National Park and Indian Peaks wilderness on foot. Our three incredible and bearded hiking counselors, **Sky Edge, Robert Hakim, and Cody Hiller,** led groups on amazing hikes to beautiful destinations such as Isabel Glacier, Mount Meeker, Longs Peak, and many other breathtaking places. The treks in the Park not only offered technical challenges, but a chance to learn about the principles of leave no trace and proper wilderness safety. The Hiking patch recipients for the summer were: **Spencer Oldham, Austin Krueger, Mitchell Crego, Alec Fillipitch, and Alex Roederer.**

The Backpacking crew of **Corey Martz and Matt "Sunshine" Lovas** was a source of some incredible moments and amazing trips into the Park. Through multiple three-day trips and a five-day trip each term, backpackers were able to explore distant areas of the Never Summer Wilderness and National Park that few have the opportunity to see. The message of the backpacking team this year was "Peace be the journey." The Backpacking patch recipients for the summer were: **Max Schwartz, Spencer Papay, Evan Le Jeal, and Dylan Lederer.**

Our devoted outcamping counselor, **Justin Bentaas,** led groups on some fun and certainly filling

camping trips. The campers cooked their own meals, learned about how to survive in the wilderness, and bonded as a group of brothers on every journey. The big brother/little brother outcamp let our young men work as mentors to the boys of Lower Ski Hi, and the solo outcamps gave a few lucky campers the chance to enjoy and explore 24 hours of self-reliance and discovery. Our Outcamping patch recipient was **Spencer Papay.**

The Crafts Program had a great summer filled with successful projects and creative minds overflowing. **Bill Kalbac** and **Ken Curry** guided the campers in the woodshop, helping the campers discover and build



their own unique and beautiful projects. Our crafts counselor **Brian Genda** taught our campers the arts of candle making and leather working, and worked to build some amazing props for the all-camp skit. Our Assistant Director **Alex Rowe** led a few crafts days, once again teaching campers drawing and comic book making, and how to tell your own story in your work.

Our Riflery program, lead by the talented **Tristan Corrin,** focused on safety and accuracy as the campers shot through target after target. Winning the riflery tournament both terms (way to go, gents!) we saw a keen interest in the program which led over 40 campers to receive recognitions! Nice shooting, boys!

The Mountain Biking Program, led by the ever-cool **Aaron Meyrick,** (and assisted by our bike-enthusiast **Robert Hakim**) went on some amazing journeys around the National Forest to Pearson Meadow, Stanley Park, and Devil's Backbone. The campers learned the ins and outs of biking, and how to care for their bikes. Our Mountain Biking patch recipients were **Josh Bennett** and **Dylan Lederer.**

Many of our campers participated in a collection of out of camp activities, such as hiking, riding, outcamping, rafting, backpacking, and technical climbing. Of the 18 days of program we have in Haiyaha, several devoted young men spent 15 or more of those away from camp, and received their On the Trail patch: **Alec Fillipitch, Alexander Roederer, Andrew Conlon, Charlie Ovens, Jeremy Francoeur, Kellan McEachen, Kieran Murphy, Matthew Beck, Max Bucksbaum, Max von Bussmann, Paul Anthony Olsen,**



*If you were another person,
would you like to be a friend
of yourself?*

Peter Kubly, Russell Bowden, Sam Gillespie, Scott McKnight, Spencer Niemann, Trent Foky, Zachary Mintz, and Zeyu Yang.

We were blessed to have two amazing terms filled with so many strong campers who lived up to our Codes of Living. The young men chose to recognize the following eleven individuals as embodying their Codes with depth and consistency: **Ross Ackerman, Simon Bertron, David Fillipitch, Nathan Hoyt, Malcolm McDonald, Spencer Papay, Graham Tyson, Will Moss, Eric Hahn, Sam Gillespie, and Dylan Lederer.** Congratulations, Gold Key Men!

We also had the privilege of awarding another rare award to a member of Haiyaha this summer: the Gold Spurs. When Cheley began, the terms were five weeks long (those were the days!) and many campers would choose to stay both terms, for ten weeks of program. With this amount of time, Frank Cheley set up the Gold Spurs, given to campers who really devoted themselves to earning nearly every recognition we have to offer. The Spurs are not a goal that can be earned in one year - it really is a process that requires a great amount of focus and drive to achieve. One camper completed these requirements: hiking patch, riding patch, backpacking patch, mountain biking patch, a proficient shot in both riflery and archery, creating two gift-worthy crafts projects, and writing a letter to the Cheley family about the journey to achieve the Spurs. We were so happy to present **Dylan Lederer** with his Gold Spurs this summer. Congratulations, Dylan!

After program each night, **Ryan Camp** led the brotherhood in an amazing, and often side-splittingly funny, campfire. With games such as Pop Trivia, Dutch Auction, and myriad other activities, the unit was bonded with laughter and games that everyone could participate in.

Remember Haiyaha, to always remain true to yourself, for you have value. Go forth and be merry until we meet again on the hill, and remember to light your friendship candles this holiday season. Know that the rest of the brotherhood will be doing the same, and thinking of the good times and memories of the "real world" up in Haiyaha.



Girls' Trail's End

This summer of 2013 has been absolutely amazing! The sound of girls laughing and singing sometimes overtook the sound of Fox Creek, but that was what really made Girls' Trail's End a home. The wagons provided a soft bed and safe haven after the long days out on program as well as a perfect place to start building friendships. Girls lined the Honcho House porch at treats, talking about everything from the horse pack they just got back from to the mountains they just

peaked and everything in between. Every girl from GTE can proudly call each other not only a friend, but also a sister.

Alex Oldham and **Maddie Brooks** led many backpacks this summer that went to some amazing places in the park. First term ended their 5-Day by hiking all the way back to GTE while second term attempted to peak 10 mountains. The backpackers learned what it takes to rely on yourself since, they carried everything they needed with them. This year, **Gretchen Price** earned her Backpacking patch, recognizing her knowledge and love for the mountains while living in the backcountry.



Emily Juarez and **Julia Wickman** led the hikers up mountains all summer both in and out of the park. They hiked to many breathtaking lakes and peaks and keep a great positive program rolling. **Renée Wright, Lucy Conlon, Jackie Hiner, Taylor Santangelo, Ella Wexler, and Wittney Skigen** all received their Hiking patches. In doing so, each girl exhibited their excellence in the hiking program and showed their passion to be part of the National Forest.

Kayla Privitt, Amy Keding, and Jasmine Aas were up at the barns at 6:30 every morning, catching and feeding our string with the help of some amazing campers. This year, the riders took three pack trips each term and were able to take on the Indian Trail. This trail is well known at GTE for being a more difficult ride. Both terms were also able to peak Signal Mountain behind BTE. **Lily Neary, Georgia Marshall, Mary Cate Carroll, Alex Hazelton, Erika Ingold, Jess Lane, Hannah McReavy, and Natalie Skigen** all received their Riding

*All things come to those
who go after what the
other person waits for.*



patches. These girls were often up every day with the wranglers taking care of the horses. They showed excellence both on the ground as well as riding.

Devin Riggs and **Molly Kundtz** led the Mountain Biking program this summer. They rode around to some amazing Cheley properties and second term was able to ride to Lyons, Colorado. **Kelsea Critin, Ava Finger, Jamie Schiff, Marion Humphreys, and Grace McCaffery** earned their Mountain Biking patches this past summer.



Sydney Plummer was in charge of Outcamping this summer and the girls had a wonderful time. They spent the time playing games and learning to cook over an open fire. The campers had foods like pita pizzas and peach cobbler. Such good friends and such good food to share!

These girls earned their On the Trail patch: **Ana Domit, Anna Bean, Annie Price, Avery Lack, Camille McClain, Darcy Whitman, Ellie Bloom, Grace Burgert, Ines Santacruz, Isabel Horst, Izzy Owen, Lily Neary, Marguerite Wolanske, Mariana Fernandez, Molly McCreight, Nadia Fernandez, Nora Meade, Renee Wright, Riley Cote-Long, Sarah Darley, Anne Claire Gsell, Georgia Marshall, Hannah Golub, Jordan Brandt, Laura Podschun, Meredith Manda, Alex Greiner, Alexandra Hazelton, Amanda Soper, Annie Ellison, Ava Finger, Cate Delafield, Claire Elliott, Claire Jennings, Crafton Deal, Ella Wexler, Emily Adams, Erika Ingold, Gabi Montembeault, Ginny Taglia, Grace Burgert, Grace McCaffery, Hannah McReavy, Isabella Branscomb, Jean Taglia, Katherine Furlong, Lucy Conlon, Madeline Brasher, Mary Cate Carroll, Natalie Skigen, Retta Smith, Sophia Rodawig, Taylor Santangelo, Nancy Leigh Morgan, and Nicole Holowka.**

Megan White was our riflery counselor for the summer and also ran much of the archery program. Many girls received patches and awards for getting bulls eyes on both ranges. Some days were spent with themes such as Nuns with Guns and Cowboys.

Jenna Banks, Caitlin Dillon, and Holly Dyer were all of our general counselors that filled in where ever they were needed. Camp would have not been the same without them around!

Mary Clara Hutchison led our campfire and evening programs over this summer and was wonderful! She led the unit in songs and games. Some of the games included getting to know you games and Mario Kart. We had so much fun and there is nothing like hanging out with our GTE family every night!

Each summer, the campers come up with traits that they want to live up to for their term in the Code of Living. Some of the traits included grit and ohana. At the end of the summer, girls vote on who they think best emulate the traits. **Ellie Bloom, Sarah Darley, Penelope Winton, Ines Santacruz, Grace Burgert, Crafton Deal, Emily Adams, and Natalie Skigen** were selected to receive their Drivers. **Hannah Golub, Annie Laurie Vann, Bailey Wilhelm, Brooke Lummis, Rio Permenter, Emma Jennevein, and Katya Lapatko** were selected to receive their Top Hands.

The summer of 2013 has been a great summer! It is hard to believe that is went so fast and that the summer of 2014 is just around the corner. When you are feeling down, remember your sisters you made here and that you girls belong to Trail's End and Trail's End belongs to you! Wishing you all a wonderful day and great adventures

Your Directors,

Terry Taylor

Jessica Feltner

Helen "Ox" Oexmann



Boys' Trail's End

What an amazing summer we have had out here in the little valley we call home. As we started each day, we arose from our covered wagons and were welcomed by the North Fork River as she, and the rest of creation, sang together to greet the day. What an amazing backdrop we had the privilege of waking to each and every day in our little slice of heaven. This summer at Boys' Trail's End we shared laughter, tears, hardships, and success with all of our brothers and grew as individuals, and in our brotherhood. From Play Day, to Square Dance, to All Camp Campfire the summer has flown by before our eyes.

From the day that the campers arrived to the day we said goodbye, the friendships we have made have evolved into something words cannot explain.



Personality has the power to open many doors, but character keeps them open.

Our counseling staff has worked tirelessly to create programs that both challenged your young men, as well as instilled values that will transcend their time here at Cheley. Safety and respect are the two values that paramount all other ideals here at camp, and all of our program areas held these to the upmost importance. From our riding program waking up early every morning to saddle and grain the horses, to our hikers putting on upwards of 25 miles some days, to our backpackers journeying up and over barren tundra on their feature five day backpack, our summer has been one that your young men will not soon forget.



Our patch programs have seen great success this summer. These patches are for those campers who chose to be students of their chosen field, putting in the extra effort to gain knowledge of the program in hopes to engage in these programs after they leave camp.

These campers received their Hiking patch: **Oscar Adler, Sol Broady, Alex McClain, Andrew Atkins, Cornelius Pettinga, Porter Ludwig, Andy Bredar, Jake Burrus, Brock Cannon, Cameron Kozloff, Emmanuel Joseph, Drew Marchant, Charlie McCollum, and Henry Woodward.**

Outcamping patches were awarded to: **Jacob Swartz, CJ Johns, Jackson Dean, Akhil Jakatdar, Charles Lafon, Noah Schneider, Martin Sirakov, Harry Winer, Dane Roesler, Lawrence Thomas Walsh III, and Patrick Plaisted.**

These campers received their Backpacking patch: **Oscar Adler, Emmett Berg, Wesley Koweek, Cole Clements, Donal McKenna, Weston Metzler, Mike Massey, Lawson Lamme, Marco Quaroni, Luke Walker, and William Wells**

Riding patches were awarded to: **Gabe Reuter, Caden Pew, Aidan Cooke, Jackson Young, Preston Beavers, Teddy Carlin, Drake DiAngelo, Akhil Jakatdar, Mac Nicholson, Zachary Plett, Benjamin Spiro, and Joseph Wagnon.**

These campers earned their Mountain Biking patch: **Cornelius Pittinga and Emmanuel Joseph.**

These campers earned their Pinecone patch: **Evan Privett and Martin Sirakov.**

On the Trail patches were awarded to: **Aidan Cooke, Alex McClain, Avi Goldberg, Brogan Ludwig, Caden Pew, Cornelius Pettinga, Emmett Berg, Fahad Alhajraf, Ford Adams, Gabe Reuter, Jackson Dean, Jackson Young, Jimi Jenkins, Julian Rogala, Max Albers, Maxwell Lyon, Oscar Adler, Sol Broady, Theo Chesnut, Zachary Clements, Christopher Biggs, Jacob Swartz, Jason Van Hare, Mike Massey, Will Garst, Akhil Jakatdar, Andy Bredar, Benjamin Rae, Benjamin Spiro, Blake Jackson, Brock Cannon, Charles Lafon, Charles Sampson, Charlie McCollum, Colin Kelly, Cornelius Pettinga, Dane Roesler, Drew Marchant, Evan Privett, Harry Winer, James Anspacher, Joseph Hutchison, Joseph Wagnon, Luke Walker, Mac Nicholson, Nathan Marchant, Preston Beavers, Stuart Randall, Teddy Carlin, Weston Metzler, Christian DeSouza, Drake DiAngelo, Elio Malaquin, Henry Woodward, and Max Blekhman.**

During the first week of camp, the campers came together and created our Code of Living, a list of traits and values that each camper committed to upholding throughout the summer. Our final campfire gave us a chance to recognize the campers that excelled in living up to this Code of Living. During the Top Hand and Driver ceremony we recognized **Jackson Dean, Neil Pettings, and C J Johns** with the Driver of the Covered Wagon and **Wesley Koweek** and **McCarthy Fitch** with the Top Hand award. During the second term ceremony, we recognized **Charlie McCullum, Weston Metzler, James Anspacher, Preston Beavers, and Benjamin Spiro** with the Driver and **Christian DeSouza, Andrew de Wispelaere, Theo Ubben, and Andy Bredar** with the Top Hand award.

As our summer comes to a close we write a new chapter in our lives. The friendships we have created this summer have become stronger than any of us could have hoped for, and as we leave our valley and get back into the swing of our lives back home, we will think back on these memories that we have made and remember them when we find ourselves in the face of adversity. On behalf of the entire BTE staff we want to say thank you all! Thank you for letting your young men spend their summer in an environment that allows them to thrive. We are honored and humbled by this experience, and we hope to see all of them back next summer!



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