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SYCATTEW

Spread your Cheley Attitude to the Entire World was the spirit button this summer. Each of us that were fortunate enough to spend some time at Cheley this summer had the opportunity to live in a supportive, nurturing environment surrounded by people who cared about our success.



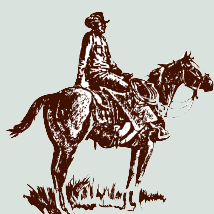
We have heard many times that people are their best when they are at Cheley. They feel they can be themselves and act differently than they do in the "real world". That is nice for us to hear but if we are only providing a comfortable place for people to spend part of their summer then we are not achieving our mission. We want to provide an environment for young people to strengthen their character and support positive growth. We want to help young people develop a better understanding of who they are and what they stand for. We hope that each of you are continuing to live to the high standards of the Code of Living and that you are striving to help those in your community.

There are many challenges going on in our communities that are beckoning help from those who have the integrity and character to lead. Look for your opportunity to contribute to your community and spread the Cheley Attitude to your world.

It was an amazing summer, we can't wait for 2009.

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Trigger Bill says...

THERE IS NO PATH TO HAPPINESS. HAPPINESS IS THE PATH.



**THERE IS MORE
POWER IN THE
OPEN HAND
THAN IN THE
CLENCHED FIST.**



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**Leadership Camp
returns to Cheley**

For over 50 years, Cheley was the host to the National Leadership Camp for Student Council leaders from around the country. The organization canceled the program in 2004. Since that time, Cheley Camps has been searching for a program to replace the National Leadership Camp. For the past year, we have been in conversations with Teresa Huggins, who has operated her own program in New York.

She has great experience in working in youth development and empowering people to discover their full potential. Her energy and high expectations match those of Cheley Camps. A group of experienced leadership professionals will be meeting this fall to create a curriculum that will positively impact high school students for life. People often say there is something in the land at Cheley that encourages them to be their best.

We are excited to combine that with a group of passionate people, an intense curriculum, and a group of motivated young leaders to create a life-changing experience. The program will take place at Cheley Camps from August 11 – 16, 2009 for high school students. It will be completely different than the Cheley Camp experience. Put it on your calendar and plan to join us. Stay tuned for more details.

**Enrollment is Open
for 2009!**

When we meet people and tell them we operate a summer camp, they always ask, "what do you do the rest of the year?"

We are already busy preparing for the summer of 2009. We are busy with the hiring process to put together a solid staff for our 89th summer. We are also busy planning for next summer with obtaining permits for hiking and backpacking, repairing and improving the facility, and supporting the camping industry regionally and nationally. We are also working hard to enroll campers for next summer.

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

The Dates for 2009!

Full Season:

Wed. June 17th – Mon. Aug. 10th

First Term:

Wed. June 17th – Mon. July 13th

Second Term:

Wed. July 15th – Mon. Aug. 10th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 11th – Sun. Aug. 16th



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LOWER CHIPETA

As we stood in our final unit circle this summer in Lower Chipeta, thoughts of an incredible summer at Cheley vividly played through our minds. There we were in the moonlight, under the velvety blue sky shimmering with innumerable stars. We stood and swayed to our final Chipeta Call, reliving those moments and the senses that accompanied them still so fresh in our memory. Among them, the taste of the mountain air right before a rain, the invigorating coolness that rose from the forest floor on our early morning hikes, the loveliness of the mountain trails dappled with sunlight and shade, and the joy of being with newfound friends standing by our side. This summer was filled with riding, outcamping, hiking, riflery, archery, fishing, sports, climbing, singing, and more. We had experiences that changed us, and have memories that will stay with us forever.

Our riding program, led by wranglers **Lindsay Kerns**, **Laura Radnay**, and **Hannah Ricks**, rode to destinations such as Storm Pass, Gypsy Grounds, and Strawberry Hill. Our wranglers helped the Lower Chipetan girls earn their Riding Patches over the summer, with requirements which included knowing how to correctly saddle and bridle a horse, knowing how to tie three different types of knots, memorizing and being able to name the various parts of a horse, and most importantly being respectful, encouraging, and helpful toward others while riding. First Term RP recipients were: **Jena Brooks**, **Whitney Johnson**, **Maeve Lazor**, **Mary-Katherine Peet**, **Gretchen Price**, and **Laura Street**. RP Basics award winners included **Grace Anne Odom** and **Laura Podschun**. A record number of girls earned their RP during second term, including: **Isabelle Arnheim**, **Riley Bieker**, **Olivia Cahill**, **Danielle Coco**, **Gabrielle Coco**, **Erin Colby-Dobell**, **Sarah El Boukili**, **Lauren Heidenreich**, **Angelina Leonardi**, **Georgia Marshall**, **Grace McCall**, **Regan McComb**, **Madeleine Moore**, **Daphne Psaledakis**, **Annika Skigen**, **Isabeau Spooner**, and **Bailey Remmers**.

Outcamps with counselors **Sarah Henderson** and



Lauren Stead were ridiculously fun, and filled with learning about living outdoors. Lower Chipetans stayed overnight in locations such as Rockstock, Gypsy Grounds, and TE Crossing. The girls learned how to build campfires, create dry shelters, and cook delicious food. They also had the responsibility of making sure they left no trace when they were finished. First Term Outcamping patches were earned by **Hannah Golub**, **Danielle Golub**, and **Meg Miller**. Second Term recipients of the patch were **Taylor Cousin**, **Grace Slocum**, **Isabeau Spooner**, **Michelle Stoddart**, and **Meghan Vincent**.

Our hiking program, led by **Nicole "Mick" Mikkelson** and **Maddy Mahoney**, traveled to beautiful destinations such as Emerald Lake, Timber Lake, Crags, Chaos Canyon, Mount Ida, and Steep Mountain. The hikes were also sometimes themed, where everyone put on a costume for the day. We saw lots of superheroes, Harry Potters, and pajama parties this year. No matter what we were wearing, it always felt great to reach those peaks. Some of our young ladies learned to identify mountain flowers, and also able to name the mountains surrounding Estes Park. The girls who mastered these skills received the Chipmunk Patch. First Term recipients include: **Danielle Golub**, **Hannah Golub**, and **Meg Miller**. **Emily Coplan** and **Whitney Skigen** were our two Chipmunk Patch recipients Second Term.

Our climbing counselor **Mel Mooney** taught our Lower Chipetans all about proper climbing technique. The girls relied on one another as they scaled the rock walls in the Dome, and happily rang the bells at the top before they came gliding back down. Sometimes, there were even chocolates awaiting them up-top. Many of the girls impressed us with their speed and agility. Spiders they were, and Spider Patches they received. Recipients first term include: **Ghalya Al Sane**, **Madeleine Coleman**, **Nicole Ebel**, **Hannah Gohl**, **Taylor Gohl**, **Alexandra Grounds**, **Whitney Johnson**, **Jessie Lincoln**, **Abigail Nadler**, **Allie Price**, **Faith Rankin**, **Hannah Schneider**, **Emma Thomas**, **Pippa Thomas**, **Grace Tuton**, and **Aleah Wilson**. Second Term recipients include: **Caroline Ahearne**, **Danielle Coco**, **Gabrielle Coco**, **Taylor Cousin**, **Courtney DeMoudt**, **Quinn Evangelakos**, **Julia Friedberg**, **Maddie Levin**, **Hilarie Mains**, **Grace McCall**, **Emma Clare Meister**, **Sarah Nicols**, **Cecile Roche**, **Courtenay Roche**, **Elizabeth Mosher**, **Witney Skigen**, **Georgia Smith**, and **Adelaide Winton**.

Counselor **Becca Nyman** spent many an afternoon down at the riflery range down by Lower Ski Hi, teaching our girls how to shoot safely and precisely. Many became quite good at hitting those targets! On the other side of camp, lots of our girls (too many to list here) won white, black, blue, and red arrows in archery with **Anne Freudenberg**. It was great to watch as the girls honed their shooting skills throughout the course of the summer. Lots of girls who tried out nearly every activity at camp earned their Circle of Stars Patch. This versatile patch ensured they got a taste of all that Cheley has to offer.

Inside Lower Chipeta's lodge, **Sanna Jaakkonen** encouraged our girls to express themselves through beautiful pieces of art. Hopefully, some of it is displayed in their rooms right now! The girls made jewelry, tie-die shirts, stuffed animals, and even helped construct a dollhouse.

They were definitely busy while they worked on their projects, and beamed whenever one was completed.

At the end of each term, the Silver Coup was presented to the girls who were outstanding representatives of our Code of Living. They were chosen with specific aspects of our Code in mind, and most aptly reflected its qualities. First Term Coup girls included: **Whitney Johnson, Grace Anne Odom, Mary Katherine Peet, Heather Pippus, Ellie Schwartz,** and **Michelle Stoddart.** Second Term Coup girls included: **Olivia Cahill, Sarah El Boukili, Regan McComb, Madeleine Moore,** and **Annika Skigen.** Congratulations are in order for these girls and for every other Lower Chipetan who upheld our Code of Living.

Lauren Foster was our campfire counselor, and amazed us with her talent with the guitar and overall passion for music. Singing in front of our fireplace in the lodge brought the group together at the end of the day, and helped to calm us down before bed. When Lauren brought us together on our final night, we lit friendship candles. In a circle, our candles seemed to be a reflection of the stars above. When we blew them out, we put a cap on an amazing summer. But just like candles, memories can be rekindled. This holiday season, the Lower Chipetans can light those candles at home and recall the great times had, and friends made, here at Cheley. It was definitely a summer to remember. Thanks to all the staff, parents, and families who made this possible. Hope to see you all next summer!



LOWER SKI HI

Hello from Lower Ski Hi! Camp for the summer of '08 is over, and the weather up in the mountains has taken a turn for the cool, but memories of the sunshine and warm summer days are held close to all our hearts. It was an unbelievably fun summer, filled with beautiful hikes, instructive rides, and creative crafts. It was chock-full of team sports and marksmanship, dazzling campfires and delicious outcamps! Cheley 2008 left its indelible mark on all of us, and gave us friendships and confidence that we will never be without.

At its core, LSH is about having FUN! And what better way to have fun at camp than to go on program? **John Armstrong** and **Will Putnam** headed our hiking program, where they lead us into the wilds of Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. How could we forget the tacky tourist hike or the EBs to Mt. Ida and Four Tops? Along the way, we learned how to find our way, the Leave No Trace principles, and how to spot alpine flora and fauna. Campers who received their Chipmunk Patch were **Max Schwartz, Simon Bertron, Doug Klink, Spencer Mayer, Spencer Papay, Conner Wilkinson, Tom Adkins, Grant Albers, TJ Pettinga,** and **Aidan Tuttle.**

We loved to giddy up and ride with our terrific trio of wranglers! **Jaime Kellogg, Jaysa Fillmore,** and **Pete**



It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

Wilkinson taught us how to walk, trot, and canter in the ring, then we hit the trails and explored the beautiful open country! Gourmet rides were a hit, and the ride to Storm Pass wowed us all. The Horseshow showcased everyone's riding abilities with events like rock drop and barrel run. **Stuart Gordon, Peter Rosston, Tom Adkins, Zachary Plett, Marco Quaroni,** and **Alex Viola** all received their Riding patch this summer!

Ben Hagler helped Lower Ski Hi create wonderful crafts such as tie-dye shirts and hemp necklaces. The mocasins we made were very comfy, but we needed stouter footwear for the crafts hikes we did this summer! Lower Ski Hi's Crafts Outcamp to Gypsy Grounds combined two very popular Cheley programs for two days of fun! Black-feet, Lower Ski Hi's crafts shop was always a fun place to be!

With eagle-eye instructors **Tim Lohr** and **Kyle Halstead,** the riflery and archery programs were can't miss opportunities for fun and development! Safety, coordination, patience, and confidence were all essentials in these programs. LSH deserves a round of applause for their incredible showing at the annual riflery and archery tournaments with Lower Chipeta! Lower Ski Hi campers improved their aim throughout the summer, and many received awards for their many bull's eyes. Way to go!

Kyle Halstead also headed the Climbing Wall, where campers defied gravity in their agile ascents. Knowledge of safety equipment, knots, belaying, and climbing techniques – not to mention conquering your fear of heights – all contributed to a confidence boosting, super fun day in the Cheley Dome. Real tech-climbing occurred at Christmas Tree Rock, a spectacular formation on Cheley property. Spider Patch recipients this summer were **Blake Dannenbaum, Parker Hudson, Spencer Hudson, Samuel Rudd, Spencer Mayer, Max Schwartz, Conner Wilkinson, Ryan DeMoudt, Jay Eastman, Hamilton Gray, Riley Scannel,** **Will Tague,** and **Aidan Tuttle.**



If you want to leave your footprints in the sands of time, wear your work boots.



Lower Ski Hi wouldn't have been the same without **Jim Dawe** and **Lee Parker** and their outcamps! Smore eating, knot tying, shelter building, fire starting, outcamps had it all! From Rockstock to TE Crossing, outcamps taught valuable lessons of self-sufficiency, love for the outdoors, and the benefits of the peace and quiet of nature. Throw in some of the tastiest food this side of the Mississippi, and you have one popular program! Out-camping Patch recipients were **Miles Bivins, Ben Brooks, Mason Jerden, Evan Le Jeal, TJ Pettinga, Ream Thomas, Tristian Narum, Lawson Lamme, Grant Stoppel, and Marshall Theis.**

Back from the UK, **Luke Banham** reprised his role at LSH campfire counselor for a second summer, leading us in games and songs every evening. Cowboy Lullaby, Country Roads, and Night Rider's Lament were among our favorite tunes, whether we were singing in our lodge Hidden House, or down in the Buddy Ring!

To be well rounded is an important trait, and to honor this Lower Ski-hicians can earn the Circle of Stars patch for their involvement in multiple programs and activities. A great number of campers earned this patch this summer, a testament to the fun and excitement of every facet of Lower Ski Hi.

Finally, the Silver Coup recognition was earned by those who most exemplified our Code of Living throughout the summer. All campers exhibited the noble traits on our code, and these young men were chosen by their peers as the most deserving of this recognition: **Miles Bivins, Simon Bertron, Parker Hudson, Evan Le Jeal, Tom Adkins, Grant Albers, Dylan Lederer, and Spencer Papay.**

Like so many of the fires built in our lodge this wonderful summer, Lower Ski Hi 2008 was always bright, warm, and at times, noisy! The sounds of laughter and joy could be heard on the basketball court, in the hiking van, and everywhere in between. Comanche, Navajo, Apache, Omaha, and Winnebago may be empty now, but before we know it the summer will return and the hearth in Hidden House will once again be blazing. Until then, let the memories of our fine summer together keep you warm this winter, and hasten your return to us next year.



CHIPETA

"If you listen one and all, you can hear the Chipeta Call. You can feel the spirit rise, where e'er you go." The spirit continues to live on in Chipeta even though all you hear is the wind blowing through the changing aspen trees. It was the summer that seemed to move at the speed of light. Into the eternity of memories of every-

one... staff and campers alike. Although Chipetians have settled into the normal routine, normal can easily be transformed by memories... Memories of backpacking with the flow of Cheley spirit was traded for backpacks filled with books and writing utensils. But still the flow of Cheley spirit surrounds all.

Goodnights around the campfire, sisterly love, and the constant laughter are twinkles in eyes, and warmth in the hearts of each Chipeta girl. The moments spent at camp helped give wisdom and to build skills that are readily used to act spontaneously in the right. Chipetians are back at school ready and able to diligently work, play, and stand up for friends and strangers because of the courage and character that they took home from camp.

Deep in the Rocky Mountains, we had the opportunity to challenge ourselves in many different activities and the chance to build friendships when we returned to the unit to share our stories. Whether it was riding a horse or strapping a pack to our backs and heading into the wilderness, each of us has stories we can share for a lifetime.

Many of you left the unit each day to head for the barns to jump on a horse. Christy, Rachel and Colleen took us to places like Pierson Park, Eugenia Mines, and Strawberry Hill. We also spent time in the ring working on our form and technique. A few girls displayed their proficiency in the riding program and earned their riding patch. Congratulations to **Brandy Badough, Jennifer Klink, Isabelle Nettare, Keaton Looney, Megan Rash, Claire Weiler, Abbey Miller, Patricia Herrera, Olivia Swartz, and Hana Durkee.**

Other campers waited by the rocks each day for the Chipeta hiking van to take you to your trailhead for an adventure-filled day of hiking. It was always enjoyable to spend a day on the trail with Mary Kate and Natalie. We will remember those days as we hiked towards Sarabun Snowfield, Chief's Head, and Mummy Mountain. It is pretty rewarding to stand on a summit and take in the view. **Claire Larson, Abby Skinner, Keli Sherwood, Peyton Wall, Elise Newman, Emma Brown, and Kate Dumanian** went the extra mile and earned their hiking patch. Way to go girls!

Some of our campers decided to head deep into the wilderness and spent time backpacking for 2 or 3



days. There were the beach days at Sandbeach Lake and the beauty of Fourth of July Mines. The best part was just hanging out with friends in nature away from all the distractions. It is amazing how good the food tastes when you worked hard all day carrying it to your campsite. Thanks to Tasha, Jackie, and Sarah for all of your help. If you ever needed help, you could go to our backpacking patch recipients **Brindley House, Anne Johnson, Francine Leech, Julie Tuttle** or **Elise Newman**.

We also had campers that spent time on outcamps cooking over an open fire and playing games all day long. Grace and Atlee always had fun ideas for our time away from camp. Whether it was Rockstock, Meadow Outpost, or TE Crossing, it was great to sleep under the stars, hang out with our friends, and laugh all day long. Congrats to Walker Howard, **Claire Larson, Catharine Wickman, Peyton Wall** for earning the Outcamping Patch. In addition, **Nicolette Stoddart, Meghan Kay, Remington Kaplan, Mika Mestek, and Katie Magid** received their outcamping basics.

When we weren't out of camp on a horse or the trail, we had many things to keep us busy around camp. Carly worked with us on the rifle range and help more people than we can mention earn patches and recognitions in riflery. Lindsay and Carolyn helped us explore our creative side and produce some wonderful projects. Sarah helped us develop our good sportsmanship at Stanley Park and down on the soccer field. And when we returned home from our daily doses of fun, Joy was there each evening with a fun, energetic campfire to help build the unity in Chipeta.

We will all remember our recognition campfire when we worked to put closure to the summer. We recognized the success of each camper throughout the summer. In addition, we talked about the Code of Living, a list of traits we wanted to strive to uphold. We all became better people through our efforts. Each of us succeeded in living up to the Code of Living which is symbolized by wearing the blue kerchief. We concluded the night by recognizing the young women of Chipeta who were selected by the unit as those who did the best job of living up to the Code of Living. Congrats to **Brindley House, Walker Howard, Lindsay Miller, Jordan Sessel, Sarah Bartosh, Abby Mayo, Elise Newman, and Julia Tuttle** for receiving their Silver Spurs.

Chipetians may be spread out all over the world but we still share the memories of a summer spent in the Rocky Mountains. Remember to rekindle your friendship candle during the holidays to recognize the growth and friendship that you experienced this summer. "May we never forget that glad day, when we met. And those dear old Chipeta girls, we love so well." See you in 2009.



Good example has twice the value of good advice.



SKI HI

As I am back at home getting into the routine, I find myself spending a lot of time reminiscing about Cheley. I recall getting up in the mornings and walking down to breakfast so that **Brian** could tell us, "Gentleman your seeeeeats!" And then, some of us would go to fill our water bottles and tie our laces for the hike that day, while others gathered their belongings for the Outcamp. I remember taking the time to precisely pack our backpacking packs making sure that we have everything we need without carrying too much. And I will never forget slipping on those riding boots and grabbing our slickers as we gathered in front of the Sioux for the ride. Of course, no morning was complete without a big game of knockout as we waited to go to the riflery range, the woodshop, or the archery range.

We have such wonderful memories from the summer, which still put a smile on our face everyday. As we think back on the summer it is still amazing to think of the adventures that we had together, the lessons we learned from each other, and the joy that the summer brought us. We spent a wonderful summer pushing ourselves physically and emotional to achieve goals and accomplish demanding feats.

Now as the school year has begun, we are getting back into the swing of things at home and the summer seems far off. We all set goals for ourselves to accomplish this summer, and hopefully this summer allowed us the chance to set goals for ourselves to accomplish throughout the year. At this time, we should look back and reflect upon what the summer brought us. In addition, remember your friends who helped make the summer that much more wonderful, and perhaps take the time to call or email those of your friends who are far away.

We had many campers who made the most out of being in the Rocky Mountains and spent a lot of time out of camp. Campers embraced life without television, computers, or cell phones and found out more about who they were while being in nature. Whether it was hiking or backpacking through Rocky Mountain National Park, riding the dozens of trails around camp, or playing sports at Stanley Park, campers created memories that will last a lifetime.. Many campers earned their "On The Trail" patch. In order to earn the "On the Trail" patch, campers must spend fifteen days out of camp. The campers that earned this recognition were: First Term: **Gaddis House, Robbie Preston, Louis Dussart, Spencer Smith, Josh Levinson, Spencer Sharp, Thomas House, Alex Edelmann, Nick Grounds, Malcolm McDonald, Hilyard Nichols, Ben Stassen, David Connelly, Chris Carson, Graham Tyson, Troy Waites, Will Simonson, Joey Meli, Reid Christianson, Nick Moore, Dustin Barr, Drew Wallace, Nick Green, Parker Spence, Henry Zelenka.** Second Term:



Josh Peacock, Sam Bowles, Tyler Humphrey, Bruno Zicarelli, Graham Marsh, Reed Kowalski, Bennett Crawford, Spencer Reppond, Zach Coulson, Tommy Herr, Joey Cahn, Will Moss, Charlie Cole, Everett Dunne, Jackson Rettig, Peter Smith, Dan Penoyer, JT Tran, Parker Brown, John Albers, Evan Chan-Tung, Andrew Rosen, Graham Tallian, Adom Dumanian, Will Schmidt.

We also had a few campers that were interested in doing a little bit of everything. These campers went on hikes, rides, and overnights in addition to helping with cookouts, campfires, and vespers. By doing all these things the following campers earned their Pine Cone patch: First Term: **Henry Zelenka, Henry Ordway.** Second Term: **JT Tran, Clayton McElvain, Eric Hahn.**

We had several campers this summer take part in an excellent and successful riding program. The riders went to all of the Cheley favorites, such as Eugenia Mines, Pierson Meadow, Storm Pass, Gypsy Grounds, and many other trails. The riders spent a lot of time exploring trails of the Rocky Mountains as well as focused a lot on technique and horsemanship while in the ring. In addition, the two overnight rides each term gave campers the opportunity to sleep under the stars, cook over an open fire, and learn more about horse care. On the overnights there is no barn crew so the group is responsible for feeding, watering, grooming, and saddling the horses themselves. Among all of the campers that rode, several of them decided to refine their horsemanship skills by completing the requirements for their Riding Patch. The patch earners this year were: First Term: **Henry Zelenka, Joey Meli, Will Simonson, Harry Daniells, Reid Christianson, Nick Moore, Chase Dannenbaum.** Second Term: **Will Schmidt.**

Using the power of their own leg muscles the hikers also spent countless miles out on the trails exploring great destinations. A few of the great hikes of the summer were Audubon, Copeland, CCY, Bear to Grand, Four Tops, and Longs Peak. With mornings of sun, occasional afternoon drizzles, and the classic "bloody elks" for lunch, the hikes were a wonderful way to explore the park. On the hikes, the campers learn to appreciate the outdoors and also treat it with respect by using "Leave No Trace" ethics. Several campers decided that they wanted to learn what it takes to lead hikes successfully through the park, and they went for their patch. This summer the following hikers earned their mountaineering patch: First Term: **Thomas House, Gaddis House, Troy Waites, Spencer Sharp, Nick Vann, Malcolm McDonald, David Connelly.** Second Term: **Jackson Rettig, Parker Brown, Adom Dumanian, Graham Marsh.**

The outcampers visited all of the Cheley outcamping spots such as Rockstock, Teepee Village, Pierson Meadow, OP Coral, and Gypsy grounds, and along the way played many games and developed many wonderful friendships. The outcampers learned how to cook gourmet meals over an open fire. The outcampers also spent time with tarps and string creating shelters that protected them from the rain. Many campers decided to go in depth by learning the art of outcamping, and those that earned their Outcamping patch were: First Term: **AJ Stair, Adam Abrams,**

Thomas House, Gaddis House, Scottie Smith, Will Colmery, Louis Dussart, Aidan Schorsch. Second Term: **Charles Cole, Will Moss, Tristan Robinson, Zach Coulson, Edwin Cho, John Satter.**

Finally, we cannot forget those campers that decided to go into the deepest depths of Rocky Mountain National Park with thirty-pound packs on their backs. They carried food, clothes, and even shelter on their shoulders as they endured long miles and spectacular views. They pushed hard, saw wildlife, cooked entire meals on their camp stoves, and most of all became the best of friends. I don't think that a single backpack came back from the park where the campers were not completely enthused and impatient to tell everyone of their stories and their adventures. The campers that earned the backpacking patches were: First Term: **Chris Carson, Joey Meli.** Second Term: **Kevin Freymiller, Bennett Crawford, Graham Tallian, Dan Penoyer.**



The Code of Living is one of the oldest and most important traditions at Cheley. On the second night of camp, the campers came together and decided what values they wanted to live by, and out of these values, the Code of Living was born. The Code of Living is the standard that the campers lived by at camp, and hopefully we are all continuing to adhere to these values back at home. We had an outstanding summer and were blessed by the fact that on our last night together all of the campers in Ski Hi Lodge were wearing their Blue Kerchiefs representing that everyone lived up to the Code. It is a tradition at Cheley that the campers and staff of Ski Hi come together to vote and decided who among them lived above the line and exemplified the code. Those campers that most exemplified the code earned their Silver Spurs. This summer those campers recognized were: First Term: **Aziz Al Sane, Will Gwaltney, Spencer Sharp.** Second Term: **Evan Chang-Tung, Graham Marsh, Jackson Rettig.**

As winter approaches, there is a noticeable silence on Ski Hi porch. The lodge, the cabins, the ping-pong table, and the basketball court are all in solitude waiting for campers to come back for another wonderful summer. We wish everyone the best and look forward to reuniting next summer for more adventures in the mountains.

Happy Trails, The Ski Hi Staff



SENIOR CHIPETA

The hiking counselors, **Sydne** and **Jordan**, led the women on some amazing trips into the Park. They went to beautiful lakes and were able to peak several mountains. The first term feature hikes were to Bighorn & Tileston, Lake of the Clouds, Spearhead, Desolation, and Elk Tooth, and Hagues, Mummy, Rowe. Second term, the hikes were to Audubon, Ships Prow, Pagoda, Snowdrift Peak, and Flattop, Hallet, & Otis. **Sarah Coleman, Eleanor Hooper,** and **Callie Hiner** worked amazingly hard to build on their mountaineering knowledge and earned their Hiking Patches.

Many young ladies enjoyed learning all their horsemanship skills from **Kirkland, Adele,** and **Sam**. Waking up every day to care for the horses, and sometimes waking up early to groom, saddle and muck the stalls was a real learning experience for our Senior Chipeta riders. Several girls had the opportunity to learn from the wranglers' extensive horsemanship knowledge. **Kelly MacFarland** earned her Riding Basics. **Chloe Beckman, Michelle Leon,** and **Caroline Joyce** earned their Riding Patches first term, and during second term, **Lexy Kadey, Sarah McMichael, Hannah Searle,** and **Kate Viola** received their patches.

Annie led the way this summer in our mountain biking program. She led all-day rides to Stanley Park and Pierson Park, as well as a two-day and three-day trip each term. They always had a great time hanging out, playing games, and eating LOTS of very good food. **Caroline Joyce, Lisa McGrady,** and **Maggie Flint** earned their mountain biking basics and Senior Chipetan **Amelia Parmidge** earned her mountain biking patch.

Megan's riflery and archery program was very impressive this summer with safety and skill being her biggest priorities. Many girls received their prone patches for riflery and multiple arrows for their archery. **Amelia Parmidge** received her prone pins for level one through four, and **Sam Craig** and **Gen Rota** both earned their prone patches and pins for levels one through three.

Molly led the outcamps all summer. Big Sis-Little Sis Outcamps were a great opportunity for the Senior Girls to be role models for the younger Lower Chipetans. The Solo trips were a great opportunity for the girls to experience 24 hours of alone time in supervised wilderness, which allowed them to reflect on their experiences at camp as well as their life at home. **Caitlyn Coleman** received her outcamping basics and then her patch.

Crafts were so fun and interesting this year with **Kate**. She helped the girls make many interesting projects like tie-dye clothing, ceramics, moccasins and all sorts of jewelry! All the young women of Senior enjoyed being out on Kate's program, and a special thank you goes to those who helped Kate set up for the craft show at the end of each term!

Some campers did a little bit of everything during their term to receive the On The Trail patch. First term recipients were **Jessica Carney, Beth Garcia, Paula Gonza-**



*An Egotist is always Me-Deep
in conversation.*

lez, Caroline Joyce, Kelly Kern, Alena Morgan, Anna Sido, Stephanie Warren, and **Julia Wickman**. Second termers who received their On The Trail were **Beth Ebisch, Torrey Hayden, Lexy Kadey, Becca Pezzotti, Ginny Rolfe, Juliana Scholle,** and **Hannah Searle**.

Campfires this summer with **Emily** were so much fun and a great way to end every evening in camp. Some highlights were the square dance with Haiyaha, disco with Lower Ski Hi, All-Camp Campfire, and singing in the lodge with Paul and Company. Emily sends out a special thank you to all the young women who lent their talent and words to chapel, campfire, and Vespers.

At the end of each term, the campers and staff voted to recognize those campers who best exemplified living up to the Code of Living that they had created together at the beginning of each term. Those women that received their Gold Key first term were **Emily Angel, Eleanor Hooper, Lisa McGrady, Amelia Parmidge, Ari Pattek, Ellen Smith,** and **Jacquie Weddell**. Second term Gold Key recipients were **Torrey Hayden, Emily Horne, Lexy Kadey, Caitlin McGonagle, Sarah McMichael,** and **Lauren Stafford**. Several very special awards were also given. **Amelia Parmidge** received her Gold Spurs, **Lisa McGrady** received her Trail Hand, and **Sarah McCue** received her Tyrolean. We are very proud of all these ladies.

Needless to say, the summer of 2008 was amazing for all of us. Lifetime memories and friendships were made and many women were able to accomplish things that they never thought they would be able to do. Thank you to everyone who made this summer possible and thank you to the parents for allowing us to borrow your daughters for four weeks. Remember to light your friendship candles on December 24th as a symbol of our everlasting Cheley Spirit. Have a wonderful school year and see you all in summer 2009!

Sincerely, The Women of Senior Chipeta



*Hurting another's reputation
won't improve your own.*



HAIYAHA

It is hard to believe how quickly the summer of 2008 passed us by in Haiyaha. Looking back on the summer, it is easy to remember the smiles and laughter, the singing in the Totem Teepee, knockout games on the ball field, and time spent on the Teepee porch watching the sunset paint the Mummy Range. We had many days of beautiful weather in both terms, with a few days of torrential rain and hail to keep us on our toes. Square dances and Playdays with Senior Chipeta were the social highlights of the summer, but they had less of an impact than our daily campfires together. Our CILT's led us in creating our Code of Living, which many of us still consult and think of daily.

We had a superb staff to work with our campers this year, and the campers were dedicated and ready for challenges. While some simply wanted to get out in the mountains and hike or ride, others committed themselves to working towards their patch recognitions. **Matt Summers, Andy Blaylock, Reid Aronstein, Sam Faktorow, Zach Waterhouse, and Chris Halverson** earned their Riding Patch, and **Bolan Walker** earned his Riding Basics. **Andrew Palmquist** was awarded the Trail Hand. In Hiking, **Henry Warrington, Jay Dumanian, and Brendan French** earned their patch, while **Albert Starshack** went the extra mile and received his Tyrolean/Fourth Degree Mountaineer. **Everett Brownstein, Bill Angel, Tim McCall, and Jay Dumanian** spent time on the trail earning their Backpacking patches, and **Bolan Walker, Dylan O'Malia, Kagan Marks, Henry Teverow, and Raymond Christy** took home their Mountain Biking Patches. To earn their On the Trail Patch, **Dan Crotty, Forrest Poulin, David Sternberg, John Ikenberry, Angus Yates, Chris Vasilik, Charlie McBain, Gannon Meister, Dylan Reiling, and Kagan Marks** had to spend 15 days out of camp on a variety of activities. In Rifery **Will Horne** and **Raymond Christy** earned their Sitting patch, **Garrett Marsh** his Sitting level 1, and **Brendan French** his Standing level 2. **Brendan** also received his Red Arrow at 15 yards.

Much of the leadership in the unit came from our Campers in Leadership Training, who represented us well at BTE and the lower units when they went on exchange. This year we had an amazing crew of CILT's. First term CILT's were **Dan Crotty, Brian Fauver, Rob Gray, Max Kudisch, Tevis Paxton, Alex Rowe, Frank Winsett, and Will Winsett**. For second term our CILT's were **Chris Brown, Alex Dick, Charlie Herr, Adam Kahn, Brad Penoyer, Albert Starshak, and John Stillman**. Each of these young men got a taste of what being a counselor is like and helped all of us to see what it takes to be a good leader. This was their last summer as campers, and we will miss them next summer.

At our final campfire, of course, we held the Gold Key ceremony, and it was a real pleasure to see a crowd of



past Key Men standing at the front of the Teepee to welcome **Tevis Paxton, Charlie Ronan, Alex Rowe, and Frank Winsett** as new Key Men first term and **Chris Brown, Adam Kahn, Brad Penoyer, Albert Starshak, and John Stillman** second term. These gentlemen really stood out from the crowd in showing the way towards living up to the Code of Living, and they have given us all an example to strive towards.

As the winter holidays approach, it seems as though the Summer of 2009 and our return to our home in the mountains of Estes Park is a long way away. But we can always bring some of what we felt here back home, bringing the Spirit of the Code of Living into our homes, schools and communities to help them become the kind of nurturing place we find in Haiyaha. "All Fires are the Same Size at the Start," and each of us can tend and feed the flame of the Haiyaha spirit throughout the year.



GIRLS' TRAIL'S END

The final night of camp was definitely an emotional one with joyful tears from all the good times shared and tears of sadness to have to leave close friends and their home in the mountains. It was such a power packed summer with wonderful change as the campers achieved their goals and had a summer they will never forget. It's pretty crazy that the air has begun to get cooler and the leaves are changing colors as fall is in full force. The summer memories and the Code of Living that our beloved CILTs put together for us are still very alive in our hearts and minds as each of us have gone our separate ways. Girls' Trail's End had an incredible summer. We had the best staff who worked hard and had lots of fun taking the campers on great adventures and working with them on new skills.

Every camper had a summer to remember for so many reasons. Those that chose to earn their patch recognition will continue to share, for years to come, the story of the creative ways in which the counselors presented them with their patch whether it was through a song, in their food at meal time, at horse show or pinned to their

backpack all the way to the top of a peak. **Emma Marshall, Emily Holzman, and Zari Dumanian** earned their senior riding patch. **Erin O'Kelly, Carson Peacock, Morgan Pruett, Anna Curry, Tessa Podschun, and Genna Huff** earned their junior riding patch. **Cassie Roosa** earned her riding basics.

Michaela Lowe, Sophie Dorsch, Melissa Ball, Sarah Larson, and Shannon Currie earned their senior hiking patch. **Eliot Meade and Allison Radcliff** earned their junior hiking patch. **Selina Foster** earned her hiking basics. **Caitlin Callaghan, Gretchen Monke, Elsie Gibson, Brianna Blumenthal, and Madison Deal** earned their senior backpacking patch. **Max Drake and Kelly Bishop** earned their junior backpacking patch. **Alessandra Quaroni** earned her senior backpacking basics. **Emma Shure, Elena Bird, Lauren Satchwell, Tess Westenhaver, and Anna Kenyon** earned their Mountain Biking patch.

First Term Riflery Recognitions include: **Ruby Casani,**



Amy Funck, Neka Gibson, Emily Glover, Anne McGlaughlin, Hannah Metzler, Emma Noyes, Morgan Pruett, Brenna Schafer, Carson Peacock, and Alix Singer. Level 1 Riflery Recognitions were given to **Emma Carroll and Molly Wyrsh.** **Emma Carroll** also earned her Level 2. Second Term young specialist Riflery Recognitions were given to: **Brit Ward, Nikki Lakritz, Bettina Zapata, Sophia Siciliano, Macey Allen, Arianna Finger, and Emma Marshall.** Riflery Prone Specialists were: **Brit Ward, Elsie Gibson, Nikki Lakritz, Meg Herr, Zari Dumanian, Bettina Zapata, Sophia Siciliano, Juliette Lafon, Arianna Finger, Emma Marshall, and Shelley Cochran.** Riflery Prone Level 1 recognitions were given to: **Elsie Gibson and Zari Dumanian.** Prone Level 2 were earned by: **Cate Ellison, Sam Barnett, and Jordyn Sessel.** Riflery sitting specialists were: **Morgan McGonagle and Marshall Schools.** Riflery level 1 sitting recognitions were: **Kelly Binding, Jacquiee Bartee, and Morgan McGonagle.** Archery recognitions were earned by many campers during the summer as well.

To earn their OnTheTrail patch, younger campers had to spend at least 15 days on activities outside of camp. Our OnTheTrail patch recipients were: **Emma Noyes, Tessa Podschun, Anna Curry, Morgan Pruett, Quincie Glimcher, Mercede Hackencamp, Gryphon Clough, Kelly Bishop, Eliot Meade, Anna Kenyon, Erin O'Kelley, Genna**



*When one realizes his littleness,
then his greatness can appear.*

Huff, Teresa Campbell, Carson Peacock, Hannah Metzler, Caitlin Callaghan, Anne McLaughlin, Miranda Sheely, Lilly Waites, Sarai Zilm, Shelley Cochran, Elena Bird, Laura Siciliano, Juliette Lafon, MacKenzie Mercurio, Betinna Zapata, Abby Kahn, Meg Herr, Anya Christy, Selina Foster, Lauren Goodwin, Zari Dumanian, Chand Jiwani, Emma Marshall, Kelly Cochran, Morgan McGonagle, Miranda Symcox, Olivia Angelette, Haven Martin, Jordyn Sessel, Erin Curtis, and Bonnie Currie.

We had an outstanding group of Campers in Leadership Training who did an excellent job on their exchange in either Lower Chipeta or Chipeta. First term we were privileged to have **Kate Ruddy** as our solo CILT who did an exceptional job displaying her leadership abilities. Second term we had a great group of four CILTs: **Madeleine Brooks, Joanna Powell, Katie Fletcher, and Mary Jantsch.** Each of these girls had the opportunity to lead in their own way and it was neat to see them come together with their different ideas and work as a strong team. This was their last summer as campers and they will be greatly missed next summer.

Final campfire was a special night full of recognition and closure for the summer. We also acknowledged those who were recognized by the campers and staff for living up to the Code of Living. Our Drivers were **Kelly Bishop, Lilly Waites, Tess Westenhaver, Anne McLaughlin, Eliot Meade, Caitlin Callaghan, Emma Shure, Shannon Currie, and Morgan McGonagle.** Our Top Hand recipients were: **Ashley Huff, Michaela Lowe, Kelly Binding, Isabelle Stillman, Alessandra Quaroni, Elsie Gibson, and Katie Fletcher.**

Just as the summer of 2008 came and went so quickly, before you know it you will be packing your bags getting ready for your Cheley summer of 2009. Be sure to cherish the time in between summers and keep your Cheley memories close to your heart. Allow each and everything that you have learned at camp to impact you all year long.



**BOYS'
TRAIL'S END**

All around the world, the manly and mellow men of Boys' Trail's End are going about their lives, at work or at school, studying or at play. Every now and again, their classmates and coworkers might catch them smiling mysteriously and suddenly as some memory from this summer flashes across their minds. Yet they carry with them more than just memories. They also have the lessons they learned through hands-on experience about how to be a better person. They learned how to set goals and persevere to obtain them though there be obstacles; they learned to work as a team, become friends with strangers, and encourage those who need that extra

A man does evil when he does nothing good.



push; they learned that a song, a smile, and a friendly game can brighten the darkest of moods; they learned, lastly, that having a good life comes from being a good person.

Their subject was life, and their schools were the huge expanses of the Rocky Mountain National Park and the quiet coziness of the BTE valley.

Out on the trail, our hikers learned respect for the environment and the thrill of accomplishing a difficult task. Leading the way were Hiking Patch Recipients **Moogie Brooks** and **Warren Smith**. They learned about flowers, plants, animals, and the surrounding mountains, and they also exhibited leadership and maturity on the trail and off.

Not far away, our backpackers were lazily enjoying sun-drenched afternoons, learning to be independent while relying on others, trekking all day long with all of their possessions on their backs, and waking up early in the morning for gnarly peak ascents. Around the evening stoves were Backpacking Patch Recipients **Jack Burton, Andrew Voss, Matt Ross, Charles Marquardt, Parker Schiffer, Tanner Davis, and Tobin Paxton**, who took the time to learn the skills and knowledge required to be a proficient multi-day mountaineer.

While our hikers and backpackers were using their feet to get them to gorgeous areas, our Horseback Riders were taking long trails, sleeping out over night, playing games in the ring, and gaining the confidence that comes from having control over a 1,000-pound animal. They also learned responsibility as each camper had to help groom, saddle, feed, and clean up after the horses. Some went the extra mile and learned the intricacies and details of horsemanship and horse care. **Kipp Planchard, Dylan Petersen, Walter Rae IV, Chris Beavers, Patrick Neary, and Nash Baughn** earned their riding patches. Within the riding program there is also a recognition called the Trail Hand, which is reserved for that rare camper who has the skills, knowledge, ability, maturity, and character to be considered almost as a wrangler himself. **Kieran Edstrom** received his Trail Hand recognition for consistently demonstrating his in-depth knowledge of horses, and for constantly going above and beyond already high expectations.

On the trails near the Land O' Peaks Ranch, our mountain bikers navigated tough terrain and were able to be safe and responsible on rocky mountain roads. They zipped around corners and camped out under the stars. **Nick McCall, Jake Mayo, Gordon Guild, Will Gonder, and Luke Gentner** proved their mettle by earning their Mountain Biking patches. They learned how to ride safely, take care of equipment, and fix their bicycles when necessary.

On rare occasions there is a camper who decides to truly go beyond expectations and sets the goal of receiving his Gold Spurs, which is a recognition for campers who excel in every area of camp. They must earn all of the aforementioned patches and do much more in order to deserve this very special recognition. After many terms of effort and a great deal of perseverance, **Nick McCall** received his Gold Spurs this summer.

Though our days at BTE were filled with activities in and out of camp, what held us together and defined us were our Codes of Living. At the beginning of each term, campers came together to create documents describing how they wanted to treat each other and live together as a community. At the end of each term, those same campers came together to vote for their peers who they thought exemplified the traits of the Code of Living for that term. Our junior campers **Harris Lummis, Austin Ricks, Randy Slocum, Charlie Beckman, Stirling Brenna, and Nick Palko** received the Driver recognition. Senior campers **Moogie Brooks, Devon Haynes, Parker Schiffer, Fulton Becker, and Tobin Paxton** received their Top Hand recognitions.

Boys' Trail's End has a certain feeling to it: the silence at night, the chapel in the morning, and the soothing song of the North Fork rolling by. Yet the BTE spirit – the Cheley spirit – is more than just that feeling. It is more, even, than the feelings of brotherhood, unity, and joy that come over us each summer. The BTE spirit is an active, willful idea: it is the set of principles that we have learned to live by; it is the lesson that the goodness of our lives is a direct result of the goodness of ourselves; it is the truth that we have the power to be who we want to be in this world, and that our best selves arise when we focus on the needs of others.

The landscape of BTE is quiet now but for the rustling grass, the creaking of pine trees in the wind, and the scurry of the critters that call BTE home for the winter. But the spirit of BTE itself is alive and active, even as we are spread across the globe.

That spirit is the group of boys and men who do their best to live up to the Code of Living, especially away from the camp environment, and by doing so do their best to make the world a better place.





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Swimming in Bear Lake? Yes. When Chief started camp at Bear Lake Lodge in the 1920s, the morning character-building exercise was an invigorating “dip” in Bear Lake. And after camp moved to Land o’ Peaks, waterfront activities were allowed at Mary’s Lake. Those were “the days.”