# Cheley Travel Information 2017

Winter phone- 303-377-3616

Summer phone- 970-586-4244 (after May 15)

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Travel to and from camp is part of going to summer camp. It is very important that you keep in communication with us about any changes in confirmed travel. Thank you!

**2017 ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE DAYS**

1st Term: Tuesday, June 13th – Sunday, July 9th

2nd Term: Tuesday, July 11th – Sunday, August 6th

Full Term: Tuesday, June 13th - Sunday, August 6th

***It is expected that all campers will stay for duration of the camp term***. A fee is charged for any special requests with travel arrangements such as late airline arrival.

**1. CAR TRAVEL**

**Arrival**: The Cheley property is 75 miles north and west of Denver. It is about a 2- hour drive. Please plan to arrive at the Cheley gates between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Upon arrival at Cheley, a Cheley staff member (with a list of cabin assignments) will greet cars at the LOP Ranch and the Trail's End Ranches. When you drop your camper off at camp, take time to meet the counselors, the director, and the nurse; (if you have meds to drop off.) Then, be prepared to give a big hug and kiss goodbye so that the camp experience can begin.

**Departure**: On departure day please depart Cheley no later than 8:00 am. Campers departing by air depart very early on transportation. Car departures usually begin around 7:00 am, but you may come as early as 5:00 or 6:00 am.

**2. AIRLINE TRAVEL**

**Arrival**: We will meet all campers at their arrival gates or in the unaccompanied minor room if campers are flying unaccompanied. If they are unaccompanied please write Don or Brooke Cheley's name as the authorized person to pick up the camper***. Please have your camper's flight arrive at Denver International Airport between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm***. Please let us know if that is not possible, so we can work on other arrangements.

**Departure:** Cheley Colorado Camps is a 2 hour drive from DIA. On departure day, we leave for the airport at least 4 hours prior to departure time. Because of this, ***please do not schedule flights that depart DIA before 9:00 am or after 2:00 pm.***

Camp Travel Agent- If you prefer to use a travel agent to book your flights, you may contact Pat or Faye at Spirit of Travel in Denver at 800-359-7200 or 303-751-7200 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm MST, Monday through Friday. As with other travel agencies, there is a standard service fee charge of $30.00 per ticket.

**APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR TRAVEL**- Long pants or long shorts, t-shirt with sleeves, fleece or sweatshirt, tennis shoes or sandals (no flip-flops). Please have your camper carry on a day hiker pack with a change of clothes, tennis shoes, a sweatshirt or fleece. This is very important in case baggage is lost by the airlines. Dress in layers… (It has snowed on opening day… And it has also been 90 degrees!) Please have your camper wear a Cheley Shirt or a red shirt.

**GREETING CAMPERS AT DIA** –Cheley Staff members will be at DIA to greet all incoming campers at arrival gates. Staff will be wearing a red staff shirt, nametag, royal blue staff kerchief, and khaki pants. Campers accompanied by staff will go to Baggage Claim via a short airport train ride. A Cheley staff member will help campers identify and claim their luggage before boarding the transportation to camp.

**MONEY AT THE AIRPORT**-Campers should have a $2 tip for each bag and $15 in travel money. Upon departure, we will give each camper $15 from their camp bank account for air travel. It is a good idea for campers to have a cell phone.

**3. BAGGAGE INSTRUCTIONS** –ALL bags, large or small, and ALL miscellaneous items such as fishing poles, must have clear identification with YELLOW CHELEY BAGGAGE TAGS that will be sent in an information packet that will arrive by the end of April or beginning of May. Please limit baggage to two duffels/suitcases, and a day hiker pack with a change of clothing, toiletries, and a fleece or sweatshirt. Remember, only one carry-on bag and no sharp objects or liquids. Contact your airline for weight and size requirements if flying.

**4. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE/TRAVEL CONFIRMATION FORM**. The Arrival and Departure Form (available online at the end February), must be completed as soon as camper travel is arranged. Our summer Travel Coordinator will confirm all travel plans from the Estes Park Office in early June for first and full season campers, and again in July for second term campers. Because this is such an important part of camp, we have one full time office person during the summer just to coordinate camper travel. Confirmations will be by email and/or phone.

**5. TRANSPORTATION** – There is a $30 per way charge billed to your camper's account.

**6. POSTCARDS HOME/E-mail** - On the opening night of camp, all campers write home. The camp office will e-mail camp families when all of the campers have arrived at Cheley.

PLEASE SAVE THIS SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. Many thanks for partnering with us to make your campers travel to Cheley a successful part of the camp experience.

Please call us if you have any questions: 303-377-3616 or 1-800-CAMP FUN (Denver) 970-586-4244 (Estes Park after May 15th)
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