



# CHELEY PACK RAT

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Holidays ... 2005



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## Expand our circles and include others...

The holiday season always seems to bring us around a table of yummy food, good friends and family. One of the great things about camp is sitting in the Dining Room sharing meals together. And now that it is winter, my hope is that you and your friends and family are sitting down together around the table.

What is it about sitting down together around the dinner table that is so special? For me it's the idea of a positive punctuation mark at the end of the day. That's what happens at camp. Having a meal together is occasion for engaging conversation, each taking their turn while the other ones listen. Conversation is an art, learning to share your thoughts, lessons, and reflections. Shared conversation has a way of helping things make sense, of connecting to one another plus the extra bonus of actually listening and being heard.

One friend of mine has family dinners where the family has to discuss lessons about other countries, others customs, or to share about a book they are reading or a special lesson at school. These customs teach us the art of conversation. As an art, it needs cultivation. It might be awkward at first if you are generally too busy to listen yet, if you take the time soon you will find yourself incomplete without a few evenings of dinner conversation each week. Dinners together also encourage manners and respect for one another, putting us in touch with that very special quality of gratitude.

This winter make sure you take time to have dinner with your family and friends, to engage in lively and interesting conversation and to practice sharing, caring and respect. It's the holiday season, the perfect time to **expand our circles and include others** around our table.

Love, **Carole Cheley**



*There is nothing  
like a dream  
to create the future*



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### NEWS FROM THE ENROLLMENT DESK

The word from Sarah's desk is "Enroll now!" We already have wait lists started for second term in Senior Chipeta, Haiyaha and Girl's Trails End. You can download an application from [www.cheley.com](http://www.cheley.com) or call 1-800-226-7386 to enroll in Cheley's amazing summer program.

Share Cheley with a friend. Let them know how special a Cheley summer can be! Send in their names today!

Forms are coming in January when you receive your Medical Form. The next set of forms comes out in March.

We have an easy to use Autobill/Automatic Payment system. Let us know if you would like to be on this system and are not.

#### CAMP DATES FOR 2006

*1st term:* June 14-July 10

*2nd Term:* July 12-August 7

*Family Camp:* August 8-13

Come join us for another our FANTASTIC and FUN PLUS summer program!

### Campers Come to Cheley from All Over the World!

Last summer we had campers from 43 states. We also welcomed campers from other countries including Canada, Switzerland, Mexico, China, Peru, France, Northern Ireland, Great Britain and Bermuda.

This year we would love to have all 50 states and add some more countries. Spread the good news about Cheley! States we are missing this year are Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Rhode Island, South Dakota and West Virginia.

### 2006 CILTS ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce the CILTS for the summer of 2006. As a Camper in Leadership Training, there are many opportunities for learning, growth, responsibility and fun in the areas of leadership and role modeling. The following individuals have been selected based on the quality of their application, the vote of their peers, the recommendation from staff, and their involvement and spirit in past years as a camper at Cheley.

*Girls' Trail's End 1st Term:* Jessie Clemmensen, Carly Osborne, Eli Ruddy, Virginia Rundle, and Kyle Smith.

*Girls' Trail's End 2nd Term:* Lindsay Hull, Helen Oexmann, Lily Spencer, Oakley Strasser, Addie Tarver.

*Boys' Trail's End 1st Term:* Cory Hankemeier, Jackson Hughes.

*Senior Chipeta 1st Term:* Emma Johnson, Hannah Lowe, Anna Rosenblatt, Jenna Sheely, Callie Wade.

*Senior Chipeta 2nd Term:* Sarah Breeden, Grace Davidson, Lillian Duncan, Alice Hodgkins, Colleen Horne, Sarah Thomas

*Haiyaha 1st Term:* Ben Cornell, Matt Henderson, Tim Lohr, Charlie McGillivray, David Mitchell, Michael O'Malley.

*Haiyaha 2nd Term:* Connor Griffith, Jack Hold, Ben Kahn, Asher Landay, Buck Spiller.

### Cheley Offers Two National Guard Military Camperships

We were pleased to have two campers from California with us in 2005 whose fathers were deployed. The Scholarship was organized by the California National Guard and the Western Association of Independent Camps. The campers noted that this was the only good thing about their father's deployment.

We were delighted to help these families out with a summer experience at camp for their children. They were both excellent campers. Cheley will participate in this program again this coming summer. The National Guard was extremely appreciative of what this did for the kids.

#### CHELEY PACK RAT

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## Slide Show and Camper Fairs 2006

**Wednesday, January 11th, Denver Show,** 7:00 pm, First Plymouth Church, 3501 S. Colorado Blvd.

**Thursday, January 19, Colorado Springs Show,** 7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, 420 North Nevada Avenue.

**Monday, January 23rd, Oklahoma City Show,** 7:00 pm, Home of the Parham family at 2307 Northwest Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK  
*RSVP to Parhams at 405-843-2556.*

**Tuesday, January 24, Dallas, TX,** 7:00 pm, Good Shepherd Episcopal School, 11110 Midway Road, (enter off North Haven). Tad Long, host.

**Wednesday, January 25, Houston, TX,** 7:00 pm, Rice Stadium, R Room, 6100 Main, Houston, TX.

**Thursday, January 26, Austin, TX,** 7:00 pm, Home of Gruber family at 6625 Dogwood Creek Dr, (360 & W Hale by St Stephens School).

**Friday, January 27, Ft Worth, TX,** 7:00 pm, Home of the Burk Family at 440 Horseshoe Trail, Aledo, TX.  
*RSVP to the Burks at 817-244-8221.*

**Saturday, January 28th - St Louis Summer Opportunities Fair,** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Whitefield School, 175 South Mason Road, St Louis, MO. .

**Monday, January 30th - Lawrence KS Show,** 7:00 pm, Home of the Stoppel Family, 1008 Langston Ct, Lawrence, KS.

**Tuesday, January 31st - Kansas City Show,** 7:00 pm, Shawnee Mission North High School Library, 7401 Johnson Dr, Shawnee Mission, KS.

**Wednesday, February 1st, St Louis Show,** 7:00 pm, Home of the Stillman Family, 37 Glen Eagles Dr.

**Friday, February 3rd, Indianapolis Show,** 7:00 pm, Home of the Pettinga Family, 9520 Copley Drive.

**Saturday February 4th, Cincinnati Camp Fair,** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Indian Hill Middle School, 6845 Drake Rd, Cincinnati, OH.

**Saturday, February 4th, Cincinnati Show,** 7:00 pm, Mariemont High School Auditorium C-20, 3812 Pocahontas Ave, Cincinnati, OH.

**Saturday, February 11th, Naperville, IL,** 4:00 pm, Home of the Feeney Family, 3808 Littlestone Ct.

**Sunday, February 12th, Winnetka, IL, Winnetka Community House,** 4:00 pm, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka, IL.

**Tuesday, February 14th, Iowa City, IA,** 7:30 pm, Home of the McCue Family, 3679 Whitetail Ln.

**Wednesday, February 15th, Des Moines, IA,** 7:30 pm, Home of The

Larson Family, 880 Browns Woods Dr., Des Moines. IA.

**Thursday, February 16th, Minneapolis, MN Show,** 7:30 pm, Blake Middle School library, 110 Blake Rd, Hopkins, MN.

**Friday, February 17th, Lincoln, NE,** 7:00 pm, Home of the Schorr Family, 6730 Hickory Crest Cir.

*Please call the Denver office and speak to Carole Cheley, 1-800-226-7386, if you would like to host a show in your area.*



### College Tour 2005

**January 25th, Davidson College**

Summer Jobs and Camps Fair 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**January 30th, Kansas State University**

Interviews, Holtz Hall 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**January 31st, University of Kansas**

Interviews, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**February 1st, University of Missouri**

Interviews, Career Center 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**February 1st, Clemson University**

Campfest 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**February 2nd, Indiana University**

Camp Day, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**February 3rd, DePauw University**

Interviews, Career Center, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**February 13th, St Ambrose University**

interviews, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**February 14th, University of Iowa**

interviews

**February 14th, Colorado State**

University Camp Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**February 15th, University of North-**

ern Colorado Camp Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**February 15th, University of North-**

ern Iowa Camp /Recreation Fair

**February 16th, Iowa State University**

Career Fair

**February 16th, University of**

Colorado Camp Day 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**February 22nd, Warren Wilson Job**

Fair 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**February 28th, Appalachian State**

University Camp Fair 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

*One of the most beautiful compensations of this life is that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself*





*There is no such thing  
in anyone's life  
as an unimportant day*



## Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

### ... 1920s-1930s ...

**Robert Burger** (and 2002) is living just outside of Glen Haven. In the summers he volunteers for the Rocky Mountain National Park. He hopes to climb Long's Peak for the fourth time this summer – the first time he climbed it was at Trail's End in 1943.

**Mary Crain "Tommy"** was awarded a Distinguished Volunteer Award in Amarillo, TX for her work assisting the Amarillo Opera by offering her home to guest artists, and she volunteers with other arts and non-profit organizations in Amarillo.

**Alberta Bainbridge Williams** has fond memories of being a hiking and song leader from 1935-1940. She remembers when Jack first brought Sis to camp before they were married and the word around camp was to help her like it! Just last weekend she and her family were on their way into Rocky Mountain National Park and they looked for the red Cheley roofs!

### ... 1940s-1950s ...

**Mary Louise Jeffrey Akaka "Jeff"** writes that at 82 her memories are still wonderful of the years spent at Cheley as a hiking counselor. She is forever grateful for meeting her husband of 53 years, **Abe Akaka** at camp. He died 8 years ago but left Jeff with 5 wonderful children.

**Margaret Weatherly Hall** and **Elizabeth Kennedy Goodwin** recently co-chaired the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of America in Kansas City, MO. The invocation speaker at the Awards banquet was given by Rev. Muffy Harmon, mother of **Abby** and **Liesl Harmon** and wife of **Henry**.

**Bill Hiner** has retired as the President of Capitol Federal Savings in Denver.

**Jean Anderson** moved lock, stock and barrel out to 6 acres in the Rio Verde. They are living in a '40s Diesel Pusher until the building permits come through and they can build their house and workshop. The barn is already built and is solar powered! In their free time they enjoy their 5 grandchildren.

**Mark Melton** got together with **Bob "Smokey" Stover** last fall for the first time since they were last hiking together at BTE in 1949! "Bob was the hiking counselor at BTE in 1945 and '49 and was the proximal cause in getting me up quite a few of the Front Range Peaks. It was surely great to see him again!"

**Mary Archer Whitmore** has moved to Denver, and she is excited that she now owns a horse.

### ... 1960s-1970s ...

**Katherine Reid** was awarded the "Distinguished Fellow Award" by the Texas Art Education Assoc. in 2004. From 2005-2007 she will serve as the Area III Coordinator for the state Delta Kappa Gamma Society (an honorary society for Women Educators). Congratulations, and we are sure you will serve well. She is also very active in the South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena, TX.

**Greg Wexler** and his family moved to Targana, CA from Encino. They are now closer to the Santa Monica Mountains where hiking and mountain biking will be more convenient. He is still in shock watching his 16 year old daughter driving alone. They sure do grow up fast!

**Pat Voran Young** is living in Kalispell, MT, with her husband Andy and their family of animals. She is an energy therapist, *-cont. on page 5*



treating both humans and animals. She has written a book, Basic Equine Energy Balancing, about the work she does and she has done 3 read along coloring books for children, *The Riding Lesson*, *The Horse Show* and *The Trail Ride*.

**Elizabeth Molsen** graduated from Nursing School as a RN in May. She will be 60's-working at the Doylestown Hospital in Pennsylvania.

**Betsy Kassab** (c 74-78) has three high school age children whom have all been Cheley campers, **Charlie**, **Annie** and **Madeline Dunn**. She graduated in October with a doctorate in Psychology

**Ryder Dorweiler** as they were campers together. Thank you Cheley for keeping the traditions going!

**Frank Atwood** just retired as a mechanical engineer for the federal government. He is now spending his time supporting the Libertarian political activities. He has been a team member and coordinator for two successful tri-partisan ballot issues.

## ... 1980s-1990s ...

**Kurt Zimmerman** married Catherine White, of Toronto, Canada and introduced her to some of his favorite Cheley hikes. He has graduated from Darden, with an MBA from the University of Virginia in May of 2005.

**Barbara Christman** (s 80's) was honored by the Montana Woman Foundation as Woman of the Year in 2005. Barbara was on staff with **Ruby Harders** in the early 80's as a cook at BTE. She is just 4'11, but does big things. She has traveled to Mexico to help build concrete-block houses for families living in plywood shacks and she is learning Spanish. Congratulations to Barbara from all of us at Cheley!

**Carol Saunders** is the new Airport Manager at Owosso Community Airport in Michigan. Carol has a BA in Aviation Administration and technology from Purdue University. She is excited about this new opportunity in aviation work.

**Whitney Hopkins** graduated with honors in Engineering and Human Biology from Stanford University.

Kris, Libby, Sam and Katie greeted husband and dad **Andy Pollock** home from South Korea on May 10 where he had picked up the newest addition to their family, McConaughy (Mac) Sol born on Nov 4, 2004.

**Sharon Benton** retired in 2002 as a civil servant with the US Navy. Since retiring she has been traveling and enjoying friends and family.

## ... 2000s ...

**Vanessa Montesano** just finished performing as a featured soloist in the World Premiere Musical "Journey" directed by Kathleen Kellaigh (from Guiding Light on CBS) and composed by Grammy Award Winner Michael Huseman. She often reflects on her memories and the lessons learned during the best -continued on page 6



and is currently practicing in the area of integrated health and Neuropsychology in Springfield Missouri.

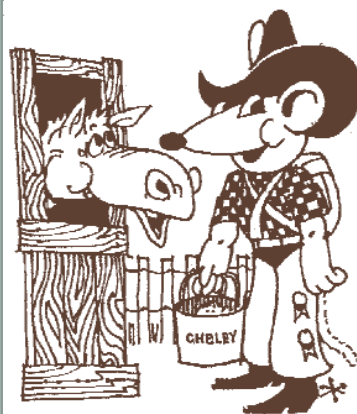
**Joan Borel** had her second October art exhibit in Estes Park as the Library artist for October. She does watercolors and really enjoys plein air work. She came to work at Cheley in 1968 and still loves the area. Joan also enjoys her two Corgi dogs. She does wonderful dog portraits.

**Daniel Mills** recently moved from Washington DC to Texas. He has a wonderful fiancée and a great life in general. He says that "Cheley is like no other - looking forward to a visit some-time soon!"

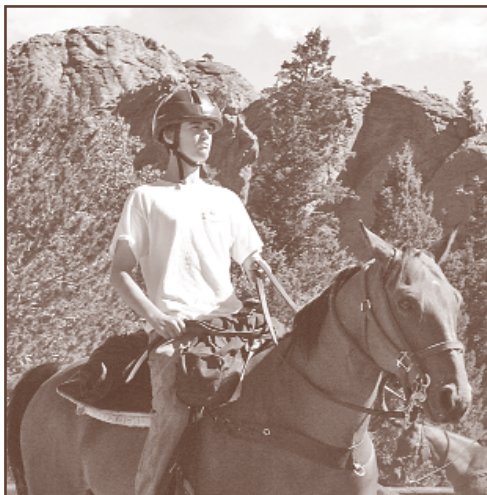
**Joe Creviston** just returned from four weeks in Hong Kong and Thailand. He had a great trip, seeing lots of beautiful temples, shrines and Buddas and enjoying good food. He also had fun on his elephant ride and bamboo raft ride.

**Katey Coronado** moved to Las Vegas three years ago and lives next to Red Rock Canyon so she still gets to go hiking. She visited camp this past summer for the first time since she left in 1973 and checked out all her old hangouts. The best was getting to see **Jody**

*There is no such thing as a minor lapse in integrity*



*Extending your hand  
is extending yourself*



### Friendship Candle!

Remember during the holidays, Cheley campers, staff, alumni and friends rekindle their camp memories by lighting a Friendship Candle – or a special candle they keep at home for remembering their good times at Cheley.

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summer of her life – Cheley 2004!

### ... Wedding Bells ...

**Rebecca Echols and Michael Hunter** were married on August 20 in Wichita, Kansas. Congratulations!

**Rob Stamm** and **Andrea Tapia** were married in Estes Park on October 22. Andrea and Rob are living and working in Boulder. Congratulations!

**Todd Fronce** and **Deyanira Matus** were wed on July 9 in El Paso Texas. Todd and Dey are living in El Paso and teaching school.

### ... New Little Campers ...

**Wendy (Miller) Eggen** and hubby **Mike** have a new set of twins born to them on July 19. Merry Jean Eggen (MJ) and Kimball Louise Eggen (Kimmy). After Wendy directed Lower Ski Hi she knew she could raise twins! Best wishes and congratulations!

### ... In Passing ...

**Kenneth Cokely** passed away at age 95 in Liberty, Missouri. Ken and his wife **Elsa** worked at camp in the 60's and 70's. Ken was the trans director and Elsa the Munch Inn Director, and also worked in the Boy's Store. They loved camp so much and lucky for us, made Cheley a part of their summer plans for many years. Ken was a coach and for 32 years in Libertyville for football, basketball, tennis, and track. He taught Biology and Driver's Ed and was the Athletic Director during his long tenure. Ken and Elsa were fun loving people who always brought smiles and laughter. They made a big difference in the lives of many staff and campers.

### Eleanor (Sis) Cheley ...

passed away at age 87 in Denver Colorado on June 26. She and her husband **Jack Cheley** ran Cheley Colorado Camps for over 40 years.

Sis worked for two years in hometown Chicago so she could attend

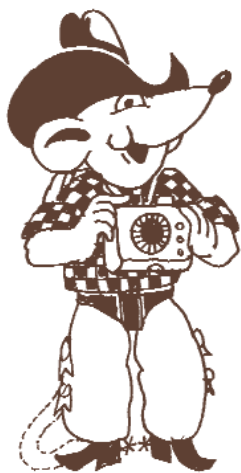
Northwestern University. She met Northwestern student **Jack Cheley** of Denver, Co who was a grandson of **Frank Cheley**, the founder of Cheley Camps.



Sis first came to Estes Park in 1938 to work at Cheley so **Frank Cheley** could see if she could "measure up" to the mountain lifestyle at camp. She worked as a camp counselor that summer and must have passed the test because she married **Jack Cheley** in November of 1939. She supported **Jack** in the transition of camp when **Frank Cheley** passed away in December of 1941. She and **Jack** as well as **Wendy** and **Ernie Altick** traveled the country to promote camp and hire staff in the 40's and 50's. She and **Jack** retired from Cheley in 1981. Sis had many other interests outside of camp, including square dancing, bowling, golf, bridge, traveling, storytelling, and cooking.

She was known for maintaining high standards for camp and was an integral part of making camp the internationally known camp it is today. Cheley Camps was one of her great loves along with her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at camp to honor Sis this summer during the 85 Seasons Reunion. We all miss her. Her contributions at camp will live on for always.







## Former Campers and Staff

CHELEY PACK RAT 7

We'd like to be able to keep in touch - but we can only if you keep us up-to-date with your address and other information. Please take a minute now to send us an update. This is also a good time to tell us about any friends or relatives who also should be on our alumni list. And - we also want to hear from you with news for the Pack Rat.

After filling in the appropriate spaces, fold this sheet, seal with Scotch tape, put a stamp on it and mail it (*or use an envelope if you prefer!*).

Years (19 ??/20 ??) as Cheley CAMPER: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ... Years (19 ??/20 ??) on Cheley STAFF: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Nickname at camp (if one used) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please **UPDATE** my record with the latest address and information as indicated above. *All former campers or staff members (with current addresses) automatically receive two Alumni Pack Rats each year.*

☐ I would like to **SUBSCRIBE** as an active new member of Cheley Friends - enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. *Members of the Cheley Friends Alumni Group receive all issues of the Pack Rat, a copy of the Alumni Directory which lists all known alumni, as well as other important information and additional benefits - yearly dues are \$15 per year per address, a lifetime subscription is just \$150 per address.*

☐ I would like to **RENEW** my subscription; enclosed are my yearly dues of \$15 (*per address*).

☐ Please send current Cheley information to:

POTENTIAL : ☐ CAMPER ☐ STAFF .. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

POTENTIAL : ☐ CAMPER ☐ STAFF .. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have listed on the other side names of my friends/relatives who should be on the **ALUMNI LIST**.

☐ I would like to make a donation to JAC Foundation ☐ - *and/or* Cheley Burn Camp ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

**TO THE PACK RAT** - Here's what's been happening in my life recently...

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check to be sure that my friends/relatives are on the ALUMNI LIST:

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Maiden name:

Relationship to me

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**Just in time for the holidays!**

## **SCOTCHAROOS**

### **A FAVORITE CAMP RECIPE FROM ARLA AND RUTHANN**

1C Sugar  
1C Light Corn Syrup (Karo)  
1C Peanut Butter  
6 C Rice Krispies

Topping  
1C Chocolate Chips  
1C Butterscotch Chips

Cook sugar and syrup in medium-sized saucepan over medium heat until sugar

is dissolved. Remove from heat, add peanut butter and stir until smooth. Pour over Rice Krispies in large bowl and mix well. Press mixture into greased 9x13 pan.

Melt chocolate chips and butterscotch chips together. Spread over cooled Rice Krispie mixture. Allow to set. Cut and enjoy.

*The greatest motivational act one person can do for another is to listen*

## **World Famous Skydiver Lands on Cheley's Fish Creek Ranch at 85th!**

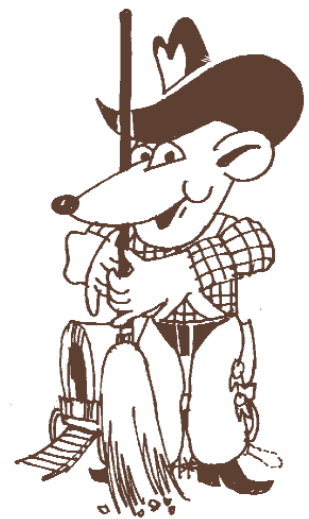
A weekend at camp, with your family, or your old camp friends, or come alone and discover amazing people awaiting you! This is what happened over Labor Day 2005 at Cheley. Blue sky, fall in the air, crisp nights, cool days, stars, singing old camp songs, square dancing, riding a horse, hiking a mountain trail, tech climbing on Christmas Tree Rock, and more memories flood my mind when we think back on that amazing weekend when 85 summers of Cheley was celebrated by over 350 awesome alumni.

One of the many highlights was a spectacular evening at the Cheley Fish Creek Ranch when world famous skydiver, **Jim McCormick** (camper 70-73, staff 75-76) jumped from a plane high in the sky into Fish Creek Ranch, he was dressed in blue jeans, a white shirt, red Cheley Kerchief and the boots he rode in at camp. He landed precisely

on one of the auctioned off spots, that had **Jancy Pettit's** (staff 74) name on it that the children had placed in the open field. Subsequently we raised money from this event to donate to the JAC Foundation and the Hurricane relief efforts. Jancy spot donated her winnings of \$600 back to fundraising efforts. After the landing we all proceeded to enjoy our roast pork, and barbeque fixins, complete with **Ruthann's** amazing brownies. It was a great and fun night for all.

Alumni and their families came from near and far, some stayed at camp and many stayed in town, some for the entire weekend, some just for a day, but nonetheless, attendees enjoyed themselves and rekindled the camp spirit, remembering that camp really does give people a WORLD of GOOD! If you missed this one and want to attend an amazing Cheley Reunion in five years, make sure you keep your address current with us so we can let you know when the next big celebration takes place!

Happy Birthday Cheley! E-mail us anytime at [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com).





**COMPUTE-INN** Quotes from the Cheley Web Site  
FIND ALL KINDS OF CHELEY NEWS AND INFO AT [WWW.CHELEY.COM](http://WWW.CHELEY.COM)

*We must be purposely  
kind and generous, or  
we miss the best part  
of life's experience*

*...here are a few selected comments from the Cheley website "Guestbook" - check it out and add your thoughts and news!*

► Hello my wonderful Cheley family, Happy Thanksgiving! I just wanted to say how thankful I am for Cheley. I am thankful for the five best summers of my life. Living in the beautiful mountains of Colorado, in green covered wagons, breathing in cold crisp air, and having the TIME of my life with such wonderful people. I am thankful for the love that developed over those months and I am thankful for the friendships that I know will last forever. But, mostly I am thankful for the support and help. Cheley has supported me for the last five years. When no one else understood me, and when I didn't even understand myself, Cheley was there for me. They told me it was okay. Over the years I grew up, and I learned who I am. I learned that without love, there is nothing. And I couldn't have done it without any of you. Every single one of you touched my heart in a way that you will never know. THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. you helped me believe.. I love you all so, so dearly and I hope you have an amazing Thanksgiving. --Hendi -- [redfred06@hotmail.com](mailto:redfred06@hotmail.com) -- Fallon, NV

► Hey Cheley!! wow I miss everyone soo much!! hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!! and I know we are all soo thankful to have Cheley!! Im so happy our yearbooks have come! They look amazing! Can't wait till summer '06!! - so excited! luv luv luv and miss all my senior girls!!! Call me if any of you are in Denver!!! xo Caitlin -- [sportcrazy27@aol.com](mailto:sportcrazy27@aol.com) -- Denver, CO

► Hey everyone! Missing Cheley at the moment. Hope everybody's Thanksgiving was amazing and excellent and, above all, tasty. I myself spent the long weekend re-reading Harry Potter after seeing the movie...it's so good! Happy holidays...it's starting to get snowy and cold in Minnesota at least --Lark -- [larkbird@gmail.com](mailto:larkbird@gmail.com) -- Saint Paul, MN

► JD and Nicki The yearbook rocks! I love it! Hope everyone enjoys it! I am going to hang out with Molly Fahey tomorrow and well this just might be too much Cheley in one week! LOL! No you can never have enough Cheley! Have a great holiday season! Love, Lindsay Kowalski aka KWAL

► Hey everyone!! Well, reading everyone's posts brings a smile to my face and makes me miss Cheley ever so much!! I hope everyone has a simply amazing holiday season!! Love to everyone! --Quinn Quinn Plummer -- [ragazzabella@gmail.com](mailto:ragazzabella@gmail.com) -- Golden, CO



## FALL "DISCOVERY" 2005

Fall in Estes Park is a beautiful time of the year with the weather cooling off and the aspens turning stunning shades of golden yellow. As always, most of camp shuts down for the fall and winter - except for the Ski Hi Unit which is the perfect facility for Outdoor Education for schools from the front Range of Colorado and private schools in Texas that contract with us to take their students on Fall Backpacks.

Under the excellent management of Program Director **Elizabeth Johnson**, her staff included Brian Frahm, as crew leader, and **Amber Barnett, Clay Cowgill, Haley Davis, Kat Hunt, Stacie Kelly, Mitch Musci, Sarah Stratton, and Alisa VinZant** as our trusted fall staff. Year Round Food Service Director, **Ruthann Holle** headed up the kitchen with the assistance of BTE Cook **Kathryn Canganelli**. Bo

**Winslow, Kevin Hendrix and Jay Whorton** were around to provide quality assistance for any maintenance and transportation needs.

This fall we were pleased to welcome two new groups. The City Parks and Recreation Departments from the Denver Metro Area came to Cheley with a group of adults with disabilities. They were able to enjoy the climbing wall, fishing, hiking, crafts, and best of all, a Cheley Dance Party! Also new this year was Star Gate School from Thornton, CO. Their three days were spent developing the leadership skills of their students, all done in true Cheley spirit.

If you are interested in joining the Discovery staff in 2006 or have a group that might be interested in attending, please contact **Liz** at [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com).







### Position Opening at Cheley: Program Director

Come join the Cheley team. This is a wonderful job! It is an extended seasonal job, perfect for someone working in the ski industry or other winter seasonal employment.

**Skills required:** Extensive backcountry knowledge of Rocky Mountain National Park. Experience in managing or teaching. Attention to detail with equipment, safety and backcountry protocol.

Responsibilities include overseeing: Hiking, Backpacking, Technical Climbing, Climbing Wall, Mountain biking, and Outcamping, schedules, equipment maintenance and staff training. Liaison with Kent Mountain Adventure Center and National Park, Manage Staff Inn supervisor, On going program development, Staff Training. Season: Middle of May to late August,

Option April to October. Prior Cheley experience required.

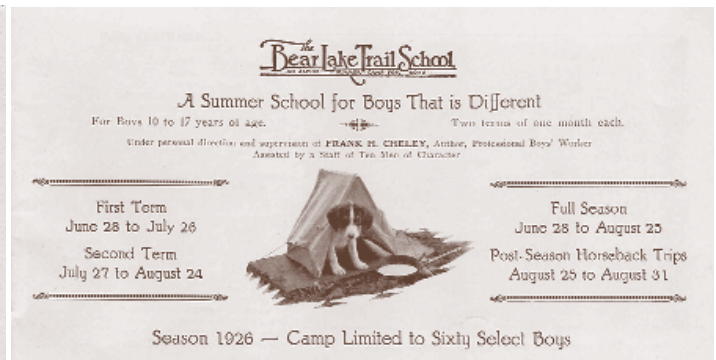
**Interested?** Please write Brooke Cheley-Klebe: office@cheley.com

### From a 2005 Camp Parent

"Both children hugely enjoyed their time at Cheley. Each has matured in years, gaining confidence, exercising initiative and demonstrating a deeper understanding of others needs and feelings. I cannot speak too highly of the extraordinary change that is evident in their manner and attitude."

*Live simply;  
love extravagantly.*

## A HISTORY SNIPPET



### OUR AIMS (from 1926 Bear Lake Training School "catalog")

It is the constant aim of the entire staff of The Bear Lake Training School to meet every one of these fundamental points in a manner entirely satisfactory to the most particular parent, conscious that every parent has the right to expect, even in the brief period of one season, some measure of definite benefit for each boy:

1. In gaining superior health, and the knowledge and will to preserve it.
2. In gaining mastery of the body – joy and; skill in its use, both on land and in water. Keeness of eye and ear, deftness of hand, senses alert in observation, hearts responsive to beauty.
3. In gaining social consciousness and responsibility, modesty in victory, and graciousness in defeat; resourcefulness and reliability, contentment with simplicity and readiness to serve and to endure hardship.

When such objectives can be brought about for a boy by any agency, that agency must be thought of as an educational force of the first order.



## ***Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp ... 18 Years***

Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp just completed its eighteenth summer.

During the third week of August of each year, about 65 children ages 8 to 18 that have been hospitalized at The Children's Hospital Burn Center and other burn centers across the country attend the Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp

Whether they are on a challenge course, catching their first (or hundredth) fish, technical climbing Christmas Tree rock, mountain biking riding a horse or creating crafts in the crafts shop, the children who attend Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp gain more than a fun summer week. They gain confidence. They gain life skills. They gain great memories. And most of all, they gain the friendship of others who can truly understand.

The Children's Hospital burn camp staff consists of nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists and psychological care providers. These represent the staff members that are responsible for the medical care and rehabilitative aspects of camp, while the Cheley staff is responsible for program and carrying the Cheley philosophy and spirit into this special week. Firefighters, staff from outlying burn centers and adult burn survivors fill in the gaps to provide their own level of expertise, which includes anything from professional burn care to fire safety.

We have made it a goal for no child to be turned away because of financial reasons. This has become possible with the generosity of many people. Thank you to those who have sent in personal checks and to Tahara Lodge for their dedication to the art show, to the Estes Park Firefighters for organizing the golf tournament, the Cherry Creek Rotary Club and Old Chicago's in Greeley, CO.

It is a wonderful experience for all that are involved, and we are grateful that we have partnered with Children's Hospital to provide this program.

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