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THE BENEFITS OF NATURE



The other day I received an email from Nathan Wilson with research he has compiled for a grant request he is writing. He is working to build an outdoor classroom at his school and has done research on the positive impacts of nature. As campers, you know what it is like to sit by a campfire with your friends and just talk, or how rewarding it is to stand on the summit of a mountain after a long struggle to get to the top.

Following is some of the research that Nathan passed along.

- Children with views of and contact with nature score higher on tests of concentration and self-discipline. The greener, the better the scores. *(Wells 2000, Taylor et al. 2002)*
- Children who play regularly in natural environments show more advanced motor fitness, including coordination, balance and agility, and they are sick less often. *(Grahn, et al. 1997, Ekman 1997, Fjortoft & Sageie 2001)*
- Nature buffers the impact of life's stresses on children and helps them deal with adversity. The greater the amount of nature exposure, the greater the benefits. *(Wells & Evans 2003)*
- Standardized test scores for students involved in schools that use the environment as an integrated context for learning (EIC) showed improved performance in reading, math, science and social studies. In 92 percent of comparisons made between the academic scores of EIC and non-EIC students, using both comprehensive and subject-specific standardized assessments, EIC students outperformed non-EIC students in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. *(Lieberman 2002)*

What can we learn from this? First of all, more children need a camp experience. There are long-term positive impacts from spending time in the outdoors. Second, continue to explore nature during the school year. Play sports, go for hikes on the weekends, rake the leaves into a big pile and then jump in them, get out of the city and just listen to nature, gather all of your family and play a game of football before Thanksgiving dinner. Whatever you do, get out there and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors.

—Jeff Cheley

2007 Cheley's 87th!

Full Season:

Wed. June 13th -
Mon. Aug. 6th

First Term:

Wed. June 13th -
Mon. July 9th

Second Term:

Wed. July 11th -
Mon. Aug. 6th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 7th -
Sun. Aug. 12th

2007 Cheley Enrollment NOW OPEN!

Beds are going quickly for the summer of 2007. Haiyaha second term has a wait list already; all other units still have spaces, some more than others. Our application is currently available at our website: www.cheley.com, or feel free to contact our Denver office to have one emailed, faxed or snail mailed.

Keep in mind our older units fill fastest; we would hate to have to tell you there is not a space in your first choice. Our 87th season is sure to be fantastic, all the more so with the addition of you!

Please let us know if you have friends, neighbors or relatives who could use information on the magic of a summer at Cheley. We would be happy to send them our brochure and CD-ROM.

GOING GREEN

We are constantly looking for ways to be good to our environment and save our trees. Starting with this issue, we will only be mailing one Pack Rat to each household.

We will be happy to mail additional copies to you if you call our Denver office at 303-377-3616. Also remember, the Pack Rat will be posted online for you to download at www.cheley.com.

*Beauty is
all around you ...
just take time
to look for it.*

Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department Offers Special Cheley Christmas Ornaments

The Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department is honoring Cheley Colorado Camps for their 86 years of history in the Estes Park, RMNP and Glen Haven areas.



The 2006 GHAVFD fund raiser adds two different Cheley Christmas ornaments to its historical collection featuring: (1) Cheley Colorado Camps, Estes Park and (2) Trail's End Ranches, Glen Haven.

Each collectible memorializes Frank Cheley's belief: "Great things happen when Youth and Mountains meet." Many Cheley alumni live in, and return to visit, the Estes Park area and share their experience with new generations.

All proceeds from this sale go to the GHAVFD to raise funds for needed equipment and a fire station. \$9.95 each, \$2.50 shipping, call 888-586-2553 to order or write: GHAVFD, P.O. Box 3066, Estes Park, CO 80517.



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HISTORY SNIPPET

"Portrait" of
campers and
leaders during
camp's earliest
years at Bear Lake

"Chief" Cheley is
third from the left



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GIRLS' TRAIL'S END

Now that another summer is over, the sounds of laughing and giggling throughout the wagon yard at Girls' Trail's End have been taken over by the peaceful quiet of Fox Creek. This summer was incredibly memorable because of the beautiful weather, successful activities, caring and wonderful staff, and amazing campers.

Both terms had incredible recognition night ceremonies. First term's was held in the MeToo lodge, with a feeling of remembrance and tradition around the room. For second term, the weather was so nice and so many guests arrived that we moved our ceremony outside for the first time and enjoyed the warm, peaceful evening together while recognizing campers for their many achievements.

Our riding program was quite successful this summer. Many girls came to camp not knowing how to saddle a horse and leaving being able to load a pack horse with pounds of gear. A highlight of each term was the Horseshow with Boys' Trail's End which highlighted the talent and skill of the campers' riding. Campers who work towards their Riding Patch play a huge roll in helping wranglers and other campers prepare for day rides and also help plan the horseshow drills. During first term, **Elena Arnosky, Meghan O'Brien, Lily Talesnick** and **Brennan Wittry** received their Junior Riding Patch, and **Sophie Dorsch, Mallory Guinee, Chelsea Lavenhar**, and **Helen Oexmann** received their Senior Riding Patch. Second term, **Katie McFarren, Marielle Mercurio** and **Kasey Winter** received their Junior Riding Patch and **Audrey Allen** and **Katie Holtcamp** received their Senior Riding Patch. Congratulations to these dedicated horsewomen!

Other areas of great interest this summer were the outcamping and backpacking programs. Not a Sunday went by without lines of girls hoping to sign up for an outcamp to Rockstock or a 3-day backpack to somewhere in the park. Spending a night out from camp is an amazing experience that most girls had this summer. Cooking food, watching the stars, and chatting in the tents are wonderful ways for the campers to bond with each other

and enjoy the outdoors. A few girls took on more challenges of learning about the two programs. First term, **Jessica Ruth** received her Outcamping Patch, and **Alex Oldham** received her Backpacking Patch. Second term, **Samantha Barnett** and **Stephany Jungwirth** received their Outcamping Patch.

Our GTE Hiking program was also a fantastic program this summer. Our girls climbed Chapin, Chiquita, Ypsilon, Copeland Mountain, and Mt. Meeker, the second tallest peak in the Park. Along with these EB (early breakfast) hikes, each day the girls were able to see amazing places like Chasm Lake, Lawn Lake, Ouzel Falls, and other beautiful sites in the Park and National Forest. Every one of our campers went on at least one hike this summer. Many girls earned their Hiking Patches, showing leadership and knowledge of the trails and environment. A first term Junior Hiking Patch was earned by **Sarah Larson**. Second term Junior Hiking Patches were earned by **Sophia Siciliano, Jennie Lee Gruber**, and a Senior Hiking Patch was earned by **Maddie Brooks**. Congratulations to these trail-smart girls!

Numerous recognitions were given out for Riflery and Archery. **Lily Talesnick** received her Sitting and Kneeling Specialist in riflery and **Brennan Wittry** received her Gold Arrow first term. Second term was also full of incredible marks-women. **Sarah Mills, Lema Andrews-Hirano**, and **Madison Deal** received their Gold Arrow second term. Congratulations and see you next year on the archery and riflery ranges!

As always, the craft program produced beautiful artistic talent and craftsmanship nearly everyday. Our campers this summer made clothes, tie-dyed articles, wallets, ceramics, and even threw bowls and cups on the pottery wheel. Whenever there was a day of crafts, everyone would try to peek in and see what was going on in the Painting Place!

Two other recognitions are the Driver and Top Hand. Each term, every camper agrees to a unique Code of Living and at the end of the term, the campers and staff vote for who has most exemplified the traits in the Code of Living. It is a great honor to be selected by your peers as a Driver (for younger girls) or a Top Hand (for our older campers). First term Driver recipients included **Sarah Larson, Meghan O'Brien**, and **Miranda Sheely**. First term Top Hand recipients included **Mallory Guinee, Sydney Mas**,



Alex Oldham, and Virginia Rundle. Second term Drivers were **Heather Frank, Katie McFarren, and Salsa Quaroni**. Second term Top Hands were **Maddie Brooks, Mary Jantsch, Sonnet Ludwig, and Shae Mermis**. Congratulations to these fine young women as well as everyone who was at GTE this summer for living up to the Code of Living.

What an amazing summer it was in our little slice of heaven at the Ranch at the End of the Trail! Remember to light your Friendship Candle on the 24th and sing this song to bring back all of the special memories of the summer. "Remember the times you've had here, Remember when you're away...For you girls belong to Trail's End, And Trail's End belongs to you."



BOYS' TRAIL'S END

Things have changed around here: no more songs streaming from inside the Boys' Trail's End Lodge; no more "questions of the meal" before it's time for everyone to enter the dining hall; no more squeals of laughter and thump-thump of basketballs from excessively large games of knockout; no more quiet late-night chatter in the wagon-yard; no more clatter of feet running across grass dirt and mud during games of Capture the Flag; no more clang of stoves from the back porch as the five-dayers return to clean their equipment and share stories of their adventures; no more waft of the pleasant smell of food emerging cloudishly from the kitchen; no more hay, poop, sweat, and mountain scent of riders and wranglers returning from their rides; no more pow-pow of guns shooting on the riflery range; no more exhausted mountain-bikers tumbling out of the van after a hard day's ride; no more click of snaps being given during friendship circle; no more taps sung beneath starlight telling us all that it's time for a good night's sleep.

This place feels lonesome, but, somehow, still carries with it the spirit of this summer, the memories of names, faces, and events that create the Cheley experience each and every year. We remember the hikers, who conquered fantastic peaks, glissaded down magnificent glaciers, and napped next to majestic mountain lakes. There, just



*No person can help another
who will not try to help himself.*

around the bend, you can almost see the Hiking Patch holders, **Nick McCall, Manny Adler, John Kolosta, Moogie Brooks, Conor Wittry, Mac Schneider, Kale Lobosco, Charles Marquardt and Tanner Andregg**, pointing out a rare species of flower and sniffing a pine tree to help decipher more clearly its species. We remember the backpackers, spending their nights beneath the stars and their days trekking throughout the most incredible and unexplored areas on the Front Range. You can almost hear them tell their wilderness tales catching sight of moose, seeing the sunset from above tree-line, climbing peaks and devouring scrumptious self-made food. Amongst the fray you'll hear the voices of the Backpacking Patch recipients, **Jason Hoard, Alec Hyde, Tobin Paxton, Adam Voss, Manny Adler, and Nick McCall** discussing how to tie that one knot and the difference between talus and scree. From the barn, you can hear the steady swish of jeans and the clack of hammer against nail as the riders are out again having 'man-day,' having fun fixing things after a long day's ride. Leading the charge are Riding Patch holders **Isaac Manning, Nick Collins, Michael Slocum, Joe Frumkin, Will Collins, BJ Bloomhall, Wick Bushong, Seth Goodman, Steven Hills, and Dylan Petersen**.

Weary and wistful from a long day's mountain-bike, patch holder **Luke Smith** and his friends chit-chat about the hills and trails they explored throughout the day. You remember do-it-all-and-more campers **Tanner Andregg** and **Thomas Burk**, who both received their hard earned Gold Spurs during the same term, something that hasn't happened in recent memory at BTE. As night settles in, you remember Vespers on those peaceful Sunday nights around the fire-ring near the Chapel, and the songs of the summer come back into your mind: *Come on Eileen* and *Total Eclipse of the Heart* blaring on the van speakers; the *Top Gun* theme kicking into high-gear as you crest the hill on an early morning hike with Toaster and Mike; a tearful *Hallelujah* (both versions) after every Chapel; belting out the chorus of *You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings* over and over again in the Lodge; an ecstatic *American Pie* in the Dining Hall, a bunch of happy campers dancingly hopped up on Root Beer. And then you remember the last night of camp, when we celebrated our wonderful summer together and the brotherhood that is the real reason



Happiness is an inside job.



we all come to camp. The opening finger-picking guitar lick from Netherlands seems to be in the air as you recall the recipients of the Driver, **Nick Collins, Parker Schiffer, BJ Bloomhall, Jason Hoard, and Adam Voss**, campers who exemplified the Code of Living at a young age. Then the first hammer-on strums of *The Gambler* enter your brain, and you think about the Top Hands, **Luke Smith, Derek Voss, Harrison Shure, Nathaniel Farnham**, who, with their selflessness and leadership, helped create the tight bonds and sense of pride at Boys' Trail's End.

Then one indelible image enters your mind: the Lodge hushed, the lights down, campers and staff in a circle with their arms around each other, smiles and tears on their faces, a flicker of light from the fireplace, and the entire unit, as one, feeling like there's no better place in the world, everyone singing their favorite song together and finding themselves in a place where the lyrics ring truer than ever, shouting out that glorious chorus for the final time before they bring the Cheley Spirit back to their homes in America and beyond: "I am *Glory Bound*."



SENIOR CHIPETA

Another Senior Chipeta summer has come to a close. We will all remember the singing in the lodge, squeals of laughter coming from across the courtyard, and excited voices whispering in the cabins at night. The summer of 2006 brought us all so many new memories and friendships that will carry us through until next year!

Liz and Anna led us on many wonderful backpacks. Their 3-day trips brought them to some beautiful campsites with wonderful opportunities to explore the nature around them. Their feature 5-day backpacks in the Never Summers and Hell Canyon gave the girls unforgettable bonding experiences. They taught many backcountry skills and campers went above and beyond to learn the requirements for their Backpacking Basics. **Amy Brownstein** earned her Backpacking Basics first term. **Libby**

Munson, Quinn Plummer, Kelly Larabee, and Sarah McCue earned their Backpacking Patch second term.

The hiking counselors, Elise and Dottie, led the women on some amazing day trips. They went to beautiful lakes and climbed many peaks. On their feature hikes first term they climbed up Circle Peaks Lakes, 7 Mountains on the Front Range, Pagoda, and Indian Scalp. Second term, they climbed up Ships Prow, Eagles Beak, the Grand Slam, and Circle Peaks. **Annie Dunn, Amelia Parmidge, Emma Rosen and Rebecca Stubbs** worked to build mountaineering knowledge and earned their Hiking Patch.

Gwyn and Melanie taught horsemanship skills. Waking up every day to care for the horses, groom, saddle and muck the stalls was a real learning experience for the Senior Chipeta riders. Several girls had the opportunity to learn from the wranglers' extensive horsemanship knowledge. **Kathryn Ikenberry** earned her Riding Basics. **Megan Fenton, Emily Hupf, Amelia Parmidge, Torrey Hayden, Alice Hodgkins, Terra Johnson, Sammy Lovas, Lauren Ringler, Lauren Stafford, and Micky Winter** earned their Riding Patch.

Mountain Biking with Nessa was always a challenging and chill adventure. She led all-day rides to Stanley Park, Gypsy Grounds, and Lyons, 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 food. **Katherine Scholle** went above and beyond to earn her Mountain Biking basics. Senior Chipetans who earned their Mountain Biking Patch were **Kailey Blunt, Katelyn Goodman, Amy Nystrand, Jessie Williams, Jacque Bartee, Nicole Moss, and Micky Winter**.

Maria 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 24-hour Solo trips were a great opportunity for the girls to experience a night on their own and be able to reflect on their experiences at camp as well as their life at home.

Amber's riflery program was very impressive this summer with safety, shooting skills, and listening being her biggest priorities. Kneeling patches were earned by **Austin Powers, Haley Plotkin, and Jan Rosenberg**. Standing recognitions were earned by **Alli Ezzo, Lisa McGrady, Jan Rosenberg, and Hannah Siebens**. Many different counselors led Archery this summer, like Tiffany, Lori, and Maria. Superstar archers were **Caroline Healy, Haley**



Plotkin, Jacque Barte, Grace Davidson, Daisha Hart, and Hannah Scott.

Crafts was so fun and interesting this year with Hannah. She helped the girls make many interesting projects like tie-dye clothing, moccasins, wallets, purses out of books, clocks, and all sorts of jewelry. On the gallery tours, she helped them learn to think about art, critique art, and they enjoyed the artistic work in Estes Park.

Some campers went out to experience it all! On The Trail patches were earned by **Annie Cornell, Anna Flickinger, Kathryn Ikenberry, Amelia Parmidge, Sophia Peaslee, Kate Angus, Jacque Barte, Sahale Bradford, Brigitte Bushnell, Rowan Meredith, Nicole Moss, Emily Sandefer, Katherine Scholle, and Micky Winter.**

Campfires this summer with Laura were so much fun and a great way to end every evening in camp. Some highlights were the square dances, discos with Lower Ski Hi, a hypnotist show second term, All-Camp Campfire, and so many more evenings hanging out and bonding with the wonderful women of Senior Chipeta.

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. Those women receiving their Gold Key were **Sahale Bradford, Julie Denison, Jessica Gold, Annie Dunn, Colleen Horne, Libby Munson and Micky Winter.**

What a summer! We all dreamed big dreams and challenged ourselves to try new things and create new relationships. What a wonderful time of learning and playing in the mountains! Thanks to everyone who made it possible and thank you to the parents for sharing your daughters with us this summer. 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 2007.

The Women of Senior Chipeta



HAIYAH

It is hard to imagine that now our campers are back sitting in their desks at school and hanging out with friends at home when all our experience with them is in



*You learn well
that which you practice most.*

hiking and riding the trails of the RMNP and surrounding areas and meeting in the Teepee to talk about the day, sing songs and play games. Our summer, trite as it seems to say, flew by amazingly fast and seemed to end before we knew it. Before it passed, however, we accomplished some extraordinary goals and learned some great lessons. On the backpacking and hiking trails and on the mountain bikes we learned to push ourselves beyond our limits and to help our friends get beyond theirs. Down at the barns and riding the trails we learned about developing empathy and making connections with the horses. In crafts we learned about the discipline and focus necessary to turn creative ideas into a beautiful product, just as on the riflery and archery ranges we practiced focus and self-control. On overnights trips we learned about planning and self-sufficiency. More than anything, however, Haiyaha worked to learn the lessons of living in a community and being part of a greater whole. This summer we saw many campers make impressive choices — passing up a particular program to allow another camper to experience it for the first time at signups, deciding that encouraging a struggling hiker was more important than being first to the peak, trying out programs that we were apprehensive about, and many more.

Joe Hardin and Andrew Dietrich led our hikers on a very successful summer schedule of hikes, and with their help **Alex Shafernich** earned his Basics recognition and **Dan Crotty**, and **Ben Ashby** earned their Hiking Patches. **Brad Penoyer** and **Albert Starshack** received their Backpacking Patches from Nick Davis and Sean Hoban, who led our backpacking crews to some of the most beautiful destinations across the National Park, the Never Summers, and the Indian Peaks. **Max Kudisch** and **Vince Wilson** earned their Backpacking Basics. Chris MacDonald led our Mountain Bikers this term with the help of General Counselor Austin Turner, Crafts Counselor Erik Culver and others, and, as has been the case for the last few years, Mountain Biking was one of our most popular programs. **Dan Crotty, Charlie Ronan, Frank Winsett, Rob Gray, and Brian Fauver** went the extra mile to earn their Mountain Biking Patch. Wranglers Ben Ellis, Andrew Powell, and Shawn Ness inspired quite a crop of riders to strive for their Riding Patch, and **Andrew Palmquist, Ben**



*What we see depends on
what we are looking for.*



Johnson, Will Johnston, Hagan Dooley, Henry Warrington, Brian Fauver, Gardner Wolter, Patrick White, Will Horne, Peter Wiese, and Ben Ashby mastered the materials and earned their patches. Clay Cowgill, in addition to his duties as a Relief Wrangler and Riflery counselor, managed our Outcamping program and worked with **Nick Shanley** to earn his Outcamping Patch. On the rifle range our top recognitions for the year went to **Carl Tassell** and **Ian Gentner** (Kneeling Specialist patches) and **Will Winsett** and **John Courtney** (Standing Specialist patches). In archery **Ben Harris, Charlie Ronan, Sam Backlund, and Buck Spiller** achieved their Gold Arrows. Erik Culver and Bill Kalbac worked with many of our campers to turn out some beautiful crafts projects, especially the carved wooden gnome by **Alex Rowe**.

A number of campers demonstrated their all-around ability and desire to get the most out of camp by earning their On the Trail Patches, which require fifteen days spent out of camp and a good balance of activities: **Will Sobo, Brian Fauver, Will Searle, James Pelz, Nick Shanley, Ian Gentner, Rory Jack, David Brown, and Hunter Chamberlain** earned their On the Trail Patch. During first term two campers achieved some of the pinnacles of performance on program. **Brad Thoms** received the Tyrolean, an extraordinary recognition of skill, knowledge and spirit in Backpacking and Hiking. **Brian Fauver** achieved the Gold Spurs, which require excellent performance across the board; recipients must earn four of their program patches and achieve excellent results in riflery, archery and crafts, as well.

Throughout the summer Campfire Counselor Drew Reynolds helped us to set the tone in the unit with our campfire program, which is one of the key ingredients in making the Code of Living a vibrant part of our experience. The Code of Living, developed by the campers, forms the core of the Haiyaha Brotherhood, and the following campers were selected to receive the Gold Key because they provided an excellent example of adhering

to the Code: **Charlie McGillivray, Mike O'Malley, Brian Fauver, Alex Tran, Sam Sternberg, Brad Thoms, Will Joekel, Ben Kahn, and J. P. Stilz.**

Our campers are at home and school now, and our counselors and directors have returned home to school and work. All of us have carried back with us the lessons we have learned this summer, as Haiyaha, its activities, its Code of Living, and its brotherhood have pushed us to broaden our horizons and challenged us to grow and develop towards becoming the men we want to be. We look forward to seeing many of them again next year, and wish all of our campers and their families a wonderful school year.



CHIPETA

The constant laughter, encouragement, and fun that filled Chipeta all summer has disappeared. Although the continuous activity of campers has come to an end, all of us will remember the summer of 2006 for various reasons. It was a summer full of many good times with friends, many challenges, many hard choices, and many successes.

Among the things we won't forget were our horseback rides with Meryll Pohl, Meg Wiese, Anne Killough (1st term) and Adele London (2nd Term) to places like Storm Pass, Pierson Park, and who can forget our favorite ride, Eugenia Mines? Every day was full of adventure and good times with the horses and the wranglers. They taught the girls many skills and the horseshows proved how much the girls learned throughout the term. Earning Riding Patches or RP's this summer were: **Jordyn Sessel, Caroline Joyce, Victoria Hare, Kelly MacFarland, Jessica Higgins, Helena Walker, Jo Jensen, Sarah Duncan, Missy Borgman, Alexis Alberini, Boo Robertson, Sarah McMichael, Suzy Wilson, Katherine Thomas, Virginia Rolfe, Katie Hickey, Jo Haller, Emma Marshall, Emily**



Horne, Courtney Horne, Anya Christy, Hannah Searle, Ashley-Kate Hubred, and Alex Richards. Way to go on a job well done!

Many of us challenged ourselves on hikes with Amanda Nielson and Ellyn Williams. We will always remember how proud we felt when we peaked those mountains and sang "Netherlands" on top. The inspiring views from the top of Crags, Meeker, Ida, Chief Cheley, Cracktop, Audubon and many other mountains inspired campers to hike day after day. Beautiful mountain lakes such as: Bluebird, Emerald, Dream, and Ypsilon Lake remind us of our summer in Chipeta and the beautiful Rocky Mountains. The girls receiving their Hiking Patch this summer were: **Lisa Clark, Sarah Coleman, Jenny Evans, Annie Kapnick, Ellen Smith, Kylie Beltz, Ellie Brown, and Callie Hiner.** Congratulations – great job!

Backpacking and outcamping were very memorable programs this summer. Lindsay Wolff and Jessica Brunsma were quite the backpacking team and they loved going to 4th of July Mines, Sandbeach Lake, Fern Lake, Battle Mountain, Ditch Camp, Gray Jay, and Finch Lake. They passed along their knowledge of the backcountry and our girls had amazing experiences. Backpacking Patches were earned by: **Elizabeth Coco, Abigail Conde, Maggie Hull, and Kelsie Ward.**

On outcamps we stayed busy learning games, cooking great food, and mastering "Leave No Trace" techniques. Valen Mera and Cindy Moore kept us busy and showed us a great time at places like Tee Pee Village, Rockstock and TE Crossing. Outcamp patches were earned by: **Jessica Bishop, Alison Hix, and Elise Newman.** Excellent job!

Lots of Chipetans spent at least 15 of our 18 days on program out of camp—hiking, riding, outcamping, rafting, backpacking, and technical climbing. Over 65 girls earned their On the Trail patch this summer. Way to go ladies! Other campers spent a lot of time trying everything that Chipeta has to offer. They sampled all the program areas, helped with campfires and cookouts, and more. Over 20 girls earned their Pinecone Patches – congratulations!

While all of the Chipetans wore their Blue Kerchiefs with pride and followed the Code of Living, there were a few campers who proved to be role models to all and were recognized with the Silver Spurs. The 2006 Silver Spur recipients are: **Kylie Beltz, Ellie Brown, Sarah**



*We see things
not as They are, but as We are.*

McMichael, Kelly Kern, Kelsey Leonard, Casie Peet, Whitney Powel, Katie Reichman, Lily Ross, and Ellen Smith.

In-camp activities were always a blast. Hanging out with Lindsay Kowalski (K-Wal) and Amy Rossiter in the crafts and ceramics shops, campers learned to make silver rings and jewelry, vintage shirts, memory books, and create ceramics. Sarah Naughton kept us all in high spirits while playing soccer, rafting, teaching us archery, and belaying us in technical climbing. And of course we all enjoyed Nicole Mikkelson (Mick) and her great enthusiasm at the riflery range.

The summer of 2006 was a fantastic one in Chipeta. Allison Volk taught us many great camp songs and organized awesome campfires like Improv Night, Spa Night, and Talent Night. We loved to come back to Chipeta after days on activity to see Directors Jenn Sass and Kate Wall in the unit. But it was the best when they came on program with everyone! Their warmth, enthusiasm, and guidance helped make the summer of 2006 the best one yet in Chipeta. For all of us, this summer was one to remember. The friends and memories we made will always be a part of us. Always remember, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent," and "You can feel the spirit rise where 'ere you go." Remember to light your friendship candle on December 24th and know that we all will be thinking of each other and the many special memories we shared.



SKI HI

As the leaves begin to change and the days grow colder, we have time to remember the wonderful moments we experienced in Ski Hi this summer and look towards the summer of 2007. We will always remember the sunsets over the Mummy Range, great games of basketball, singing in Ski Hi Lodge, playing Foosball and Ping-Pong on the porch, Playday, All-Camp Campfire, and all the great memories from activity.

The summer was a great opportunity to set goals and



The only job you start at the top is digging a hole.



work to achieve them. All of us had the opportunity to try new things in archery, riflery, crafts, woodworking, technical climbing, fishing, sports, and teambuilding on the challenge course. We also experienced some great hikes, horseback rides, backpacks, and outcamps. Many recognitions were achieved in archery and riflery while other campers were creating some non-traditional crafts in the craft shop, like a claymation set first term and a massive castle assault board game second term.

The horseback riding program was strong this summer and we were able to ride to a number of wonderful destinations, including Pierson Park, Pierson Meadow, Eugenia Mines, Gypsy Grounds, and The Outpost Corral. We also worked on our skills in the riding ring in both English and Western saddles. The horseshow at the end of the term gave everyone an opportunity to show off the skills they learned during the summer. We had 11 campers earn their Riding Patch this summer: **Will Baizer, Andy Blaylock, Brian Lindback, Jr., Kieran Edstrom, Matt Torres, Zach Waterhouse, Nick Whitlow, Henry Manning, Brian Brazzale, Reid Aronstein, and Luke Hart.**

The hiking program was also a tremendous success this summer. We set off to destinations including Long's Peak, Bighorn Mountain, Black Lake, Twin Sisters, The Loch, Ida, Battle Mountain, Chasm Lake and Pawnee, and Toll! We will never forget having snowball fights in the middle of the summer at 10,000 feet. Congratulations to those who received their Hiking Patch: **Everett Brownstein, Hampton Brunner, Tanner Nichols, Bill Angel, Daniel Peaslee, Reid Aronstein, Jay Dumanian, and Jay Pate-naude.**

The backpacking/outcamping programs gave us a great opportunity to sleep under the stars and learn how to take care of ourselves in the wilderness. The outcamps visited the Meadow Outpost, TE Crossing, Tee Pee Village and Pierson Meadow. With the separation of the Backpacking and Outcamping Patches the campers were able to focus their energy towards patches that suit their particular style. The campers that earned their outcamping patch were: **Alex Wirth, Zac Tanner, Alex Duncan, Matt LeJeal, Chris Eliot, John Hosmer, and Tim McCall.** The backpackers hiked into destinations including Big Meadows, Battle Mountain, Gray Jay, and Sand Beach Lake.

The recipients of the backpacking patch were: **Tyler Petersen, Everett Brownstein, Hampton Brunner, Tim McCall, Jay Dumanian, Matt Ross, Tyler Shortt, Luke Gardner, Nick Vann, and Chris Eliot.**

Over 60 of the Ski Hi campers received their On the Trail Patch. We also want to recognize six campers who decided to try a little bit of everything and work towards their Pinecone Patch. Recipients were: **Ethan Hill, Ryan LeJeal, Alex Wirth, Brendan French, Luke Hart, and Nick Vann.**

Nine Ski Hi campers received their Silver Spurs. Fellow campers and counselors selected these young men because they exemplified their Code Of Living. This summer's recipients were **Bill Angel, Everett Brownstein, David Tran, Eli Arata-Reshes, Jay Dumanian, Chris Eliot, Bobby Hosmer, Tyler Shortt, and Reid Aronstein.**

Ski Hi Lodge is just not the same without the sounds of Ski Hi Campers; there are no chants of "Mail Call," the unit song, taps, or campers anxious for meals. The summer of 2006 will always hold a special place in our hearts. When we light our friendship candles during the holiday season, we will remember the lessons we learned, the challenges we overcame, and the meaningful friendships we developed. We look forward to our next summer together with great anticipation!



LOWER CHIPETA

P.E.A.N.U.T.S. ! No we're not talking about that famously shelled nut, but rather an important message we learned here at Cheley this summer. **People Enjoying Awesome Nature Unplugged This Summer.** The chimes of instant messaging, ringing of cell phones, and the constant need for headphones on our ears disappeared for a few weeks. Instead we developed new friendships, laughed a lot, and shared stories of our great times, adventures, and activities. We filled our time hiking, riding, crafting, outcamping, dancing, and fishing. We learned all about archery, riflery, and climbing. But most importantly we learned that there is plenty of fun to be had in these gorgeous Rocky Mountains.

We talked a lot about our full-day and half-day horse-



back rides. Melissa Gonzalez (1st term), Sydne Harwick (2nd term), Jaime Kellogg, and Jackie Shay led their riders to many beautiful destinations such as Storm Pass, Gypsy Grounds, and Strawberry Hill. The wranglers also worked with the girls on their riding form and style to prepare them for the horse shows at the end of each term. Quite a few girls worked hard to earn the Riding Patch. The Patch requirements include knowing how to properly saddle and bridle a horse, being able to name parts of the horse, knowing how to tie three knots, and much more. First term RP recipients were: **Annie Duncan, Danielle Golub, Brindley House, Beth Hoy, Genna Huff, Rebecca Mae Humphreys, Gabrielle Jansen, Erin O'Kelley, Elizabeth Padgett, Katherine Padon, and Carson Peacock.** Second term Patches went to: **Allison Beers, Shelley Cochran, Elena Bird, Brittany Glassberg, Alexis Huron, Grady Randolph, Charlie Sinkula, Olivia Swartz, Miranda Symcox, Mackenzie Timbel, and Isley Walker.** RP Basics recipients 1st term were: **Madison Neusel and Megan Rash.** 2nd term RP Basics recipients were: **Jessica Preston and Wittney Skigen.**

Truly inspiring stories were told of days spent hiking. Jill Fitzgerald and Rebecca Williams led hikes to incredible lakes, meadows, waterfalls and up several challenging peaks. We trekked to Dream, Emerald, and Haiyaha Lakes, Flatop Mountain, Sandbeach Lake and Ouzel Falls to name just a few of our destinations. First term Chipmunk Patches were earned by **Allie Hoy and Elena Wirth.** Second term Chipmunk Patches were earned by **Anna Curry, Kate Dumanian, Livia Greene, Morgan McGonagle, Katie Scruggs, and Emma Shure.** Reading maps, naming peaks, and hiking safely in the mountains were just a few of the requirements needed to earn this special patch.

Outcamps with Maria Horne and Natalie Albright-Ross were so much fun. There are many happy stories to share about the outcamps to Rockstock, Gypsy Grounds, and TE Crossing. Girls who met the numerous requirements for the Outcamping Patch were especially conscious of their responsibility to Leave No Trace! Outcampers who received the Patch first term were **Morgan Bills, Isabel Bujosa, Sarah Connors, Becca Cox, Grace Anne D'Amico, Genna Huff, Alexandra MacMahon, Maggie Mullins, Emma Noyes, Grace Ann Odom, Peyton Wall, and Tess Westenhaver.** Second term campers who earned their patch were **Elena Bird, Cate Ellison, Quincie Glim-**



*To the person who looks up,
the sky is the limit.*

cher, Regan McComb, and Morgan McGonagle.

In-camp programs provided opportunities for skill building in a number of areas. The climbing wall inside the Dome was also a popular program. Potential technical climbers learned basic skills in the Dome and many campers earned their Spider Patches under the watchful eyes of Whitney Gaskill and Heidi Rossiter. First term Spiders were: **Aimee Bonnain, Becca Cox, Anna Curry, Selina Foster, Rebecca Mae Humphreys, Megan King, Emilie Padgett, Heather Pippus, Natalie Smith, Sara Thompson, Claire Weiler, and Annie Duncan.** Second Term Patches went to: **Cate Ellison, Daniela Esquer, Audrey Hetzel, Mika Mestek, Isabel Reeves, Alice Ryan, Marigny Strauss, Mackenzie Timbel, and Gracie Yarborough.**

Even though the riflery range is quiet now, this was not the case over the summer! Beth Crotty made sure riflery was fun, but her emphasis was always on safety and precision. A large number of girls, too many to list here, not only participated in the program but received recognition as well!

Heidi also inspired many girls to sharpen their archery skills. Many of these young archers received recognition that attested to their skill with a bow and arrow. White Arrow recipients were: **Lauren Fillipitch, Susan Hecox, Audrey Hetzel, Hailey Hunter, Alexis Huron, Abby Mayo, Kali Rosenberg, Miranda Symcox, and Annie Laurie Vann.** A Black Arrow was received by **Abby Mayo** and a Red Arrow was received by **Emma Shure.** Great job ladies!

Ashlie Miller and her campers made dazzling tie-dye Cheley tee-shirts, sand art, beautiful balloon flip-flops, dream catchers, pottery, and jewelry. Our artists-in-residence created some lovely projects!

Our happy days were ended with Ivy Adams wonderful campfires that culminated in Recognition Night. It was so exciting to see campers receive recognition for all their hard work this summer. We were all surprised to see how far and how high we had hiked, how many days we had slept in our sleeping bags on outcamps, and how many horses we had ridden. The Silver Coup was presented to the girls who were selected as outstanding representatives of our Code of Living. First term recipients were:



A lot of people look for employment, but few look for work.



Maggie Mullins and Brindley House. Second term Coups went to: **Elena Bird, Kathryn Eliot, Meg Herr, Emma Shure, and Wittney Skigen.**

As the holiday season approaches in December with its bright lights and happy times, our friendship candles will help us recall the brightness of our summer days at Cheley. Those candles we lit on the final night in camp as we stood together in our last friendship circle will remind us of our shared adventures. Light your friendship candle on December 24th and remember your friends in Lower Chipeta and the unforgettable summer you spent together in Colorado's awesome mountains. We'll see you all again next summer!



LOWER SKI HI

Yet another glorious summer has come to an end here at Cheley Camps Colorado. Throughout the summer we met many challenges and learned many lessons. We all bonded in that special Lower Ski Hi way, all while enjoying great food, exciting program, and relaxation in Hidden House. We are all amazed at how fast this summer has passed while staying busy high up in the mountains. Our summer home is now empty, void of the campers and staff who are already thinking ahead to next summer.

The summer was a great opportunity to set goals and work to achieve them. All of us had the opportunity to try new things in archery, riflery, crafts, woodworking, technical climbing, fishing, sports, and teambuilding on the challenge course. We also experienced some great hikes, horseback rides, outcamps, and even a backpack. Many recognitions were achieved in archery and riflery while other campers were spending much of their summer on the trails either hiking or riding horses.

The Hiking Program was a tremendous success this summer. We set off to destinations including Bear Lake, Sky Pond, Blue Lake, Twin Sisters, Half Mountain, Sarabun Snowfields, An-

drew's Tarn, and Fern Lake. We also had three early breakfast hikes to Mt Ida, Blue Bird Lake, and the Flattop, Hal-let, Otis 3-peak hike. We will never forget having snowball fights in the middle of the summer at 10,000 feet. Congratulations to those who received their hiking patch:

Peter Rosston, Thomas House, John Corbett, Max Bucksbaum, Austin Krueger, Alex Roederer, Jose Martin Borbon, and Randy Slocum.

The outcamping program gave us a great opportunity to sleep under the stars and learn how to take care of ourselves in the wilderness. The outcamps visited the Meadow Outpost, TE Crossing, Tee Pee Village, Rockstock, and Pierson Meadow. Our campers learned many skills to help them survive on their own in the wilderness, away from the modern conveniences. The campers that earned their outcamping patch were: **Ed McMahon, Ty Gilhuly, Ben Decker, Malcolm McDonald, Thomas House, Gaddis House, David Connelly, Niko Pappas, Drew Wallace, Ben Stassen, Brennick Thompson, Spencer Reppond, Sam Yarborough, and Tyler Strauss.**

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The climbing wall was busy this summer as well. Campers learned how to put on a harness and developed the basics in belaying and climbing. They enjoyed the different challenges offered by the many routes available on the wall. The campers that achieved their Spider Patch in climbing were: **Logan Schaefer, Casey Rosenfeld, Graham Larson, Peter Rosston, Spencer Schneider, Ty Gilhuly, Nash Baughn, Avi Becker, Ted Billock, Drew Blaske, Lucio Bours Aviles, Evan Chang-Tung, Rayne Crossen, Michael Fisher, Christophe Foyer, Tommy Herr, Derek Hix, Bret Johnson, Harris Lummis, Devin Mayhew, Holden McComb, Tristan**



Robinson, Riley Scannell, Randy Slocum, Tyler Strauss, Tucker Sutton, Brennick Thompson, Theo Ubben, Sam Yarborough, and Bruno Zicarelli.

We also want to recognize a group of campers who decided to try a little bit of everything and work towards their Circle of Stars. **Aymeric Foyer, Christophe Foyer, Evan Chang-Tung, JT Tran, Riley Scannell, Lucio Bours Aviles, Steven Podlasek, Jose Martin Borbon, Theo Ubben, Tyger Salter, Tyler Strauss, Tucker Sutton, and Duncan Walgreen.**

Ten Lower Ski Hi campers received their Silver Coup. Fellow campers and counselors selected these young men because they exemplified their Code Of Living. This summers' recipients were **Evan Chang-Tung, Aymeric Foyer, Charlie Akers, Bruno Zicarelli, Randy Slocum, Drew Wallace, Peter Rosston, Aidan Schorsh, and David Connolly.**

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*Here's to friendship –
a two-way street with no stop signs.*



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