



CAMP OPENING ISSUE ... 2008

The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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Who Are YOUR Leaders?

I have enjoyed (at times) watching the candidates for President as they battle it out this year. With the Democratic National Convention in Denver this summer, it has been fun keeping up with all of the political battles taking place. I have had some interesting discussions with people about their choices and the reasons they support their candidate. Some people are choosing their leader because he is a charismatic speaker or promises hope for the future, others are supporting their leader because of her experience and background, and still others support their leader because he has served his time and he is a decorated supporter of our country. A good friend of mine made the comment that "he doesn't need to like his President." It is an interesting comment. Do we choose our leaders because we like them and relate with them, or because we support their views, or because we are confident in their leadership?

We have to be careful about those we choose to follow. There are many accomplished leaders out there who have had severe impacts on history. Hitler was an accomplished leader, Osama bin Ladin was an accomplished leader. Both of them were able to build strong followers of their mission and had negative impacts on the world.

We choose leaders throughout our lives. Whether it is the group of friends we are going to hang out with, the coach we are going to play for, or the person we are going to work with. These leaders can have positive or negative impacts on our lives and the lives of those special to us.

Why do you choose the leaders you follow? Do they support your values and morals? Do they have integrity? Are they leading you in a direction you want to go? Are you a leader for others? Are you leading with integrity and strong moral values? We will all choose many more leaders in our lifetime. Make sure you are choosing your leaders for the right reason.

— Jeff Cheley



Trigger Bill says...

**NO ONE EVER
CLIMBED A MOUNTAIN
JUST BY LOOKING AT IT**



*Footprints in the
sands of time
are not made
by sitting down*



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Enrollment Desk Update!

Our 88th summer brings us campers from 41 states and 9 foreign countries! The states we are missing are Alaska, Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. We would love help recruiting in those areas. Please let us know if you have friends, family or any leads that would help us reach our goal of at least one camper representing all 50 states.

Our second term is getting close to full; we have a few spots left in Lower Ski Hi, Ski Hi, Haiyaha, BTE, Chipeta and Senior Chipeta. We have wait lists in the other units for that term. Our first term has space available in each unit. If you know anyone interested in camp for this summer, assure them that it is not too late to contact us.

To enroll you will need to complete our application and send it in with a deposit. The application can be found at www.cheley.com.



Important 2008 Dates for Campers and Staff

May 16: Cheley Business office moves from Denver to Estes Park

May 21: Pre-Camp work crew begins

June 2: Riding Counselors and Barn Crew Arrive

June 3: Transportation Crew Arrives

June 5: Directors and Asst. Directors Arrive

June 6-7: Wilderness First Aid Training

June 8: All staff arrive for staff training

June 18: First Term campers arrive

July 14: First Term campers depart

July 14-16: Mid-term trip

July 16: Second term campers arrive

August 11: Second term campers depart

August 12-17: Family Camp

August 18-25: Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp

2008 Staff: Ready for Action

Our staff for the 88th summer is almost completely set. Paul got a great start on our returning staff and started the interviewing process early this year for new staff. It has put us a few weeks ahead on the entire staffing process.

We have about 58% returning from previous years, 65% combining returning campers and counselors, and 35% are new people to Cheley coming with new and fresh ideas.

We currently have a few select openings (changing on a daily basis). If you know any qualified individuals who would be a great fit at Cheley this summer, ask them to call us for information.

Phone before May 11: Denver 303-377-3616; after May 11, Estes Park, 970-586-4244. Or they can email any time at office@cheley.com

GETTING MAIL AT CAMP!

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Land O' Peaks campers and staff:

YOUR NAME
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Lower Chipeta, Ski Hi, Chipeta,
Haiyaha, Senior Chipeta)
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Trail's End campers and staff:

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Note: **do not use "Cheley Colorado Camps"** for Trail's End addresses as it takes several days longer for delivery.

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Kelli Kline Joins the Year-Round Team

Kelli Kline is the newest member of the year round team as our new Enrollment Manager. Kelli moved to Denver in early February from Cadillac, Michigan. She is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in Outdoor Recreation. She spent many years working in experiential education with the Adventure Learning Center at Eagle Village.

Kelli brings great experience in working behind the scenes to help others succeed in providing a quality experience for youth. She is new to Cheley Camps and is learning about the Cheley Experience every day. She is excited to meet all of our camp families and see camp in action this summer.

When Kelli is not checking in camp forms or talking to camp families, she enjoys living close to the mountains where she can work on her kayaking and snowboarding skills. She also enjoys volunteering and spent a week in New Orleans with her church right before she joined our team.

Be sure to find her and introduce yourself when you are at camp this summer. We are excited that she has joined us. You can reach Kelli in the Denver office at 303-377-3616 or by email at Kelli@cheley.com.



Whenever the going seems easy, make sure you're not going downhill

CALLING ALL DOCTORS!

We are excited to welcome the following volunteer doctors for this summer. **Dr. Beth Pletcher, Dr. Greg Dumanian, and Dr. Cathy Lipton** will be joining us throughout second term. Each day, we ask that they are available for rounds after breakfast and then again after dinner.

During the day, they are available to enjoy Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park, and enjoy as much of camp life as their schedules permit.

We have openings for volunteer doctors for all four weeks of first term if you are interested in joining us for a week this summer. It is a great way to spend some time in the Rockies with your family. Please email Paul@cheley.com or call the camp office.

From a Camper ...

Everyone will have a triumph.
Everyone will take part in an adventure.
Everyone will experience a breathtaking moment.

But you can't stumble upon a triumph.
You can't come by an adventure.
And a breathtaking moment is hard to see by accident.

So choose a path that leads to triumph.
Step up to an adventure.
Plot a course to a breathtaking moment.
And you will be rewarded.

*Written by Jennifer Klink,
Lower Chipeta*

Mark Your Calendars for 2009!

Applications and/or information for enrolling for Cheley in 2009 will be sent out with your camper's report after the second week of camp. If you are coming to our Horse Show or Final Weekend, you can enroll then as well.

We enroll on a first-come, first-served basis, and we have had units fill during our Final Weekend. Please do not assume that because a particular unit was slow to fill up one year that is always the case. We hate telling returning families that they are on a wait list, so please enroll early. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Our dates for the summer of 2009 are below. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

First Term 2009 June 17th - July 13th

Second Term 2009 July 15th - Aug. 10th



WELCOME "KATE"

Ellie Klebe and her parents welcome **Katherine (Kate) Cheley Klebe**. Baby Kate was born on March 14th at 7:00 am and weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches tall. Pappy (**Don**), Grammy Cici (**Carole**) and Uncle **Austin** were in New Orleans to welcome Kate to the world. Ellie is a sweet big-sister most of the time and continues to entertain everyone with new words and skills.

Brooke and **Kurt** want to raise strong-willed children who will be able to stand up for what they believe in, however that is not always convenient when they are two. Kate will probably spend a lot of time at camp in a baby bjorn, and Ellie is looking forward to playing with the campers this summer.



Truth has only
to change hands
a few times
to become fiction



SOME QUESTIONS FOR BROOKE

[SECOND OF A SERIES]

Brendan French from PA – *What do you miss the most about camp during the winter? What don't I miss? I miss the smell of the dirt after it rains. I miss listening to the Ski Hi boys playing basketball out my window. I miss unit songs under the stars. I miss the interaction with so many wonderful people. I miss watching the growth that takes place with each camper and staff member through the summer. I feel so grateful that I have it to look forward to each year.*

Sarah Duncan from TX – *Have you ever tried telemark skiing or that thing with the super short skis that are like 2 feet long? I started telemark skiing in 1996 when I became interested in back-country skiing, it was before it had gotten big. I remember it being so fun to have a new challenge. One day I came to the office with a sunburned stripe on my cheek because I had forgotten my sunscreen and used chapstick for sun protection. I missed a couple of spots and had a funny looking burn on my face. Bo Winslow made fun of me all day. I have also tried the short skis once and it was just OK*

The McCall Family from PA – *Can you still land a double lutz? No, I am afraid not. I wish I still could. When I quit ice skating, I quit cold turkey. I wish I would have kept skating but my efforts were more focused on skiing and dancing. I would like to play hockey but you don't see many mothers of two missing their front teeth. Someday when my kids are older I will see if I can do it.*

Eleanor Hooper from OR – *I have an eight year old cousin who is a figure skater. She is nervous about going to Cheley because she is afraid she will get too behind in her skating! As a former figure skater, what would you say to my cousin Lindsey to convince her to come to Cheley? I am grateful to have confidence and experience with different activities. Despite what my skating and dance coaches wanted, I feel time at camp made me more well rounded. As an adult, I realize how lucky I am to have had many different and varied experiences rather than specializing in one area. My coach in 8th grade was worried I would return home from camp out of shape. Actually, I was in better shape and more focused. Taking a break from your specialized sport is so healthy.*

Arianna Pattek from FL – *How did you perfect your awesome Michael Jackson dancing? Thank you for the compli-*

ment but I am still working to perfect it. Watching MTV in the 80s (when all they showed was clean music videos), dancing at Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs, and dancing at weddings. Now I keep my skills sharp dancing every year at camp, even when I am 6 months pregnant.

Brian Fauver from CO – *How did you make the decision to move to New Orleans? Are you involved with the rebuilding there at all? My husband works for Enterprise Rent-a-Car and he was promoted to a position in New Orleans. We moved here from North Carolina almost two years ago. He is responsible for working to improve the company in Southern Louisiana.*

I am the type of person that always feels I could be doing more. We have helped rebuild some houses and playgrounds. But more than that, we had the faith to move our family here for awhile a year after Katrina while many people were moving away. We feel good that we are doing our part to contribute to the community by providing good jobs through Kurt's company, spreading the word to people to send their children to Cheley and welcoming and hosting many first-time visitors to the city. It has taken awhile to adjust to life here but it is a fantastic city.

Spencer Mayer from CA – *Is it fun to live in New Orleans? Do you miss the Rocky Mountains? We have loved living in New Orleans. I love the diversity, the food, the culture and the weather (especially since I go to Colorado for the hot summers). I am afraid that when we move Ellie will wonder why there are not so many parades. I do miss the mountains, my family and friends, skiing, and Heidi the dog.*

Autumn Dern from CO – *What is the cutest thing Kate has done? By the way great name choice! Of course I am her mother so I think everything she does is cute. The way she looks into your eyes, her little noises and her hiccups. Ellie will walk by and kiss Kate's forehead, which I love to see. I am glad you like the name.*

Emilie and Aymeric Foyer from France – *Does Brooke have a dog? and if so is it a golden retriever like Heidi? I don't have a dog at this time but would like to have one sometime. We will probably wait until we move to Colorado. For now, Heidi gets all of my dog attention.*



CONGRATULATIONS ... 2008 CILTS

The Camper in Leadership Training program offers a few selected campers the opportunity to spend their final summer as a camper in a leadership position. During the summer, they will experience growth, responsibility, and experience what it is like to act in a leadership role.

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: **Kate Ruddy**

Girls' Trail's End 2nd Term: **Madeline Brooks, Madeline Dunn, Elizabeth Farnham, Katie Fletcher, Mary Jantsch, Joanna Powell**

Boys' Trail's End 1st Term: **Fulton Becker, Alex Johnson, Mac Schneider, Casey Sexton, Gabe Wilson**

Boys' Trail's End 2nd Term: **John Adams, Alex Brasher, Devon Haynes, Harrison Shure**

Senior Chipeta 1st Term: **Kailey Blunt, Molly Dulin, Erin Kristovich, Katherine Naughton, Amy Nystrand, Arianna Pattek**

Senior Chipeta 2st Term: **Natalie Bornstein, Lizzie Breeden, Elizabeth Dillon, Sammy Lovas, Sarah McCue, Caitlin McGonagle**

Haiyaha 1st Term: **Dan Crotty, Brian Fauver, Robert Gray, Max Kudisch, Tevis Paxton, Alexander Rowe, Frank Winsett, Will Winsett**

Haiyaha 2nd Term: **Chris Brown, Alex Dick, Charlie Herr, Adam Kahn, Brad Penoyer, Albert Starshak, John Stillman**
Congratulations to all!



A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you and congratulations to the first families who have all of their paperwork submitted. Those campers with all forms turned in are: **Emma Carroll, Erin and Sarah Dobell** (new campers), **Katie and Molly Dulin, Beth Ebisch, Mallory Ferguson, Taylor and Hannah Gohl** (new campers), **Kelsey Jackson, Erica Kleckner, Katie McFarren, Maddie Moore, Brad and Dan Penoyer** (third year in a row as one of the first families), **Chase Pierson** (new camper), **Sarah and Peter Rosston, David Sternburg, and Henry Zelenka**.

Your camper does contribute to filling out the forms, so thank you for getting their input and help. Please look soon for the forms to be available for downloading on our website www.cheley.com. You can print them out there, as well as the equipment list and Final Weekend schedule of events.

****Special note:** Please remember we need a copy of the front and back of your camper's insurance card. A faxed copy is usually too dark for us to read. Let us know if you have questions regarding this policy.

Good-bye Sarah Sanderman

Sarah Sanderman, our enrollment manager since the fall of 2004, decided to go back to school at the end of 2007. We are sorry to see her leave the organization.

Sarah has a wonderful history with Cheley Camps as a camper (Lower Chipeta, Chipeta, and Senior Chipeta), a counselor, the travel coordinator, a director in Senior Chipeta, and the past three years on the year-round staff. We will miss her sense of humor, her dedicated work ethic, and her proofreading skills (*she always made shur my gramer and punkuashun was correct*). She knew our camp families and spent much of her time helping new camp families as they prepared for their first summer at camp.

We wish Sarah the best of luck in her new adventures and know that we will always keep in touch with her because she has become part of the family over the years.

*Past experience
should be
a guidepost,
not a hitching post*



*If you want to make
an easy job difficult,
just keep putting it off*



Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

1940s

Margaret Jane (Andrews) Heidenreich (camper '48) writes about her excitement that two of her granddaughters Megan and Lauren attended Cheley last summer and three of her grandchildren will attend this summer.

1950s

Jane (Boyd) Carr (camper '51-'53) is living in Treadwell, NY and writes, "I think I was the only girl from the East in those days, except for Kyle Badham from Birmingham, AL. I loved Trail's End. I am closing in on 70 but remember camp with fond memories. I am professional artist and have 3 grown children and 8 grand children.

1970s

Jo Montgomery (camper '75-'77, staff '79-'80) was featured in the Ames Tribune with a story about her circus performing arts school for children in Seattle, Washington. "Since 2004, the school has been offering tumbling, juggling and acrobatic lessons as part of its philosophy of building self-esteem, physical health, and social interactions through circus arts."

Philip Williams (camper '64, staff '76-'86) wrote to inform us that his play, "Can't Live Without You" was produced by the Manhattan Repertory Theatre in New York City during their Winterfest 2008 series.

1980s

Cindy (Stadler) Mohr (camper '81-89) is married with three beautiful children and is living in Nebraska.

1990s

Lou Hopkins (staff '98-'03), **Jan Ruffien** (staff '56-'61, '00-'02) and **Marilee Long-Saxe** (camper '57-'58, staff '60-'63, '85-'86, '99-'01) traveled to Guatemala in March with St. Luke's United Methodist Church to build adobe houses and chicken coops. Great fun was had by all!

Andy Aldeen (staff '93-'94) has been living in Asia for the last 15 years, 7 in Tokyo and 8 in Hong Kong. He is Vice President in charge of the South East Asia bond trading desk for Cator-Fitzgerald. Andy is married to Chihiro Takashima and they have two children, Ted (5) who attends the Hong Kong International School and Sally (3) who attends the French School.

Tyler Pfizenmaier (camper '97-'98) is a junior at Kansas State University, majoring in Nutrition and Kinesiology.

2000s

Jack Holt (camper '00-'06) & **Cory Hankemeier** (camper '04-'06) are enjoying West Point. Out of 1300 freshman, they were in the same squad. Cory writes, "both of us really missed being at camp this summer. Instead of hiking the Rocky Mountains this summer, we were 'rucking' the Catskills and being taught how to be a soldier." Cory concluded by saying, "We truly believe that the skills and lessons taken from our summers in Estes Park have profoundly impacted our development as leaders and followers." Thanks for your service Cory and Jack.

Alex and **Peter McCall** (campers '04-'07) were members of the team that won the US Middle School Squash Nationals. Congrats to Alex and Peter.



WEDDING BELLS

Erin (Thoms) Graupman (staff '99-'02) was married in 2005 and has a beautiful son Brady Michael. She loves being a mother. "I think of Cheley often and treasure my memories. I hope to come back and see my kids attending as campers."

Allison (Street) Dickey (camper '84-'93) was married to fellow Houstonian on April 14, 2007. She now lives outside Houston in Kemah, Texas on Galveston Bay.

Elizabeth (Burney) Malinzak (camper '96-'99, staff '02) married Michael Malinzak on August 18, 2007 in Greensboro, NC. They are living in Durham where they are both students at the Duke University School of Medicine.

Erin (Simmons) Montgomery (camper '89-'93, staff '95) married Mike Montgomery in San Francisco in January 2007. Cheley alums at the celebration included **Charlotte Perkins, Melissa (McLaughlin) Wilson, Matt Garlinghouse,** and **Jim Simmons.**



FUTURE CAMPERS

Justin Sperry (staff '94-'97) and his wife Katie emailed to announce the birth of their second son, Ramsey Kelley, born on December 21, 2007. His older brother Raichle, three years old, is excited about the new addition to the family.

Martin and Ellen (Fringer) Osborne (staff '03-'04) of Wichita, KS, welcomed Iris Ellen to their family on February 25, 2008.

Kyle and **Renee (Richard) Riedel** are excited about the arrival of Magdalene Grace (Maggie) on October 2, 2007. Renee was a head cook in 2003 and an assistant cook in 2002. That means Maggie will enjoy wonderful meals prepared by her mother.

Christy (Collins) Carlson (staff '99) and her husband, Travis, celebrated the birth of their daughter Lily Grace on May 30, 2007. Christy and her family are living in Ft. Collins. They were married in Estes Park in September, 2004.

Nick DePreter (staff '01-'02, '04) wrote to tell us about the birth of his son Whitman Jake DePreter. Whitman was 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. At one week old, Nick already had Whitman out on the trail.

Liesl (Gormley) Spangler (camper '80-'88, staff '94-'95) and her husband Chris welcome their second child, John Dalton Spangler on April 10, 2008. His big sister Madison is being a great big sister.

*The one thing you
can give –
and still keep –
is your word*

Holidays "History Snippet" Brought Back Memories

Thanks to **Louis Ott, Laird Campbell** and **Richard Kane** for sending in stories about their time at camp. Richard writes, "In 1927, we climbed twin sisters on a cool to cold day. The ranger gave me a cup of hot tea. I still remember how good it tasted. It was a pretty good hike for a 9 year old camper."

A few alumni recognized people in the History Snippet. **Mark Melton** sent back the picture with seven campers and staff labeled. **Louis Ott** wrote back and recognized over 10 people in the picture. He also reminded us "my brother, **Sonny**, was 'Top Hand' that year and was awarded a little red Cocker Spaniel puppy and we named her 'Colorado Copper Penny' and she gave us two beautiful litters of red and blonde puppies over the 12 years." (*I am sure there are some parents out there that are glad we don't continue that tradition.*) It was Louis's first year at Trail's End when



BTE was actually located on the GTE property before they moved.

Laird Campbell also recognized a few people, including himself, in the picture.

And Laird, you should know that both Louis and Mark Melton recognized you in the History Snippet photo.



Success comes
in cans
... failure in can'ts



Donate Your Used Camping and Outdoor Equipment

A close friend of ours, **Ann McCollum** (past camper, staff person and current trainer during staff training), has contacted us regarding the Gear4Good program sponsored by The Mountain Fund. Gear4Good re-directs (recycles) the donations of outdoor gear and clothing to outdoor programs for at-risk or needy kids in the US and to other non-government outdoor programs around the world.

So far the recipients have included City Kids to Wilderness Project (Washington, DC) and Four Corners School of Outdoor (Utah) in the US and Climb High Foundation (Uganda) and the Mountain Porter Support Program (Nepal). These

programs can use packs, sleeping bags, boots, outerwear and other outdoor equipment.

We will have boxes available on opening day for our camp families to donate their items. Give your old outdoor items (that hot pink ski jacket from the 80s or those hiking boots/running shoes that no longer fit) a chance to live a longer life helping someone that can still benefit from them.

You can check out www.Gear4Good for more info on the program. You can also send clothing to Cheley Camps if you will not be here this summer, and we will pass it along to Ann.

HISTORY SNIPPET

Those who have visited the Cheley Museum in the Powerhouse have seen the barber chair which was used for years to assure that (boy) campers were "well-groomed" and looked good for camp life.

The barber came out from town every Sunday, and boys signed up for their appointments (or were signed up by their unit director!), especially at the end of the term for the return trip home. *Customs and times have changed over the years, haven't they?*





2008 Staff Our 88th Season

Land O' Peaks Ranch Girls' Camps

GIRLS' CAMP DIRECTOR – DEBBIE HENDERSON

SENIOR CHIPETA

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Land O' Peaks Ranch Boys' Camps

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BECOMING A PART OF THE CHELEY COMMUNITY

*It is easier to
do a job right
than to explain
why you didn't*

WHAT TO EXPECT

Some of you have experienced life at camp, and some of you are joining us for the first time. There can be nervousness and uncertainty either way. We have put a lot of time, training and practice into making your transition from home to camp as smooth as possible. We have an amazing staff hired for this summer. They will be here for at least nine days preparing for your arrival.

Cheley is a unique environment.

While with us, you can expect to:

- Meet new friends from around the world
- Learn to work through challenges with friends
- Safely express who you are
- Sleep outside under the stars
- Find your voice – become an advocate for yourself
- Lead a group of your peers
- Learn to make choices for yourself
- Try new activities and push yourself farther than you thought you could go
- Have Fun Plus!

In preparation to join our community please remember the following regarding electronics and other technology.

Camp is a great place to connect with friends, enjoy the outdoors and unplug for a while. With this in mind, we are letting you know that rechargeable electronics are not permitted. If you bring a digital camera, keep in mind that it is very difficult to recharge it and you won't be able to download the photos until you return home.

Camp is a great place to take photos and less expensive cameras work great, especially with our activities. Plus, the photographers will be taking pictures that will be uploaded to the Internet daily.

MAKING THE TRANSITION

Camp is a great place to be yourself for a while. We realize that campers are used to being on the go, multi-tasking and being over stimulated with technology throughout the day. We strive to make camp a peaceful place, with plenty of new activities to challenge your brain and your body.

To make your transition to camp



smooth, here are a few tips and tricks to keep in mind: ■ Bring pre-stamped, addressed envelopes so you can pop letters in the mail. ■ Bring a few photos from home to decorate your bed. ■ Help pack your bags so you know what you brought, what it is for and how to use it. ■ Leave valuables or special/one-of-a-kind items at home.

We want to make camp a comfortable environment so you can focus on trying new things, making new friends and challenging yourself every day. Please let us know how we can help get you ready for your summer with us.

WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL OF THESE FORMS?

By now you should have received several forms. Following is an explanation of how the forms are used and where they go on our property.

Please make sure all forms are completely filled out and returned to us as soon as possible.

Cream four-page Cheley Application and Liability Waiver – This form gets your camper enrolled, includes your contact information for us and allows your camper to participate in all activities. This form stays on file in the office.

Yellow five-page Medical and Health Information – This form is vital to the health and well being of your camper. It gets copied and – *continued on page 11*





FORMER CAMPERS AND STAFF

CHELEY PACK RAT 11

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 – you can mail this form, or better yet, send us an email with the information (office@cheley.com) And – we also want to hear from you with news for the next PACK RAT.

Name _____ (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____ (MIDDLE) Maiden name _____

Years as Cheley CAMPER: _____ – _____ ... Years on Cheley STAFF: _____ – _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone No. _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail address _____ Nickname at camp: _____

- ☐ 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.*

NEWS!

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

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stays on file in the office in case of emergencies. The original goes to the appropriate Health Center on property to be viewed by the Registered Nurses. Please remember we need copies of your camper's insurance cards as well as up to date immunization records (a State of Colorado requirement) in order for this form to be complete.

Blue double-sided Camper/Parent Information – This form helps our new and returning staff get to know your camper before their arrival. Please attach a picture as it helps us identify them on Opening Day as well as learn names and faces quickly. This form is kept with the Director and Unit Staff. We appreciate that for returning families, we, on the year round team may know your campers, but our new staff does not, so the more information you can provide on this form, the better prepared we are to lead them to an amazing summer.



Green Travel Form – This is kept on file in the office

after being entered into our computer system. It is important to let us know any changes to your camper's travel as soon as they happen. It is also important to get this form to us as soon as possible so we can organize our staff for Opening and Closing Days.

Yellow double-sided Store Form – This helps you to budget with your camper what they can spend in our camp store. Please remember your store "limit" does not include extras like boots, airport fees, yearbooks and other extras. The limit is only for purchases in the store and daily treats. This gets entered in the computer and then stays in the office as a reference tool.

Pink Emergency Information – This is our link with you if we ever had an emergency. This stays on file in the office where it is easily accessible. Please include any pertinent information on the bottom portion that may be useful when trying to contact you.

WOW! THAT'S A LOT!

Thank you for your help in getting all of these papers completed and in our hands before your campers arrival. Having them in early makes for a smooth transition into the camp season and halts any delays in letting your camper participate in our great programs and activities.

Please get in touch with Kelli in the office if you have any questions or concerns regarding your camper's paperwork.



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