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TSOTLITHOT

The Strength Of Tomorrow Lies In The Hand Of Today was the spirit button this year. (*Thank you Jennifer Wall, mother of Payton and Guy Wall, for creating this phrase last year*). We truly believe we are a vital part in the development of tomorrow's leaders. Each of us was given the opportunity to spend part or all of our summer in a supportive, nurturing environment that allowed us to grow and work on becoming a better person. I feel we have a responsibility to share these gifts with those around us by becoming a contributing member of our community. The world needs leaders with integrity that are willing to do what is right. A few months ago, I heard a speaker comment that children develop their values and morals between twelve and sixteen.

At Cheley, we hope we have assisted in shaping those values and have given everyone the skills and the courage to lead and stand up for what he or she believes in.

We have already heard stories of campers who are succeeding in school far above their performance last year. We have heard from parents who were impacted by their time at camp. We hope all of you are looking for ways to become the leaders of today rather than waiting for tomorrow.

If the campers and staff from the summer of 2009 are any indication of the future leaders of our communities, we have a bright future. They will be faced with challenges and obstacles along the way but have a foundation to help them overcome those challenges.

Thank you for the gifts you shared with everyone this summer. See you in 2010.



Trigger Bill says...

IT CAN BE DONE
... is good, but
IT IS DONE
... is better!



*Inevitably the
young man who
says the world
owes him a living
becomes the old man
who blames the world
for his failures.*



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Enrollment Is Open for 2010

We have opened enrollment for the summer of 2010, and we are extremely excited to share that we are ahead of where we were last year at this time. We have received many comments from parents about the impact of the Cheley Experience. At this time, we do have space in every unit for both terms but that will change soon. Please don't wait too long if your children are planning on attending Cheley for our 90th Summer in 2010.

Please let us know if you know anyone who would benefit from and enjoy the Cheley Experience. We would love to have them here next summer. Our goal for our 90th summer is to have all 50 states represented in a full camp program. You can either call our office at 303-377-3616 or email the office at office@cheley.com.

Leaders for Life at Cheley

Cheley Camps was proud to welcome 37 campers from around the world (we had two campers from France) this August for the inaugural Leaders for Life at Cheley program.

Eleven of the participants were former or current Cheley campers. Directed by Teresa Huggins, campers spent five days exploring their own leadership skills and expanding personal horizons. They talked about how they can impact their own communities and how to pursue individual dreams effectively.

We were joined by business leaders from Denver who shared their experiences and tips on how to achieve their own goals. We also had the privilege to hear Luis Benitez speak about his experiences as a climber. Luis has summited Everest 6 times and holds the record for the most successful, successive summits (four times). The leaders learned how to overcome fears and obstacles to work towards achieving their goals. It was an amazing week.

We look forward to Leaders for Life at Cheley 2010. Check the holiday Pack Rat for details.



The Dates for 2010!

Full Season:

Wed. June 16th – Mon. Aug. 9th

First Term:

Wed. June 16th – Mon. July 12th

Second Term:

Wed. July 14th – Mon. Aug. 9th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 10th – Sun. Aug 15th

Leaders for Life at Cheley:

Tues. Aug. 10th – Sun. Aug 15th



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THE 90TH REUNION
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2010

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On our final evening together, Lower Chipetan staff and campers gathered for the last time on the Chapel Lawn. We looked over the majestic view of the Mummy Range beyond the Western Riding Ring, silhouetted in the night sky. With bright stars and the moon overhead serving as our only sources of light, we lit our Friendship Candles in remembrance of the wonderful summer we had just spent together, and also in the hope that our candles would be lit again in late December so we can once again be reminded of our friends and amazing adventures in the mountains. These beacons of the Cheley Spirit flickered and swayed in the cool mountain air as the counselors' voices rose into the sky. The harmony of their voices paralleled the harmony and peace within our unit's final moments together. Before we all began singing the Chipeta Call, we blew out our candles in unison and draped our arms around the friends which had become so dear to us. Indeed, we sang the words: "may we never forget, that glad day when we met," as we recollected our days filled with riding, out-camping, hiking, riflery, archery, fishing, sports, climbing, singing, and more. On those days, we then realized we had made friendships which will last much longer than the wick of our Friendship Candles may burn.

Our riding program, led by wranglers **Jackie Shay, Laura Radnay, and Sarah Rosenkranz**, rode to destinations such as Eugenia Mine, Gypsy Grounds, and Strawberry Hill. The campers learned how to connect with the horses, and how to guide them through the paths of the Riding Ring and the surrounding mountain trails. The girls who dedicated their time to earning Riding Patches over the summer had to meet requirements which included knowing how to correctly saddle and bridle a horse, knowing how to tie three different types of knots, memorizing and being able to name the various parts of a horse, and most importantly, being respectful, encouraging, and helpful toward others while riding. First Term RP recipients were: **Taylor Cousin, Isabel Tangel, Pippa Thomas, Laura Podschun, and Erica Kleckner**. The girls who achieved their RPs in the second term included: **Marie Burns, Cate De-lafield, Grace McCaffery, Mason McKay, Justine Rudy, and Grace Weiler**.

Outcamps with counselors **Jessica Gold** and **Erica Bartlett** enabled the campers to experience living with just the essentials in the mountains. Lower Chipetans stayed overnight in locations such as the Upper Wagon Yard, Tee Pee Village, and TE Crossing. Many of these outcamps were themed, which added to the excitement and fun. The girls learned how to build campfires, create dry shelters, and cook delicious food. They also had the responsibility of making sure they left no trace when they were finished. **Isabel Horst** was the sole recipient of the Outcamping Patch during First Term. Second Term recipients of the patch were **Julia Friedberg, Cecile Roche, Courtenay Roche, Lauren DeMoudt, and Annie Ellison**.

Our hiking program, led by **Kristin Guthrie** and **Becca Durr**, traveled to beautiful destinations and helped to strengthen the campers both physically and mentally. Every hike that went out this term reached their designated destination. The feelings

of accomplishment and pride were apparent when the girls returned back to main camp and told us of the things they saw and learned. The young ladies who earned the Chipmunk Hiking Patch learned to identify mountain flowers and also able had to be able to name the mountains and the ranges surrounding Estes Park. **Laura Street** received her patch first term, and **Annika Skigen** and **Lucy Zicarelli** earned their patches during the second term.

Our sports counselor **Gracie Born** taught our Lower Chipetans all about proper climbing technique. The girls relied on one another as they scaled the rock walls in the Dome, and happily rang the bells at the top before they came gliding back down. Many of the staff were impressed with our girls' speed and agility. Spiders they were, and Spider Patches they received. Recipients first term include: **Hannah Golub, Renee Wright, Laura Podschun, and Hannah Fogus**. Second Term recipients include: **Brooke Lummis, Angelina Leonardi, Hannah Mason, Sade Farr, and Audrey Lee**.

Counselor **Taylor Martin** spent many an afternoon down at the riflery range down by Lower Ski Hi, teaching our girls how to shoot safely and precisely. Many became quiet good at hitting those targets! On the other side of camp, lots of our girls (too many to list here) won white, black, blue, and red arrows in archery. It was great to watch as the girls honed their shooting skills throughout the course of the summer.

Inside Lower Chipeta's lodge, **Talia Mindel** encouraged our girls to express themselves through creating beautiful pieces of art. Hopefully you've gotten a chance to admire their work! Girls made jewelry, tie-die shirts, sculptures, papier-mâché masks, and decorated plates. It was always a pleasure at the end of the day to come into the Lower Chipeta Lodge to see their beautiful creations.

At the end of each term, the Silver Coup was presented to the girls who were outstanding representatives of our Code of Living. They were chosen with specific aspects of our Code in mind, and most aptly reflected its qualities. First Term Coup girls included: **Christy Bishop, Marie Leech, Jessie Lincoln, Meg Miller, Ally Price, and Renee Wright**. Second Term Coup girls included: **Crafton Deal, Angelina Leonardi, Emma Clare Meister, and Cecile Roche**. Congratulations are in order for these girls and for every other Lower Chipetan who upheld our Code of Living during both terms.

Lauren Foster was our campfire counselor for the second year running, and brought music to us each night with her amazing guitar playing. Singing in front of our fireplace in the



lodge helped to calm us down after our busy days of activity. The songs reminded us of how lucky we were to be at Cheley this year, and how a summer in the mountains can, and did, change our lives. Thanks to all those who helped make this fantastic summer possible. We hope to see everyone back at camp next year!



LOWER SKI HI

Another summer full of laughter, clanging basketballs during knockout and Colorado weather has come and gone here in Lower Ski Hi. The familiar sounds of the boys around the unit are quiet as the only sound is the fall winds through the aspens. The quiet cabins echo with memories from the summer: riding horses in the ranch, hiking up soaring mountains, dressing up for dances, shooting targets, and playing every moment possible.

Here in Lower the focus was on the smiles and good times. Some of the favorite memories are often spent shooting rifles and bows. Campers headed down to the riflery range with **Charlie McGillvray** to learn how to safely handle and shoot a gun. **Andrew Carter** took the boys down to the archery range to teach bow skills and help the arrows fly straight and true towards the targets. In both programs the boys excelled, earning patches and awards and doing well in competition with the girls of Lower Chipeta. Well done boys!

Andrew Carter was also in charge of the climbing program down in Lower, helping the guys learn how to not only succeed getting up the wall but how to do it safely. Time at the Cheley Dome climbing wall is focused on knowledge about harnesses, ropes, knots, belaying and communication. There were some campers who made an extra effort to obtain their Spider Patches: **Alam Blajic, JD Gilhuly, Eugene Hardy, Nathan Marchant, Max Pokorny, Westin Rounsley, Avery Steinberg, Matt Adam, E. Matthew Bayne, Matthew Blumenthal, Cameron Gellman, Cameron Kozloff, Peter Kubly, Lawson Lamme, Spencer Niemann, David Pedroza, Zachary Plett, Joey Searle, Jack Schneiders, Sam Trapp, Reagor Wagnon, and Oscar Ward.**

One thing Cheley is most lucky for is its location. Hiking counselors **Jim Dawe** and **Noel Kite** explored the mountains and lakes of the Estes Park backyard. They succeeded to meet many destinations such as Mount Audoban, Chapin, Chiquita and Ypsilon mountains, Sky Pond, and many destinations in-between. Campers put away the miles while joining the Mountain Club if they hiked three or more times, and those elite few who joined them for over ten hikes were gold members. Every hiker learned about flowers, Leave No Trace, and what to pack on a hike. A few campers pushed themselves even further this summer to complete the requirements for the Chipmunk Patch. These campers were **Spencer Hudson, Nathan Marchant, Andriy Proctor, G. William Bonnie, Cole Hancock, Alexander Roche, Peter Schmidt, and Gray Sutton.**

Another popular activity was exploring the trails leading from camp on horseback. Wranglers **Jaime Kellog, Kirsty O'Neil** and **Pete Wilkinson** worked to teach walking, trotting, and

*A man can do more than
he thinks he can, but
usually less than he thinks he does.*



cantering in the rings at camp. On all-day rides the campers atop horses explored Strawberry Hill, the Ranch, and even made it out to breathtaking Storm Pass inside of Rocky Mountain National Park. **Max Damon, Sam Groskin, Avery Steinberg, Colin Stepanoff, Christian DeSouza, Cameron Gellman** and **S. Rhys Robinson** got to know their horses very well and earned their Riding Patches this summer.

Spending a night away from camp and cooking over an open fire can be quite an adventure. Outcamp counselors **Kevin Workman** and **Rob Yoggerst**, who were often joined by general counselor **Jake Nicklin**, have made masters of the boys at cooking King Ranch Chicken, S'mores, Finger Steaks, and a slew of other delicacies. Trips ranged from camping near the gurgling stream of the North Fork of the Big Thompson at TE Crossing, the arching teepees down at Tee Pee Village, and the narnia-esk alcove of Rockstock. Activities on outcamps included shelter building, games of Gaga, starting fires, learning knots, and playing all kinds of games. The Outcamping Patch recipients were **Douglas Klink, Guy Wall, Cameron Kozloff, David Pedroza, Zach Plett, Marco Quaroni, S. Rhys Robinson, William Tague, Sam Trapp, and Oscar Ward.**

Matt Brooks took boys down the artistic road of crafts. Meeting up in Lower Ski Hi's craftshop, Blackfeet, with Matt meant a fun day of tie-dyeing, pot making, or doing some woodworking in the wood shop. The Conquering Cathedral crafts hike combined crafts and hiking when the campers created a Lower Ski Hi flag in the morning, and then hiked Cathedral in the afternoon to stand the flag atop the peak. Whether in the crafts shop or out on the trail, crafts was a guaranteed fun time.

Lower Ski Hi was gifted with the challenge course coordinator among its staff. **Lincoln Holt** brought to the unit fun songs in the morning while sitting on the wall waiting to go into the dining hall and games full of explosive laughter like Yeehaw! Everyone who was in-camp will remember his campfire down at the challenge course when we teetered on platforms, balanced on wires, swung across "lava" and struggled our way across rope obstacles. Never a dull moment!

Campfires were never to be missed, and neither was the tall figure of Lower Ski Hi's Campfire counselor, **Eric Gershon**. Whether dressing up as a ghostbuster or Cyclops from the X-Men for the camp's all-camp campfire, Eric was always keeping Lower having fun. At nights in Lower there were games, scavenger hunts and lots of singing. Some of the favorites were Country Roads, Nightrider's Lament and The Boxer which

were sang around the Buddy Ring and in the lodge, Hidden House.

Those campers who enjoy going out on all of the programs can earn the Circle of Star patch in recognition of their diverse tastes. Many, many campers participated in the array of activities necessary to receive their Circle of Stars, showing how much fun it is to try everything Lower Ski Hi has to offer.

The Silver Coup is the final recognition given out each term. It can not be obtained by signing of requirements, rather it is given by the peers of Lower Ski Hi to those who best lived up to the ideals all



There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance.



the campers decided up at the beginning of each term. All the campers who left with their BKs did a wonderful job of living up to the code of living, and these few gentlemen were recognized for having done an exceptional job: **Christian Emsbach, Spencer Hudson, Douglas Klink, Oliver Penner, Andriy Proctor, Guy Wall, Peter Kubly, Peter Schmidt, and Gray Sutton.**

The smiles shone brightly and the laughter rang like bells through the unit all summer long. Like the fires in the Buddy Ring and Hidden House, only embers of the roaring summer fire of fun in Lower exist now in each of the friendship candles that have gone home. The fire will be relit during the holiday season to encourage everyone to remember the time spent in Apache, Omaha, Navajo, Comanche and Winnebago. Let the candles be reminders of friends and playing, as well as beacons towards the next experience as winter passes and a new summer comes again.



CHIPETA

"Can I stay a little longer?" This is the question heard by counselors and directors in Chipeta during final week of first term and second term 2009. Campers want to stay for a variety of reasons. They enjoy the freedom of choosing their activities, going on a new adventure each day, making true friends, realizing one's potential and accomplishing tasks for the sake of it, instead of the grade.

While experiencing camp, many campers may choose to work towards patches of their choice. This summer, many ambitious Chipeta girls earned a patch, pin, or recognition.

Whether on the trail to Eugenia Mines or Strawberry Hills, on an overnight to Pierson Meadows, or buffering skills in the ring, horseback riding was always a blast with wranglers **Lindsay Kerns, Jordan Bennett, and Annie Dorweiler.** Several campers took their interest to the next level by learning horse facts and accomplishing skills to earn the Riding Patch. Campers who earned their Riding Patch during first term were **Whitney Johnson, Amelia Eskridge, Christine Tai, Emma Thomas, Jena Brooks, Courtney Greer, Maddie Frank, Eliza Wagley, Sheila Rietano, Zoe Skelton, and Delanie Hubers.** Campers who earned their riding patch during second term were **Amanda Markoe, Alison Brown, Julia Morris, Danielle Coco, Leah Durkee, and Madison Nardi.**

Hiking in the Rocky Mountains is a rewarding experience for all. Camper abilities are stretched and strength is built physically and mentally. This summer, hiking counselors, **Cassidy Shore and Carla Wolters** led campers to many beautiful places in the Rocky Mountains including early breakfast hikes Bear to Grande, the Keyhole, Thatchtop, Meeker, and Long's Peak. Many campers learned basic first aid, names of plants and animals, and showed strong hiking ability to earn their Hiking Patch. Campers who earned the Hiking Patch during first term were **Alyssa Brewer, Maggie Mullins, Peggy Rowe, Faith Rankin, and Lili Clark.** Campers who earned their Hiking Patch during second term were **Hanna Reedy, Jennifer Horne, and Michela Nardi.**

Building a fire, cooking meals, pitching a tent, and fun plus are always part of the outcamping experience. **McKenzie Mor-**

ton and Sara Papathakis facilitated games and skill building at Rockstock, Pierson Meadows, TE Crossing, and Gypsy Grounds. Campers who wanted to polish their outdoor skills earned their Outcamping Patch. First term recipients were **Isabel Foremning, Mackensy Moor, and Hannah Schneider.** The second term recipient was **Gabrielle Koonos.**

Backpacking offers challenges and a wilderness get away unlike anything else. With backpacks full of food, shelter, and clothes, counselors **Sarah Brown and Jackie Long** led campers to hideaways at several lakes and campsites. Second term campers had the opportunity to try a four-day backpack to Tomahutu Campsite and Timberline, a first for the Chipeta unit. Wilderness lovers who earned their Backpacking Patch first



term were **Alex MacMahon, Meredith Bower, Kati Woodruff, and Kelly Kossen,** and during second term were **Anna Curry, Julia Norton, Claire Rodman, and Claudia Seravalli.**

As a break from the hills, campers spent time in camp crafting with **Lauren Mikkelsen,** creating pottery with **Nora French,** playing sports with Caitlin Jones, or shooting riflery and archery with Kate Schaefer. The counselors also led adventures in fishing, technical rock climbing, and white water rafting.

Campers who excelled in riflery, earning the highest rankings at Sitting Specialist were **Kendall Atkins** first term and **Abigail Alexander** second term. Those who earned their Level Three Pin for Prone Position were **Katie Scruggs and Chloe Rodman.** Over 50 campers earned patches and pins in riflery.

Over 100 recognitions were achieved in archery this summer. The highest recognition earned first term was the Blue Arrow, achieved by **Whitney Johnson, Amanda McDonald, and Krissy Iiams.** The highest recognition earned second term was the Red Arrow achieved by **Roxanne Barte, Gabrielle Koonos, Michela Nardi, and Chloe Rodman.**

The On the Trail Patch was awarded to campers who spent 15 or more days out of camp whether it is hiking, backpacking, outcamping, trail riding, or white water rafting. Many of the girls received the On the Trail Patch both first and second term.

The Pinecone Recognition was for the well-rounded campers who hiked five days, rode four days, created a gift-worthy project in crafts, and participated in at least two other activities during the term. These girls also helped campfire counselor, **Veronica Roths,** at cookouts, campfires, Chapel, and Vespers to earn the recognition. Recipients of the Pinecone Recognition were **Winslow Moore, Sierra Johnson, and Griffith Greer** first term; **Alison Brown, Grace McCall, Madeline Mills, and Patricia Herrera** second term.

Silver spurs are a distinctive recognition for the girl who followed the Code of Living. She lived up to the standards of values set by the campers themselves. The girls who receive their spurs are chosen by fellow campers. Silver Spur recipients were **Maggie Mullins, Heather Pippus, Becca Cox, and Griffith Greer** first term; **Kate Dumanian, Anna Curry, and Carlyn Scheu** second term.

As campers return home, the memories made at Cheley will stay with them. Accomplishments go beyond patches and recognitions. By peaking a mountain, someone realized how to push her limits to attain a goal. While riding a horse on the trail, one discovered the importance of the journey. While backpacking, one learned to appreciate the world around her. The lessons are endless, influencing campers all year long and for many, all life long.



SKI HI

Ski Hi was the place to be this summer. Our time together was full of many unforgettable moments: the beautiful sunsets over the Mummy Range, singing "Country Roads" in the Lodge, endless games of knockout, treats time on the porch, All-Camp Campfire, vespers at Sky View, and of course all of the fantastic programs that took us deep into the Rocky Mountains.

We came from all over the United States and 8 other countries to create the Ski Hi community. Once we arrived, we were given a unique opportunity to set goals and push ourselves to achieve them. We found strength in our new friends and we developed strong bonds that will last a lifetime. On our first night together, **Nathan Wilson** our Unit Director, reminded us that camp is a fresh start and at Cheley you can be anyone you want to be and for the first time you might just be yourself. We soon forgot about many of the distractions that dominate our lives back at home like cell phones, gaming systems, computers, and peer pressure. These things were replaced with campfires, laughter, songs, adventures in the mountains, sunsets, and time spent together. In this new environment, we did grow comfortable being ourselves, and we learned a great deal about each other and ourselves.

There were many activities to choose from this summer. In camp, the creative **Mike Rutledge** kept the crafts shop busy doing silver working, plaster, painting, papermaking, and leather working. The legendary **Bill Kalbac** and **Ken Curry** led the woodworking program that turned out many fine projects. Bill was impressed by the record-breaking quantity of projects and also the quality of this year's woodworking exhibit, which included many new project designs. Whenever a project became challenging Bill was there with twizzlers and lots of encouragement to help us through. Other in camp activities we enjoyed included fishing, rock climbing, and sports.

A number of recognitions were earned in target sports (Archery and Riflery). **Justin Bartels**, our spectacular sports counselor, was very excited to give out several gold arrows. This is the highest recognition possible in the archery program. Recipients were **Evan LeJeal, Hank Perkins, Chris Tai** and **Jordan Rothbauer**. Our talented riflery counselor, **Ben Cappa** worked hard to help campers develop their sharp-shooting skills and learn gun safety. Our riflery teams excelled in competitions and our 1st term team was the champion while our

*No quality gets a person
more friends than the ability
to admire the qualities of others.*



2nd term team came in a close second. We had one camper who achieved the very difficult Level IV Prone Specialist, **Trace Montgomery**. Two campers received their challenging Kneeling Specialist, **Cody Luhman** and **Holden McComb**. Countless other campers earned other archery and riflery recognitions. Congrats guys!

Over forty Ski Hi campers ventured out into the wilderness on all day rides, hikes, outcamps, backpacks and white water rafting trips to earn their On The Trail Patch. These guys spent at least fifteen full days out of camp on all day activities. Nice work getting out on the trail and taking full advantage of the mountains!

The Ski Hi riders, led by our wild-west wranglers **Wood Brownlow, Jack Gannon, and Dan Moffit** enjoyed a very successful summer exploring mountain trails on horseback. They successfully traveled to Pierson Park, Gypsy Grounds, Strawberry Hill, Eugenia Mines, Storm Pass, Fish Creek Ranch, and Pierson Meadow. Riders learned different gaits such as trotting and cantering and some were even able to try bareback riding. Many campers had the opportunity to join our wranglers on overnight trips. These campers relived the old west glory days of fishing for their supper in a mountain lake, feeding and caring for their own horse, sleeping out under starry skies in a hammock, playing pranks on Wood (who now loves the smell of Axe body spray), learning how to speak like a true "Englishman" from Jack, and eating Dan's famous "man breakfast" over an open fire. Fourteen campers immersed themselves in the riding program and earned the prestigious Riding Patch: **Jacques Decalo, Jay Eastman, Eric Hahn, Lee Hughes, Dylan Lederer, Sean Moore, Spencer Papay, Diego Rose, Michael Sherwood, Ian Spooner, AJ Stair, Tucker Sutton, Graham Tallian, and Jack Woodward**.

Those of us that went on hikes found ourselves surrounded by beautiful mountain vistas in far-away places. Our resident mountain men and hiking counselors, **Sam Dickhut** and **Kyle Halstead**, led the way as we journeyed to many exciting destinations that included Lions Lake, Sky Pond, Pawnee, Shoshone, Chiefs Head, the Keyhole, Thunder Lake, Thatchtop, Flattop, Hallett, Isabelle Glacier, Lost Falls, Lookout, Horsetooth, Twin Lakes, Half Mountain, Shelf and Solitude Lakes, and Jackstraw Mountain.



Our EB hikes were adventure-filled and many of these required us to hit the trail at 2 a.m. There is nothing quite like viewing a sunrise while hiking on the expansive alpine tundra. Other highlights included snowball fights and glissading down mountain glaciers. Ten campers worked diligently to earn the coveted Mountaineering Patch: **Grant Albers, John Albers, Simon Bertron, Dylan Lederer, Dan Penoyer, Atticus Proctor, Peter Rosston, Max Schwartz, Tyler Sharp, and Scottie Smith**.

Everyone enjoyed the outcamping program led by our

*You will never get ahead
of anyone as long as you are
trying to get even with him.*



professional backcountry chefs **Ben Kahn** and **Alex Jerden**. Time spent outcamping was restful and the food was certainly spectacular! Ben and Alex became somewhat famous around camp for their creative and exciting games. Outcampers went to places like Meadow Outpost, Gypsy Grounds, TE Crossing, Pierson Meadows, Rockstock, Village of the Indians, and Teepee Village. Highlights included tubing down ice-cold mountain streams and playing Rambo. The outcampers that earned the celebrated Outcamping Patch were **Antonio Mass**, **Ream Thomas**, **JT Tran**, and **Connor Wilkinson**.

Our backpackers found themselves deep in the wilderness of Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Led by our fearless explorers **Warren Booth** and **Tim Lohr**, the backpackers successfully completed many 3-4 day trips and climbed a number of 13,000 ft. peaks. Destinations included Devils Thumb, Bighorn, Diamond Lake, Thunder Lake, Sandbeach Lake, Tonahutu, and Crater Lake. Many of these remote destinations see few if any visitors each year and it was meaningful to spend time in those enchanted lands that remain untouched by the hand of man. Campers that earned the distinguished Backpacking Patch were **Max Bucksbaum**, **David Connelly**, **Harry Daniells**, **Austin Krueger**, **Malcolm McDonald**, **Nick Moore**, **Alexander Roederer**, **Aidan Tuttle**, and **Henry Zelenka**.

Other campers decided to try a little bit of everything and earned the well-rounded Pinecone Patch. These campers were **Nicholas Francoeur**, **Joey Grisso**, **John Moore**, **Joey Niciforo**, **Scottie Smith**, **Ruben Teverow**, and **Nevin Whittemore**.

Every night after dinner, the talented **Peter Wiese** put on a show for the campfire program. Sing-a-longs, square dances, games, skits, improv, **Brian Randolph's** magic show, and counselor beauty pageants were just a few of the memorable campfires. It was always nice to spend the evenings together laughing, singing, and strengthening our brotherly bonds. Peter also led the exceptional Chapel choir, which many Ski Hi campers joined (surely it had nothing to do with getting to see Chipeta campers).

After program, there were many events that kept us busy. The Ski Hi float entry in the Estes Park Rooftop Rodeo Parade was awarded Grand Champion and the trophy will be placed in the camp museum for all to enjoy. The theme for the float was "the women of the west and the men that love them." Thanks to all of the guys that worked so hard to put it together, particularly **Ben Cappa** who is quite the pro at building a parade float. Our jack-of-all-trades Assistant Director, **Troy Staten**, kept the unit rolling throughout the summer. When he wasn't out on program, he dominated the ping-pong table and became quite good at making an envelope sail through the air during mail call.

Hopefully, we all still remember the Code of Living and are working hard each day to live up to the high standards we set for ourselves. As **Jeff Cheley** constantly reminded us, it is important to take what we learned at camp back home with us and continue to push ourselves to be better people. By doing so, we will be happier and help create a better world. It was always nice to hear the "snaps" each night in friendship circle that recognized campers for striving to live up to the Code. On our final night together, several campers earned the Silver Spurs in recognition of exemplifying the Code consistently throughout the summer. The recipients were **David Connelly**, **Malcolm McDonald**, **Hank Perkins**, **Atticus Proctor**, **Max Bucksbaum**, **Adom Dumanian**, **Dylan Lederer**, **Dan Penoyer**, and

Bruno Zicarelli.

Back in Estes Park, the aspen leaves are changing colors and the mountain peaks have received the first dusting of snow. As summer fades into fall and winter, many things have changed in our lives. Most of us are back in school and unable to enjoy the type of programs we did daily while at camp. We no longer sit down around a table with some of our best friends to enjoy a meal prepared by cooks from around the world. The campfires have gone out and the Lodge has grown quiet. There is no line for the ping-pong table and treats are no longer being sold at the camp store. However, camp is not over. It lives on in our memories, friendships, and the lessons we learned. From these things, we can find the strength to overcome the challenges we will face throughout the year. We can also find comfort in the fact that the place we have grown to love awaits our return with new mountains to climb, songs to sing, and friends to make.

Cheley remains constant in a noisy and ever changing world, and each summer spent at camp somehow manages to be even better than the last. Thanks to all of the campers and staff for making Ski Hi such a special place, and we hope to see everyone back next summer!

Happy Trails, Ski Hi Staff



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 the challenges and successes of program. The summer of 2009 brought us all so many new memories and friendships that will carry us through until next year!

Laura and **Terra** 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 Indian Peaks 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. **Sarah Rosston**, **Allison Moore**, and **Sarah Bartosh** earned their Backpacking Patches. **Katie Magid** and **Elise Newman** earned their backpacking basics.

The hiking counselors, **Sydne** and **Becca**, led the women on some amazing day trips. They went to beautiful lakes and climbed many peaks. On their feature hikes first term they trekked across the Mummy Range and climbed up Navajo and Mount Copeland. Second term, they climbed up Desolation and completed the Grand Slam, which includes Mount Meeker, Longs Peak, and Pagoda. **Jenny Evans**, **Lindsay Miller**, **Elise Newman**, and **Livia Greene** worked to build mountaineering knowledge and earned their Hiking Patches.

Sam, **Christie**, and **Rachel** taught horsemanship skills. Waking up every day to care for the horses, groom, saddle and muck the stalls was a real learning experience for our Senior Chipeta riders. Several girls had the opportunity to learn from the wranglers' extensive horsemanship knowledge. **Annie Duncan**, **Jordyn Sessel**, **Brindley House**, **Jessica Higgins**, **Alex Ebel**, and **Kelly MacFarland** earned their Riding Patches. **Andrea Carney** earned her riding basics.

Mountain Biking with **Annie** was always a challenging and

exciting adventure. She led all-day rides to Stanley Park, and Pierson Park, as well as a two-day and three-day trip each term. They always had a great time hanging out, playing games, and eating LOTS of food. Senior Chipetans who earned their mountain biking patches were **Caroline Joyce, Marta Chaljub, Bridget Fahey, Emily Page, Emma McNeil, Kate Woodward, Kelly Dulin, Maggie Flint, Hannah Mains, Emily Moss, Kate Brownlee, Rosalie Boel, and Katie Hickey.**



Sarah 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 in supervised wilderness and be able to reflect on their experiences at camp as well as their life at home.

Kaitlyn's riflery program was a great success this summer. She taught the campers all about gun safety and shooting skills. Crafts were so fun and interesting this year with **Christina**. She helped the girls make many interesting projects like tie-dye clothing, ceramics, picture frames and silver rings! Throughout the summer, campers could also be seen doing other camp activities such as archery, Frisbee golf, and yoga with general counselors, **Jill and Merryl**.

Campfires this summer with **Emily** 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, All-Camp Campfire, Self Defense and many more evenings filled with singing, 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 **Kathleen Hooper, Barbara McDonald, Lindsay Miller, Bridget Fahey, Jenny Evans, Tami Kim, Allie Scheu, Hannah Searle, Jo Jensen, Sarah Bartosh, and Kelsie Ward.**

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 2010!



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While sitting in class or at work, it is so easy to find yourself daydreaming about the memories that were created this summer at Cheley. It seems as though much time has passed since we extinguished our candles and said our goodbyes in

*An optimist is one
who makes the best of it
when he gets the worst of it.*



the Totem Teepee. Yet, despite all the distractions facing us in our lives back home, the memories from the summer remain as vivid as if they happened yesterday.

This summer was both challenging and rewarding. We challenged ourselves physically to climb mountains, navigate rapids, venture on long rides, bike up endless hills, and do so much more. More than that we also challenged ourselves emotionally to live up to the Code of Living and be true to both our friends and ourselves. We learned so much from our friends and our experiences. If you have not been doing so already, take the time now to call, email, or even facebook those friends who made a difference in your summer.

Many people have described Cheley as a place where they feel as though they can be themselves. The challenge now is to remember who you strived to be this summer, and continue to strive to be that person now that you are back home. We all set goals for ourselves and accomplished so much this summer.

We had many campers this summer who decided to spend their time exploring the Rocky Mountains with the help of a horse. The riders took day rides to many of the favorite Cheley destinations such as Eugenia Mines, Pierson Meadow, and Strawberry Hill, and they also explored some new destinations such as Narnia. In addition, the riders went on two overnight rides that gave the campers an opportunity to share stories, sleep under the stars, and eat endless amounts of food. In addition, overnight rides gave campers the opportunity to learn a lot more about taking care of horses. Among all the campers that enjoyed riding horses this summer some of them decided to improve their horsemanship skills by completing the requirements for their riding patch. The campers who earned their Horsemanship Patches were: **Bolan Walker, Kevin Kim, Matt Brown, and Will Schmidt.**

Every summer there are campers that are drawn towards backpacking and the idea of getting deep into the wilderness. The backpackers packed their packs with everything they needed. They carried food, clothes, and even shelter on their shoulders as they hiked for miles. They saw amazing views and interesting wildlife, cooked delicious meals on the little stoves they carried, and through these adventures became close friends. On the backpacks, the campers learned to appreciate the outdoors while also respecting it with "Leave No Trace" ethics. **Henry Warrington** earned his Backpacking Patch by going the extra mile and finishing all the requirements.

There are also those campers who decided to explore the Rocky Mountains on two wheels. The mountain bikers endured long steep hills, however were always satisfied by the reward of being able to go back down them. The mountain bikers covered many miles of terrain and finished off the summer with the long three day mountain bike that goes to both Outpost Corral and Pierson Meadow. On the overnights, the mountain bikers would replenish the calories they burned with delicious meals and tasty deserts. Among the many campers who went mountain biking, a few decided to learn more of the intricacies of mountain biking and go for their patch. The campers that earned their Mountain Biking Patch were: First Term: **Reid Christianson** and **Joey Meli** Second Term: **Henry Warrington.**

Finally, there were our hikers who wanted to cover many miles in the park and be back at camp for dinner. The hikers wore down the soles of their boots as they spent countless miles out on the trails exploring great destinations. Among the many spectacular hikes this summer, there were two historical accomplishments that the hikers achieved. The first term hikers

*Prejudice is a great time saver:
it enables one to form opinions
without bothering to get the facts.*



did the first ever Cheley to Grand hike, which covered a mere 26 miles in one day, and the second term hikers peaked McHenry's which had not been peaked by a Cheley group in fifteen years. The hikers rarely missed a destination, as it seemed that they managed to be done with the hike before afternoon showers even had a chance to move in. There were campers that wanted to learn more about what it took to lead hikes and how to travel safely and respectfully through the park. The campers that earned their Mountaineering Patch were: First Term: **Bill Angel, Will Baizer, and Everett Brownstein.**

Finally we had the campers who did not spend a significant amount of time doing one program, but instead explored the Rocky Mountains on foot, on horseback, and on a mountain bike. In addition to having to ride, hike, and bike those that earned their On the Trail Patch had to spend fifteen days out of camp and at least two nights under the stars. The campers that earned this recognition were: First Term: **Reid Christianson, Ed MacMahon, and Daniel Peaslee** Second Term: **Ricky Burns, James Heinz, Tyler Humphrey, Andrew Rosen, Will Schmidt, and Cameron Sparough.**

There are a few other people that need to be recognized for the amazing job they did this summer. The CILTs are the Campers in Leadership Training. The CILTs were accepted into the program because they had displayed leadership within the unit as campers. As CILTs, they spent a week and a half as leaders and role models within Haiyaha, and then were sent to other units to really take on more of a counselor role for the entire third week. We had many strong CILTs this summer, several of whom will be seen back on staff wearing a dark Blue Kerchief. The CILTs this summer were: First Term: **Lincoln Adams, Andrew Palmquist, Brandon Schorsch, Matt Summers, and Jack Thomas** Second Term: **Polo Contreras, Jay Dumanian, and Sam Faktorow.**

There is a special recognition in Haiyaha that campers can work towards earning. This is a decision that does not just hap-



pen in one summer, however it is something that has to be started during your first summer in Haiyaha. The Gold Spurs are a recognition a camper receives if they earn their backpacking patch, their hiking patch, their riding patch, shown skills in riflery and archery, and create two gift

worthy projects. This summer Henry Warrington was presented with his Gold Spurs.

The Code of Living is one of the oldest and most remembered traditions at Cheley. It gives the campers the opportunity to create a list of values they feel are important to building a strong community. On the second night of camp, the campers discuss the values they feel are important to the success of the community. The CILTs then compile those suggestions into the Code of Living for this summer. We hope that even though you are back at home, you are striving to live up to the Code of Living. The Blue Kerchief and the Yellow Kerchief are a representation of living up to the Code of Living. It

was great to see all the campers wearing their Kerchiefs in the Teepee on the last night to signify that everyone lived up to the Code. It is a tradition at Cheley that the campers and staff of Haiyaha vote to decide whom among them most lived up to and exemplified the Code of Living during the specific term. Those campers that most exemplified the code earned their Gold Key. This summer's Gold Key recipients were: First Term: **Lincoln Adams, Andrew Palmquist, Brandon Schorsch, Will Sido, Matt Summers, Jack Thomas, and Henry Warrington.** Second Term: **Matt Brown, Nick Czamecki, Jay Dumanian, Sam Faktorow, and Jack Stafford.**

Thanks for another wonderful summer in Haiyaha. We wish everyone the best and look forward to seeing you next summer.



GIRLS' TRAIL'S END

We had a great summer with outstanding campers who sought adventure and found it in Colorado. The sisterhood of GTE challenged each other to climb mountains, lead pack horses, be totally self sufficient in the backcountry, find their creativity, and uphold the Code of Living. They ran rivers, rappelled down cliffs, saw the world from a mountain bike, took aim, and had fun with their BTE brothers in spite of the threat of "Swine'09." Over two terms, 21 staff and 118 girls found their home and themselves in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

Amanda Brookover and **Kate Scheineson**, our backpacking counselors, took GTE campers to beautiful backcountry destinations in the Never Summer Wilderness, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Each term many campers tried backpacking for the first time; and fell in love with that sense of self-sufficiency and accomplishment only found while carrying a 45 pound pack on their backs. Mother Nature also bestowed plenty of precipitation, but they didn't let that dampen their spirits! **Sarah Larson** and **Grace Anne Odom** earned their backpacking patches first term, and **Eliot Meade** received her backpacking basics. Second term campers peaked multiple mountains including; Skyscraper Peak, Devil's Thumb, and Sawtooth Mountain. The five-day backpack was spent in Hell Canyon and the strong GTE ladies were successful in going up and over Buchanan Pass at near record speed. Overall, this summer provided many opportunities for campers to learn how to eat, sleep, and play in the backcountry while enjoying nature's beauty.

The burly but beautiful wranglers; **Meredith O'Malia, Helen Oexmann, and Kirkland Bible**, led daily trips along rugged trails to destinations such as Pipers Meadow and Deserted Village. There were also opportunities to lead pack trips to places like West Creek and True Gulch; and horsemanship skills were honed in the GTE ring. Four girls really challenged themselves first term and completed their Riding Patches: **Mariah Gibson** received her Senior Patch while **Gabrielle Jensen, Meredith Manda, and Hannah Zizza** received their Junior Patches. Second term, **Samantha Barnett** and **Cassandra Roosa** received their Senior Riding Patches while **Erin Colby-Dobel, Isley Walker, Morgan McGonagle, Wittney Skigen, and Brittany Glassberg** earned their Junior Riding Patches.

The hiking program at Girls' Trail's End was very successful. **Claire Johnson** and **Susan Taylor** lead groups of 13 campers to a multitude of destinations in and around Rocky

Mountain National Park. During first term the Early Breakfast hikes included Taylor and Powell, Copeland Mtn., and the Spearhead. **Anna Kenyon, Allison Radcliff, Kelly Bishop, and Caitlin Callaghan** earned their Senior Hiking patch while **Carson Peacock** earned her Junior Hiking patch. Second term EBs included Audubon and Paiute, Pagoda, and Hagues and Mummy. **Selena Foster** and **Madeline Moore** earned their Junior Hiking patches. Over the two terms over 250 miles of trail were covered and millions of memories were made!

It was an exciting summer for GTE Sports and Mountain Biking with **Katie Horvath**. Over half of the unit participated in Archery and Mountain Biking. During Archery, second term, two girls: **Zari Dumanian** and **Shelley Cochran** received their Gold Arrows from 10Yards. The Mountain Biking program had three girls earn their Senior Mountain Biking patches; **Peyton Wall** and **Megan Rash** of first term and **Cate Ellison** of second term. The Mountain Biking Program was very successful with the longest ride being the 3 day "Tour de Feast" covering over 20 miles and themed after all the good food.

Kirby Lee's Riflery program at GTE was a huge success. During first term, several campers earned their Prone Specialist patch and **Emma Noyes** was the premier marksman earning her Level II and Level III pins in Prone. During second term, we were able to advance to different positions including sitting, kneeling, and standing. **Charlie Sinkula** earned her Sitting Specialist patch and scored higher than her opponent in the competition against BTE. **Isley Walker** earned her Standing Specialist patch which is a very high achievement. First Term Riflery Team: **Emma Noyes, Lauren Smallwood, Peyton Wall, Abby Huff, Emily Glover, and Teresa Baker**. Second Term Riflery Team: **MacKenzie Cowie, Brit Ward, Sarah Herzog, Charlie Sinkula, Morgan McGonagle, and Isley Walker**.

Nine super fun outcamps were taken out by **Danielle Sweet** the Outcamping counselor, with the help of the lovely General Counselors. We went to destinations such as Teepee Village, Meadow Outpost, Horseshoe Park, Gypsy Grounds, Rockstock, and more! Thirteen brave girls challenged themselves and went on Solos. All the girls toughed it out and lasted through 24 hours of solitude, reflection, and unity with the mountains. We had two Outcamping Patch recipients this summer: **Mercede Hackencamp** earned her Junior Outcamping Patch during 1st Term and **Nikki Lakritz** her Senior Outcamping Patch during 2nd Term! The Outcamping Program had a great summer overall!

Julia Campbell, General Counselor, had the great pleasure of "doing every activity at camp with every camper at GTE" Campers who also spent days "doing every activity" had the opportunity to earn their On The Trail patch. These included, for first term; **Hannah Zizza, Magan Rash, Tess Podschun, Emily Gast, Alexa Voss, Kelly Bishop, and Gretchen Price**. The second term campers included; **Sarah Herzog, Shelley Cochran, Elena Bird, Meg Herr, Macey Allen, Erin Colbey-Dobell, Cate Ellison, and Selina Foster**. These girls also had the pleasure of having our Kitchen General **Sandy Sorenson**, our Crafts General **Liz Church**, our Driver General **Kaitlin Graf**, and our Campfire Counselor **Christie Koets**, along on several of their activities.

At the end of each term it was the honor of the Director **Michele Van Hare** and Assistant Directors **Jessica Feltner** and **Whitney Gudgel**, to be able to announce those campers who were recognized by their peers as having best followed the Code of Living. This Code, designed by each term's campers, is something we all strive to follow and hopefully is still part of your lives even now. Those who received Top Hand recognition 1st term were: **Alexa Voss, Drew Zeidwig, and Caitlin**

*It is not how much we have
but how much we enjoy
that determines our happiness.*



Callaghan, 2nd term Top Hands included: **Jordyn Sessel, Shannon Currie, and Madison Deal**. Those who received Driver Recognition 1st term were: **Teresa Campbell, Grace Anne Odom, Carson Peacock** and **Addie Wilkins**. Second Term's Drivers included: **Charlie Sinkula, Cate Ellison, Whitney Skigen, and Isley Walker**.

A final GTE word: **Jessamie** and **Ashley**: were the two crazy cooks who cautiously cooked colorful concoctions. They were happily helped with no hazards by helpful and happy campers! They forever look forward to fabulous and fantastic campers next summer! Nurse **Linda** and Nurse **Jane** just desire dedicated water drinking and restful retreats to ensure a healthful return to the ranch.

It was a great summer! Your DADs



BOYS' TRAIL'S END

Throughout the world, in cities and towns and suburbs and Safeways, there are young men who attended Boys' Trail's End in the summer of 2009 who, by using the lessons that they learned this summer, are making the world a better place. They live with confidence, humility, respect, and courage, knowing that the hard way and the right way are often the same thing, and having the perspective to realize that their actions directly affect the quality of their lives. The principles of the Code of Living live on as they befriend those who are lonely, help those in need of assistance, give of themselves while expecting nothing in return, and push themselves to try things that are uncomfortable, new, or difficult.

This summer, we climbed peaks, backpacked to far-away lakes, rode horses into the wilderness, biked up steep trails, sang songs, shot arrows and bullets, made moccasins, and played knockout and ping-pong. We laughed, we had fun, and we practiced the most important thing we can practice: being a better person. And we did so with focus, fun, and intention. There are few places left in our culture where we have time to

*Ability is not rated by
what you start ...
but by what you finish.*



devote ourselves to improving our character. Here at BTE, in the laboratory of the Rocky Mountains, we experimented with what it's like to put others before ourselves, to approach situations with a positive attitude, and to try our hardest even though we feel uncertain of the outcome. We made it to the top of majestic mountains, yet we also learned that sitting in a tent on a rainy day can be just as rewarding if we're sur-



rounded by friends and doing our best to make the most of our experiences.

A few campers decided to try a bit of everything. Our Senior OnTheTrail Patch recipients were **Louis Lostis** and **Sebastian Sharp**. We also had two junior campers who received their Pine Cone recognitions, **Vincent Taglia** and **TJ Pettinga**.

Many campers decided to master the knowledge and wisdom necessary to be proficient in specific programs. They were recognized in the different program areas.

Our Hiking Patch Recipients were **Joseph Apodaca**, **Dylan Holland**, **Hunter Stewart**, **David Arnold**, **John Kolosta**, **Matt Ross**, **William DeWispelaere**, **Daniel Ross**, and **Austin Ricks**. They learned about wildlife, flowers, route-finding, and how to be an encouraging leader in a team of peers all working toward the same goal.

Our Riding Patch Recipients, **John Satter**, **Cooper Ramsey**, **Corey Lemaitre**, **Brian Schiff**, **Nolan Stoppel**, **Logan Carothers**, **Dimitri Culpepper**, **Otto Jose IV**, **Joshua Stanton-Savitz**, **Grant Whiteside**, **Steven Hagist**, and **Pierce Westenhaver** learned how to tie knots, care for a horse, and support other campers who were less experienced horsemen.

The Mountain Biking Patch Recipients **Pierce Westenhaver**, **Michael Slocum**, and **William DeWispelaere** now know how to fix flats, apply first aid, and care for their bikes, yet they also learned how to look after and lead others on those steep, rocky trails.

On the Outcamps this summer, our campers all learned amazing skills with regard to cooking and firebuilding in the outdoors, yet **Matt Ross**, **Trip Rohling**, **Alex Wolfe**, **TJ Pettinga**, **Ian Edstrom** and **Vincent Taglia** decided to learn even more and receive their Outcamping Patch.

Lastly, deep in the heart of the backcountry, our Backpacking Patch Recipients **Conor McKenna**, **Jackson Burow**, **Jack Burton**, **Travis Nolan**, **Charlie Beckman**, **Browning Nichols**, and **Warren Smith** gained the specific skills needed to survive in a wilderness setting, travel safely, Leave No Trace, and work as a team to help others set up tents, cook, and make it over those

massive mountain passes in full pack.

In bedrooms and closets and living rooms across the world, there are small blue kerchiefs hanging respectfully as reminders of the brotherhood we formed this summer and of the principles by which we agreed to live our lives. Yet those principles are in no way relegated to the beauty and fun of summer camp – the Code of Living which we all tried our best to live up to this summer is the map for leading better, happier, more productive lives at home, at school, and anywhere and everywhere we might travel. The principles and traits of the Code of Living are the foundation for a successful life at camp and beyond. During the course of the summer, certain campers were recognized for exemplifying the traits of the Code of Living. Their peers came together to vote and decided that these young men did an extraordinary job, for this summer of 2009, of living up to and beyond the expectations of the Code of Living. For our younger campers, they were given the Driver Recognition. **Christopher Beavers**, **Andrew DeWispelaere**, **Gabe Guild**, **Dimitri Culpepper**, **Niko Pappas**, **Warren Smith**, and **Joshua Stanton-Savitz** showed us all that leadership and character are not bound by age or experience, but rather are exhibited through behaviors, actions, and choices.

Our older campers were given the Top Hand recognition for having displayed the characteristics necessary for the formation of a tight, loving brotherhood. The recipients were **Jack Burton**, **Kieran Edstrom**, **Thomas Sexton**, **Pierce Westenhaver**, **David Arnold**, and **Gordon Guild**. And everyone who wore their Blue Kerchief during our Final Chapel on Sunday morning was acknowledging not only that they agreed to be a part of our brotherhood and do their best to be a positive influence around camp, but also that they would take the spirit and experiences of their summer at BTE and use it to become better people in the world.

The chipmunks have taken over the land of Boys' Trail's End now. The wind blows cold and the river's frosted with snow, yet the warmth of our memories from this summer lives on. The spirit of BTE continues, and it is more than just a feeling: it is the comfort and inspiration of knowing that we have dozens of brothers across the world that pushed us to improve ourselves. They are out there, doing their best to live principled lives, laughing to themselves as they remember a ridiculously fun moment from their summer, and making the most of everyday while still looking forward to next year when they can come back to the ranch at the end of the trail for more friends, lessons, and life-changing experiences.





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HISTORY SNIPPET



Group picture of the Land o' Peaks staff in the western riding ring. Note "Chief" Frank Cheley in his western suit seated in the front row just to the left of center. Chief died in December of 1941 so the photo had to have been taken during a summer prior to 1941. Is there an "old timer" out there who would know what summer that was?

