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# The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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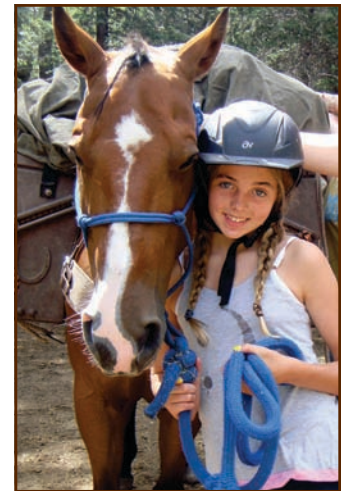
## The 5 Cs for Success in the 21st Century

Recently, our oldest son Jackson started school at the Montessori School of Denver. Before school started, MSD offered an orientation to introduce the parents to the principles and practices of Maria Montessori. Throughout the day, they kept referencing “The 5 Cs” needed for success in the 21st century. Pat Bassett, the President of the National Association of Independent Schools, has identified the critical skills and values the 21st Century will demand and reward. The “Five Cs” of *critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, character* and the bonus “Sixth C”, *cosmopolitanism* (or cross-cultural competency).

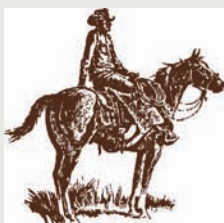
As I listened to each teacher reference the 5 C’s, I began to get more excited about the identification of these skills that we have been developing in summer camp for many years. I found some wonderful articles and videos from Mr. Bassett expanding on his research. Pat is challenging schools to figure out methods to develop these skills. Maybe summer camps can help the education system in this area?

Character is developed at camp each summer as the campers in each unit create a Code of Living. The Code of Living is a list of traits that the members of the unit strive to uphold. Character is strengthened as campers put themselves in challenging situations. Whether it is working to control a difficult horse or attempting a challenging summit, campers learn to overcome difficult situations and deepen their character. Character is infused in the closing conversations as campers talk about how they are going to expand the Cheley Spirit in their own communities. In addition, character is reinforced when campers do the right thing and they are recognized for it.

Collaboration is also experienced throughout the summer. Campers learn that you can’t succeed on your own. When backpackers leave for a 3 or 5 day trip, they have to rely on their fellow campers to carry some of the food, the stoves, or the tents. They have to work together in cook



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**Trigger Bill says...**

*Education is not given for the purpose of earning a living. Education is learning what to do with a living after you earn it.*



## CAMP DATES FOR 2013

Full Season:

**Wed. June 19th – Mon. Aug. 12th**

First Term:

**Wed. June 19th – Mon. July 15th**

Second Term:

**Wed. July 17th – Mon. Aug. 12th**

Family Camp:

**Tues. Aug. 13th – Sun. Aug 18th**

## Omissions from the Fall Pack Rat

We missed a few camper recognitions in the fall *Pack Rat*.

**Margie Hemp** received her riding patch in Senior Chipeta this summer. Also, **Bliss Perry** received his outcamping patch in Ski Hi second term. Congrats to the two of you and thank you for alerting us to the mistake.

## PACK RAT PUT TOGETHER BY

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## Welcome to Hayden Scott Cheley

The Cheley Family added a new member at 12:09 am on Friday, January 4th. Hayden Scott Cheley weighed in at 8 lbs, 6.5 oz and measured 19.5 inches tall. Erika and Hayden are doing great. Jackson and Harrison are excited about their little brother. Jeff is trying to figure out how he is going to keep up with three boys. With the addition of Hayden, we have 12 children under the age of 7 as a part of the year round Cheley Staff family.



## Welcome to Hailey Schrader

Hailey was born on Oct. 26 at 9:58 pm in Loveland, CO. She was 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 18 inches long. She is a spitting image of her father's baby picture. Hailey is now 2 mos. old and growing like a weed. She loves looking out the windows and watching her dog, Aspen, fetch the ball. Napping is her favorite hobby right now and she is pretty good at it. Her smile is contagious and her parents love watching her change each and every day.



## The 5 Cs for Success in the 21st Century

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groups to prepare a wonderful dinner in the backcountry. At times, they also have to compromise when a large group of campers wants to participate in a program that is limited by permit size. Imagine the lesson a child learns when they give up their spot on a premier hike or the last day of rafting. What an awesome lesson for a ten year old!

And then there is the creativity that is developed on an outcamp when they have the gift of an entire day of unstructured play. Imagine the creativity and growth that is developed when a child is given the chance to create his schedule for the entire day. A group of ten year olds boys will spend 3 hours building a dam in the river. They will negotiate the rules, establish different tasks, and get dirty. Really dirty! After a few hours of building dams, they will create a game of tag. There will be some arguments about boundaries, about how they will choose teams, and it will all be worked out as they learn how to negotiate and compromise with words, not fists. Oh, the creativity (and the youth development) that occurs in the wilderness.

I sincerely believe that camps, especially Cheley Colorado Camps, are supporting the development of all of these skills. Children are becoming more equipped to succeed in the 21st Century when they spend time at camp. While they may not be improving their math skills or their social studies knowledge, they are learning how to be well-rounded human beings. As a parent, I hope I can help my children develop the skills to succeed in the 21st Century and contribute to their community.

Check out the President's Corner on [www.nais.org](http://www.nais.org) for more articles from Pat Bassett and the "Five Cs".

– Jeff Cheley

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## 2013 Slide Show and Camper Fairs

**Sunday, January 13th, New Orleans Show, 5:00 pm,** Home of the Cheley-Klebe Family, 1233 2nd St , New Orleans, LA 70130. RSVP 303-880-0094 or brookecheley@cheley.com

**Wednesday, January 16th, Boulder Area Show, 7:00 pm,** Home of the Le Jeal Family, 9610 Avocet Lane, Lafayette, CO 80026. RSVP 303-661-9373 or karen@lejeal.com

**Saturday, January 26, 2013 at John Burroughs School. St Louis Summer Opportunities Fair**

**Saturday, January 26th, 6:00 pm,** St Louis Show, Home of the Bingaman Family, 76 Lake Forest Drive, St Louis, MO. 63117. RSVP 314-644-2465 or deannbingaman@gmail.com

**Sunday, January 27th, 4:00 pm,** Winnetka Show, Winnetka Community House, East Garden Room, 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093. (847) 446-0537

**Sunday, January 27th, 7:00 pm,** Chicago Show, Home of the Walker-Rudnick Family, 60 East Elm Street, Chicago, IL 60611. RSVP 312-972-0580 or llwalker2@yahoo.com

**Monday, January 28th, 7:00 pm,** Kansas City Show, The home of the Levinson Family, 12307 Aberdeen Rd, Leawood, KS 66209. RSVP 913-400-3159 or Julie.Levinson@att.net

**Friday, February 8th, Houston Show, 6:30 pm,** Home of the Greer Family, 407 Tecumseh Lane, Houston, TX 77057 713-254-0483 marymargaret.greer@kinkaid.org

**Saturday, February 9th, Austin Show, 5:00 pm,** Home of the van de Zande Family, 5613 Clarion Cove, Austin, TX 78746. RSVP 512-347-0223 or julievdz@gmail.com

**Sunday, February 10th, Ft Worth Show, 6:00 pm,** Home of the House Family 3920 Potomac Ave, Ft Worth, TX 76107. RSVP 817-732-4908 or ahouse@qrinc.com

**Wednesday, February 13th, Dallas Show, 6:30 pm,** Home of the Lockhart Family, 5354 Waneta Drive, Dallas, TX 75209. RSVP 214-704-0325 or michellelockhart@mac.com

## 2012 Cheley Staff show overwhelming support for the John Austin Cheley Foundation

For the fourth summer, we challenged our staff to donate money to the John Austin Cheley Foundation from their final paychecks. This summer they donated more than \$4,800. Many of these staff members need their checks to pay rent or tuition at school. With that said, they have seen the impact of a camp experience and realize the impact of four weeks at camp. We are honored by their generosity. Each of the Cheley families (Jeff & Erika Cheley, Kurt & Brooke Cheley-Klebe, and Don & Carole Cheley) along with Microsoft Corporation and Enterprise Rent-A-Car agreed to match the donations from the staff. With all the matches, the John Austin Cheley Foundation received over \$25,000 to be used for camperships. Each year we are amazed by the growth and dedication of the Foundation as it helps those who would otherwise not be able to attend a mountain camp experience. The JAC Foundation has a goal of sending over 110 campers to 5 camps around the country during the summer of 2013. To learn more about the Foundation, check out [www.cheleyfoundation.org](http://www.cheleyfoundation.org)

### FRIENDSHIP CANDLE

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



*Caution is a most valuable asset in fishing, especially if you're the fish.*





*The real problem concerning your leisure is how to keep other people from using it.*



## Announcing CILTs for Summer 2013

We are excited to announce the CILTs for the summer of 2013. Last summer, we had 62 campers that applied for the CILT program. We are excited that we have this many campers who are still dedicated to attending camp during their junior and senior years of high school. It is always a very challenging decision since we have watched many of the applicants grow up at camp. The CILTs will spend time in leadership orientations, consistent follow-up, a week of an exchange to a different unit, and support from Smitty and their assistant director. In addition, they are asked to do some work during the spring in preparation of their final summer at Cheley. The following individuals have been selected based on their past involvement at camp, the quality of their application, the vote of their peers and the staff in the unit, and the recommendation of their director.

*Senior Chipeta 1st Term –*  
**Andrea Carney, Alicia Comer, Becca Cox, and Kristina Goodman.**

*Senior Chipeta 2nd Term –*  
**Ali Brown, Kate Dumanian, Hana Durkee, Abby Mayo, Hannah Reedy, Carlyn Scheu, and Georgia Williams**

*GTE 1st Term –* **Anna Curry, Emily Glover, Tori Johns, Carson Peacock, Tessa Podschun, Bailey Wilhelm, and Molly Wyrsh.**

*GTE 2nd Term –* **Cate Ellison, Katya Lopatko, Morgan McGonagle, Shaina Steinersoul, and Emily Trousil.**

*Haiyaha 1st Term –*  
**David Connolly, Jacques Decalo, David Fillipitch, Sam Goddard, Nathan Hoyt, Malcolm McDonald, Hank Perkins (deferring to 2014), A J Stair, and Graham Tyson.**

*Haiyaha 2nd Term –* **Adom Dumanian, Victor Gonzalez Navarro, Eric Hahn, Holden McComb, Will Moss, Dan Penoyer, Diego Rose, Matt Stone, and Graham Tallian**

*BTE 1st Term –* **Ben Brandenburg and Jason Van Hare.**

*BTE 2nd Term –* **Andrew DeWispelaere, Cory Gentner and Dan Ross**

## 2012 Unit Videos and All-Camp Campfire Skits

In case you didn't receive the email in December, we have posted all the unit videos from 2012. These are the videos that were played during the final campfire for each term and each unit. Some of them are very large files so we have provided a HD version and a smaller version. We will also provide these videos with the 2012 DVD that is sent out in early March. To view the videos, go to [www.cheley.com/online-fun/unit-slideshows-2012.php](http://www.cheley.com/online-fun/unit-slideshows-2012.php)

We have also posted all of the 2012 All-Camp Campfire Skits on YouTube. To view them, go to [www.cheley.com](http://www.cheley.com) and click on the YouTube icon in the top right corner to view the skits and the rest of our videos.



## Cheley Surveys

Thank you to those parents who completed the parent/camper online survey regarding the summer of 2012. We received over 150 responses to the online survey. As with so many of our activities, we have to take time and evaluate where we are so we can move ahead. We felt that the summer of 2012 was a huge success but we also realize there are always areas for improvement. We spend much of our off-season evaluating our program and exploring improvements for the future. We held a drawing for three \$50 gift certificates to the Cheley store for those families who completed the survey. The winners were:

Clarissa Leighou  
 Jackson Tanner  
 Jackson & Ryan Young

If you didn't complete the survey and would like to, please email the office at [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com) and we will reply with the link.

## The Seasons they are a changing (and so is the Cheley year round staff)

We are excited to announce the arrival of three new year round staff at Cheley. At the end of the 2012 summer, Betty Schacht and Paul Weidig decided to leave the team. Both of them will be missed. Betty did an excellent job during her four years in the enrollment manager position. We consistently heard our parents complimenting her attention to detail and professional manner. Paul was also a valuable part of the team during his six years on year round staff. Paul has been connected with Cheley Camps since 1977 and brought a vast knowledge of the history, the mission, and the Cheley Experience. We wish both of them the best of luck and we know this is not good-bye.

Our new staff members include Peggy Haynes, Kim Betts, and Shawn Ness. Peggy is our new enrollment manager. She has been preparing for this position since she was eight years old. Peggy was a camper for nine summers (Lower Chipeta, Chipeta, and Senior Chipeta) and worked on staff in 1980 as the assistant director of Lower Chipeta.



*Peggy, Rusty and their dog Phantom*

Following that summer, she worked in the Denver office with Jean Jensen for two years. In addition, her son Devon was a camper at Cheley from 2000 to 2008 and was on staff in 2011 and 2012. Needless to say, she has a strong understanding of the Cheley Experience as a camper, a staff member, and the parent of a camper. We are excited to have her as a member of the team. She is excited to meet all of our camp families this summer.

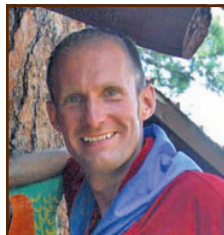
Kim Betts is the new HR Manager with Cheley Camps. She will be working with Alyse to hire the 200 staff for each summer. She will also



*The Betts Family shows their support for Mississippi State*

be the main contact for staff once they have been hired. She will help them complete their paperwork and arrive at camp prepared for the summer. Kim has worked for Camp Horizons in Harrisonville, Virginia since 2002 as their camp administrator. Her husband, Kenny and their children Brayden (7), Brinley (4), and Bristol (almost 2) are excited to move to Colorado. Kim and her family are going to be a wonderful addition to the team and the Cheley family.

Shawn Ness will be joining Cheley Camps as an Associate Director. He will focus on the staff and program areas of the Cheley Experience. Shawn has been on our summer staff for 10 years. The past few years he has been creating a wonderful environment in Haiyaha



*Shawn Ness*

as the director of the unit. During the school year, Shawn has been a guidance counselor for Cary-Grove High School in the Chicago area for the past 10 years. Shawn has demonstrated a wonderful understanding of the mission of Cheley Camps since he joined the staff in 2003. We are excited for Shawn to share his passion and experience in youth development.

Peggy, Kim and Shawn are going to be great additions to the Cheley family. We are excited about the contributions each of them will bring to our staff and the Cheley Experience.

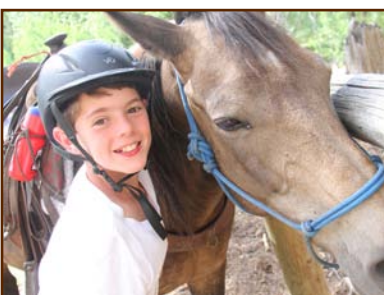


*Often when a person starts to rest on his laurels, he discovers they are poison ivy.*





*Friends are folks  
who excuse you  
when you have made  
a fool of yourself.*



## Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

### 1940s

**Audra Jones Weitzel** (1946 -1952) wrote us, "My daughter Wendy Weitzel Lewandowski's son (and my grandson) was accepted and started the United States Naval Academy this past June. (Wendy attended camp in the 1970s and received the Gold Key.)"

### 1960s

**Karyn Tuxhorn Rose** (1965 -1967) "I continue to teach piano lessons to students of all ages-50 students per week. I have traveled to Greece, China, Thailand, Turkey, Israel, Italy, Nova Scotia, and Ireland."

### 1970s

**Mary Lively** (1970 -1971) says, "I'd love to hear from anyone that went to Cheley in 1970 -1971!"

**Christy Brown Walsh** (1978 -1982) wrote us this right after second term 2012 started, "I just dropped off my 9-year-old daughter Lilly for her first ever day at Cheley Camp! This third generation camper was so excited she could not stop grinning as we drove up. She said "I've been here a thousand times to visit, but this time I get to stay!" I hope she loves Cheley as much as I did and my father did!"

### 1990s

**Gretchen Neusel Scardino** (1993 -1998) wrote us that she has been married to Daniel Scardino since 2005, and has two sons Gus (5), and John (3), with another babe on the way in Aug, 2012. Gretchen is an attorney in Austin, TX.

**Amber Andregg** (1995 -2005) sent us this: "Chris Snyder (Assistant Director of Lower Ski Hi in 2005) and I got engaged this past New Years and



are getting married February 23, 2013 in Dallas, Texas! We reside in Plano, Texas."

**Charlotte "Charlie" Barrett** (1992 -2002) "My first feature film, Virgin Alexander, is coming out on DVD on July 17th. I wrote, directed and edited the film with my husband, Sean Fallon. Over the past year, the film has played film festivals across the country and won several awards including Best Feature Film at the Las Vegas Film Festival. You can see the trailer on [www.virginalexander.com](http://www.virginalexander.com)."

### 2000s

**Mary Oakley Strasser** (2002 -2005 and 2010) "After a year teaching and living in Hangzhou, China, I recently moved to Luang Prabang, Laos. I was awarded a grant to create a sustainable public service project addressing childhood malnutrition in minority communities and will be spending the next year building gardens and chicken coops at rural schools. The mountains in northern Laos are much smaller than the beloved Rockies, but they are growing on me!"

### Birthdays

**Vivien Buser Ragsdale** was a camper back in her day and celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 2, 2012. Her assistant wrote us that Cheley camps was an integral part of her young adulthood and transformed her health.

## In Passing

**Oliver P. Bardes** (1946 -1947) died April 2, 2011. His brother David Bardes, who was at camp the same time as Oliver, wrote: "Both of us had very fond memories of one year at Trail's End until the girls appropriated our camp and we had to move to the main camp which was much too fancy for us. Nothing was as exciting as Trail's End."

**John Newton Gridley III** (1954 - 1960) born 1943, brother and uncle to the Jaudes family, died on July 25, 2012 in Sioux Falls of complications post-surgery. His wife Teresa wanted to share the news of his death because he loved Cheley deeply. John earned his RK and his Gold Spurs and was a Key man. He loved Cheley, and wished dearly he could have sent his daughter Anne to camp."

**Laird Campbell**, camper and long time supporter of the John Austin Cheley Foundation, passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2012. A memorial service was held for him on August 29th at the First Plymouth Church in Denver, CO. Laird was often one of the first people to respond to questions or comments in the Packrat. He loved Cheley and sent many of his grandchildren to camp.

**Betty Lu (Gard) Duncan** (mid/late 1940s and early 1950s) died November 5, 2012, in her home with her family at her side after an illness. Betty Lu was a camper first, but moved through her Red Kerchief, Top Hand, Feather and became a J.C. and Aide. Betty Lu went on to become a Cheley Out Camp Counselor.

**Pete Gabel** (1963 -1979 and 1993 - 2011) died July 1, 2012. He began his career at Cheley as the Assistant Director of Ski Hi. Pete served as the assistant director in multiple units, and worked full-time with Jack and Don Cheley from 1964 to 1979, he was a huge support system for the Cheley organization. During his tenure, Pete represented Cheley on regional and national boards. In addition to his work with Cheley, summer camping and Cheley Camps have benefitted for over 60 years because of Pete's commitment to children and youth development. Throughout his life he touched the lives of so many people. Pete will always be remembered for his passion for the Cheley and his

gentle, caring nature and selfless temperament.

**Kay Chalender** passed away on May 29th 2012. Kay was a long time supporter of Cheley Colorado Camps. She worked in the outcamp kitchen (aka Munch Inn) in 1952 and returned with her new husband Jack in 1953. Three generations of Cheleys (Jack & Sis, Don & Carole, and Brooke & Jeff) have been hosted for dinner by Kay and Jack Chalender during the Kansas City stop of the slide show. Kay and Jack were early supporters of the John Austin Cheley Foundation and their daughter Betsy (and son-in-law Andy) worked for the year round staff at Cheley. Kay will be missed.

## Wedding Bells

**Julie Schorr** (1996 -2006) married **Keenan Douglas Alexander** (1996 - 2003) on July 1, 2012 at the Della Terra Mountain Chateau in Estes Park. Congratulations Julie and Keenan!

**Emily Miller** (1996 -2012 ) and **Will Masters** were married on October 6, 2012 in Amarillo, TX at the Kritser Ranch. Many of us had a chance to meet Will when he visited camp this summer. Congrats to Emily and Will.

**Matt McCue** (1996 -2001) married **Elizabeth McGarr** in Dallas, Texas on October 20, 2012. Matt and Elizabeth are living in New York City and enjoying their new life together.

**Gwen Pohl** (1998 -2012) and **John Drake** (1997-2012) were married on Bainbridge Island just outside of Seattle Washington. There was a large contingent of Cheley alumni present for the celebration.

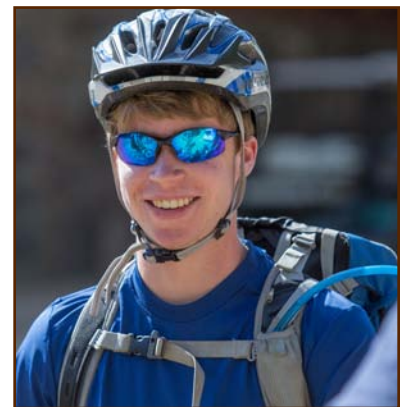
## Future Campers

**Carol (Saunders)** (1987-1999) and **James Hallock** welcomed **Emilie Elise Hallock** on September 24th. She joins big sis **Abi**, and both are hopeful future campers!

**Cassie (Johnston) Weber** (1996 - 2007) and **Jason Weber** welcomed **Vallyn Grace Weber** into the world on May 4th, 2012 and love her so so much!



*Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens to you.*





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**www.cheley.com has a new look**

During the weekend of January 6th, Doug Hays, our wonderful web guru, updated the look and feel of www.cheley.com with the help of Todd Drabik. We are excited for the new look and will continue to apply updates. Check out the pictures and videos. You may see yourself.



**2012 Fall Pack Rat available on line**

In case you missed it, the 2012 Fall Packrat was posted online at <http://www.cheley.com/pack-rat.html> Check out the unit recaps from the summer of 2012.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH...**

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 current information**. Please take a minute now to send us an update.

**And – we also want to hear from you with your news for the next PACK RAT. Just send an email to: [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com)**

