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How Do We Raise Successful Children?

I have had the opportunity twice in the past six months to spend some time with Madeline Levine, the New York Times bestselling author and co-founder of Challenge Success, a project born at Stanford's School of Education. Madeline's two most recent books are *Teach Your Children Well* and *The Price of Privilege*. During both presentations, I had an opportunity to spend some one-on-one time with Madeline. As a camp director, and more importantly as a new parent, I wanted to learn more about her beliefs and values in raising children. I could fill many pages with stories about our conversations and her views on raising successful children, but I want to focus on her answer to a question at the end of one of her presentations. Someone asked, "What are the top two things we can do as parents to raise successful children?" Madeline took some time to really contemplate the question. This is the million dollar question. I am sure she was thinking, "How do you define success?" or "How do I reduce my years of experience to two suggestions?" or "How can I answer this for another parent with different children and a different parenting style?" Madeline and her husband are the proud parents of "three newly minted and thriving adult sons" so she has some personal experience on raising children (to go along with her M.A and Ph.D in psychology).



Her first suggestion was to "See your child accurately." She showed a picture of her three sons and talked about the differences in each child. Each child demanded different communication, different discipline, and different love. Each child required Rocky connection in a different manner. She reminded the

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Trigger Bill says...

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do bigger things well, too.





The past can't be changed, but the future is still in your power.



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group that each child gives us an opportunity to see the world through a different set of eyes. As the father of three boys, I have this dream of heading out to the golf course or the ski slopes with all three boys each Saturday. Unfortunately, golf and skiing may not be their chosen hobbies. I may be heading to the art museum or the zoo or to listen to a live band performance. Even at a young age, I can tell my three sons are going to have their own interests. Madeline's comment opened my eyes to the idea that my boys are probably going to introduce me to some new interests.

Her second comment was "We don't get to know our children by racing around town." She used the term "invite a listening presence" with our children. This is easier said than done. After a full day of work, an hour of driving around town, and a busy dinner, we don't have much time for a listening presence. I am sure most of our parents live the same schedule. Brooke shared last weekend that a friend of hers had 15 games during the weekend between her three children. How do we manage all of this and find time to really connect?

Two weekends ago, I was lucky enough to take Jackson to the driving range while the other two boys were taking a nap. We hit balls, shared

a lemonade, and then played a few holes on a par 3 course. It was wonderful to have some one-on-one time. (Just because he may open my eyes to new interests doesn't mean I can't try and brainwash him that golf is the best way to spend a Sunday afternoon). The best part of the day came when Erika called to ask us to come home and Jackson didn't want to leave. Now the challenge is consistently finding time to do this with all three boys. Almost every parent you talk to with older children comments on how fast children grow up. After the presentation, Erika and I talked about a goal of finding some quality one-on-one time with each child. We do our best to have dinner each night as a family, but I can see how that even becomes challenging as they grow up. Hopefully each of you are finding time to practice a listening presence. To the children and young adults out there, make time to connect with your parents as well.

As a new parent, I feel like I am learning every day how to effectively raise productive, well-adjusted children. I have a lot more to learn and I thank Madeline for sharing her ideas. Check out the new video from Madeline Levine (www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADGPI0eZW2U) promoting the values of summer camp.

Enrollment Update

As we prepare to celebrate our 94th Season, we are excited to share that our enrollment numbers are ahead of last year. We have campers from 45 states and 25 countries. As of the printing of the *Pack Rat*, we are full for First Term Lower Chipeta, Chipeta, and Senior Chipeta and Second Term in Lower Ski Hi, Haiyaha, BTE, Lower Chipeta,

Chipeta, and Senior Chipeta. Some of our other units are close to capacity as well. With that said, we do still have space in some of our units and even some of the full units may change. Please contact us soon if you know anyone who would benefit from the Cheley Experience. Email office@cheley.com or call us (after May 15) at 970-586-4244.

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Important 2014 Dates

- May 15:** Cheley Business office moves from Denver to Estes Park
- May 20:** Pre-Camp Crew Leaders arrive
- May 21:** Pre-Camp Crew arrives
- May 27:** Barn Crew arrives
- May 27:** Transportation Crew arrives
- June 2:** Riding Counselors arrive
- June 5:** Directors and Assistant Directors arrive
- June 6-7:** Wilderness First Aid Training
- June 8:** All staff arrives 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 12-17:** Air Force Reserves Leadership Camp

Mark Your Calendars for 2015

Applications and/or information for enrolling in Cheley for 2015 will be emailed after the third week of camp. Online enrollment will be activated before final weekend of each term. If you are coming to our Horse Show or Final Weekend, you can enroll then as well. We enroll on a first-come, first-serve 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 it 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 2015 are listed below. Please mark these dates on your 2015 calendar:

- First Term: June 17th - July 13th**
Second Term: July 15th - August 10th
Family Camp: August 11th - 16th

Getting Mail at Camp

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 YOUR CAMP UNIT (Lower Ski Hi,
 Lower Chipeta, Ski Hi, Chipeta,
 Haiyaha, Senior Chipeta)
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 BOYS' TRAIL'S END RANCH
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Note: **do not use "Cheley Colorado Camps"** for Trail's End addresses as it takes several days longer for delivery.



Be careful of your thoughts; they may break into words at any time.



Check Out the Cheley Store Online

Go to www.cheley.com/store to purchase the latest T-shirts, Sweatshirts, hats, and other items from the Cheley Camp Store. The online store is a great way to help you prepare for the summer packing list or to purchase items for fellow alumni as gifts. You can choose to have it shipped to you or have it waiting for your camper at Cheley.



*A smile
adds greatly
to one's face value.*

Online Forms

Kudos to all of the parents who have completed their forms for this summer! We appreciate your help. Recognitions to the first ten camper families to have completed their forms. **Evan Le Jeal** (second year in a row. Nice work **Karen!!!**) **Charlotte Clark, Hallie Toren, Akhil and Divya Jakatdar, Lucy and Andrew Conlon, Lola Murnighan** (second year in a row. Nice work **Hillary**), **Eliza Howard**, and **Davis and Patrick McMahon**. Way to go!!

Most of the needed forms are available online. If you haven't completed your forms for this summer, please complete them by June 1st. If you didn't receive the login information, go to www.cheley.com/session/new and click on the password reminder link to get your login information. You can also call our office – or email office@cheley.com for assistance. We need to have all of the forms complete by JUNE 1st at the latest to prepare for the summer.

Donate Your Used Items

If you have camp items that you can no longer use, please bring them to camp on opening day. We often have families that are looking for slightly used riding or hiking boots, rain jackets, or other camp items. We would love to pass them along to these families.



CILT Update

We forgot to include **Max Schwartz** in the list of First Term Haiyaha CILTs in the last *Pack Rat*. Congrats Max!! We apologize for missing your name.

Boy Scout Merit Badges at Cheley

This year we are pleased to offer campers who are in the Boy Scouts the opportunity to work on merit badges while at camp in seven areas: hiking, horsemanship, leatherworking, wilderness survival, shotgun shooting, cycling, and wood carving. Interested campers need to attain the approval of their scoutmaster and bring the blue merit badge card with them to camp.



John Austin Cheley Foundation Update

The John Austin Cheley Foundation funds need-based camperships for high potential youth to attend extended-stay, wilderness summer camps that have a proven track record of positively impacting youth development. Through a national network of approximately 100 volunteer recruiters and 10 highly regarded youth mentoring/school programs, JACF identifies and then supports both financially and personally underserved youth of strong potential who would thrive from the opportunity to grow and develop from sustained summer camp experiences. Established in 1989 in memory of Jack Cheley, the Foundation has funded over 800 campers in its 25 year history, and is currently supporting 100 children annually to attend camp. To learn more about the Foundation and to donate, please visit www.cheleyfoundation.org.



Carrying the Code

We love the community that Code of Living creates in the summertime at Cheley. And it is always our hope that our campers and staff carry it with them into their lives back home. We would like to put a shout out to past camper, Kate Woodward for "Carrying the Code"

This spring Kate attended a leadership summit in Ethiopia with African Leadership, an organization she has been interning with for the last year. She has contributed unpaid time and effort to the project and was rewarded with the trip to go as a Relationship Manager with the



Carrying the Code

organization. She decided to extend her stay for an additional month to volunteer in Nairobi, Kenya working with women and children in Kibera (the largest slum in Nairobi). She will spend the weekdays working at a school, Saturdays going to church with her host family and participating in a women's ministry, and Sundays leading a women's economic empowerment group to create scarves for sale at "fashionABLE" a U.S. website. Awesome job, Kate, for being such an awesome light in this world. We hope you save a little time for some fun.

You can follow Kate's experience on her blog. <http://katemwoodward.wordpress.com>



The only people to get even with are those who have helped you.

Ruthann Holle Retires

We know that Ruthann Holle would like to retire without it being mentioned. We know this, and this is one of the reasons that we adore her. With her tireless work ethic, Ruthann has buckled down year after year to get her job done at camp for the past 31 years. The not-so-simple job of feeding 1000 campers and 200 staff nourishing meals, the job of checks and balances on making sure that we had enough food but not too much, the work of training and developing her summer staff from all over the world, and the fulfilling career of making a difference in the lives of young people by being a key member of the year round staff. We have visited many camp kitchens around the globe and thanks to Ruthann, ours is the cleanest. She has been a constant, an anchor, a source of wisdom, and a leader.



With a wholehearted thank you, we thank you for your hard work, commitment, patience, wisdom, love, for being genuinely you, for filling our bellies with goodness and for giving your career all you had for the past 31 years. We will miss you!!!!





*Knowledge
is a treasure
but practice
is the key to it.*



Flood Update

Many of you have been following the flood updates on our website and Cheley Facebook page. Thank you for your outreach of support and well wishes throughout this entire experience. We are extremely grateful for our extended Cheley family and friends. The repairs to Land O'Peaks in Estes Park, and both Boys' and Girls' Trail's Ends in Glen Haven, are nearly complete. Girls' Trail's End was in need of the most repair. We are very pleased with our progress thus far. Also, we are on schedule to have it and the other properties back to where they were pre-flood. It may take a few years for some of the vegetation to fill in, but it looks much better than it did in mid-September. In fact, our Cheley Volunteer Work Weekend has us expecting nearly 100 volunteers on May 17-18th! We are also confident in our ability to deliver the top-notch experience that you expect from Cheley Colorado Camps. While the roads up the canyon to each of the camps will look very different, the Cheley Spirit is untarnished, alive, and well! We have a renewed appreciation for Mother Nature, and now we are more committed than ever to share our same positive, forward thinking attitude, along with the idea that with hard work we can accomplish great things!



The main entrance to Land O' Peaks during and after the road repair process.

IN PASSING

Ellie Pryor Booher (camper from 1981-87 and on staff from 1990-93) passed away on April 12th due to injuries in an avalanche. Ellie is survived by her husband Christopher Booher; two sons, Jackson and Conrad; her mother and stepfather, Diana and Henry Cashen; her father and stepmother, William and Sandy Pryor; her two brothers, Thomas and William Pryor and seven nieces and nephews. She impacted many lives during her time at Cheley. She was effortlessly cool, tirelessly kind, had an infectious smile, she was an inspiration to anyone she met, and made people around her feel important. We feel honored that she spent so many summers at Cheley and we are deeply saddened by her premature passing.

Doralie Flutcher Miller (camper from 1947 to 1953 and on staff from 1954 - 1957) passed away on March 31, 2014 after a battle with cancer. She graduated from Centennial High School in 1952. After Graduating from the University of Illinois – Urbana she was a teacher for 26 years. She loved Cheley and everything it stands for.

Diana Dowell Memos (Camper in the mid 1940's) passed away on February 6th, 2014 at age 85. She loved Cheley and this is where she made many of her life-long friends. She was the proud grandmother to Timothy J Latham II and Sarah H Latham.

David Crockett Moulton (camper from 1957 - 1965) Passed away on January 29, 2014. He spent eight summers at Cheley and summited 42 Rocky Mountain Peaks in one term.



2014 Staff

Our 94th Season

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Many of our campers and staff fall in love the Rocky Mountain National Park and the surrounding area.

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy, formerly the Rocky Mountain Nature Association, can help you keep that connection with RMNP. They are known as a "friends organization" to the park. They provide services within the park that the park is unable to provide such as The Junior Ranger program, Education Adventures and Field seminars. They are responsible for the American Conservation Corps that conducts projects in the park and surrounding Forest. They also sell interpretive material in the visitor's centers. The quarterly newsletter will keep you abreast of what is happening in and around the park. As a member you will receive a discount on all of their goods and services. Check them out at www.RMNA.org

