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Cheley Strong

After the September 2013 floods, the town of Estes Park adopted the motto "Mountain Strong" to inspire everyone to work together towards a full recovery. We loved the motto so much that we decided that our motto for 2014 would be "Cheley Strong". It took the help from many people to open camp for the Summer of 2014. Alumni, staff, campers, and the year round staff contributed to the rebuilding of the roads, infrastructure, and buildings to allow us to continue the Cheley tradition.

There are so many lessons we learned throughout the recovery. We learned that our mission is not just a well-crafted sentence that

we put in our brochures and on our website. It is something that we need to live and breathe each day. Our mission talks about building lasting character and resiliency. We had to be resilient to recover. Our Estes Park staff had to wake up each day and face the devastation from the flood and move forward. Kevin Hendrix, one of our maintenance personnel, spent a few months rebuilding his basement while Chris and Amber

Rahn had to deal with the devastation to their house and the ranch while supporting their newborn daughter (she was born the day before the flood). Mike Supinski, our facility director, was responsible for managing the recovery process for Cheley.

We were reminded that it is important to build strong friendships because those friends will be there to support you in good times and bad times. Mark Andregg, a camp parent from Texas, brought his brother-in-law with him to help us for many weeks during the fall and the spring. Without his help, we may not have opened this summer.

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Trigger Bill says...

Failures are divided into two classes: Those who did and never thought, and those who thought and never did.



CAMP DATES FOR 2015

Full Season:

Wed. June 17th – Mon. Aug. 10th

FirstTerm:

Wed. June 17th - Mon. July 13th

SecondTerm:

Wed. July 15th - Mon. Aug. 10th

Family Camp:

Tues. Aug. 11th - Sun. Aug 16th



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We learned that even during struggles, you have to look for ways to support others. We contributed material for Fox Creek Road from the entrance to Girls' Trail's End and supported many efforts with time and money. Even though we were impacted and were working hard to recover, there were other people who needed help and support.

We were also inspired by the strength and flexibility of our campers this summer. The girls at GTE arrived to a new landscape (and a few new wagons). They were excited to be "home" even if the river and the trees looked a bit different. The girls learned that camp is about your friends and your experiences. They embraced the changes and consistently demonstrated their resilience throughout the summer. BTE also demonstrated their flexibility in adapting to riding new trails and accepted the changes to their schedules.

We are so happy that the flood of 2013 is now history. We also realize there will be more challenging times in our future. Cheley has survived the Great Depression, World War 2, a few floods, fires, and other challenges. Thank you to each of you who showed us what it looks like to be "Cheley Strong."

2014 Another Great Summer



Lower Chipeta

"Great things happen when youth and mountains meet." Frank Cheley first said this and it was very true for Lower Chipeta this summer. Our unforgettable summer has come to an end, and though camp is guiet now, the Cheley Spirit lives on. Our 9 to 11 year-old ladies spent their summer playing in Rocky Mountain National Park on hikes, riding every Cheley trail on horseback, outcamping at beautiful campsites while sleeping in hanging tents, crafting creative pieces of artwork, shooting rifles and bows with precision, and scaling up the Cheley climbing wall as well as Christmas Tree Rock. We learned songs and had dance parties, played tether ball, performed skits, and enjoyed quiet reflective moments on Sunday in Chapel. We



developed new friendships, laughed a lot and created many memories that will last us a lifetime.

Our riding program, led by Krysta Paffrath, Haylee Perkins and Sienna Miller, included ground work and rides in the ring as well as trail rides to destinations like Eugenia Mine, Strawberry Hill and Pierson Meadows. There was also a dinner ride to Gypsy Grounds where campers cooked their dinner over a

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campfire and cared for the horses. The wranglers worked with the girls as they diligently improved their form and style to prepare for the horse shows at the end of each term. Quite a few girls worked hard to earn the Riding Patch (RP). A few of the requirements for the patch included being able to name 20 parts of the horse, knowing how to properly saddle and bridle a horse, and knowing how to tie three knots. First term RP recipients were: Emilee Arias, Emma Arias, Ronnie Bedford, Ansley Cooper, Casten Crosby, Lusia Dorigo, Ana Esquino, Mary Frances McGaughy, Hayden McJunckin, Hadley Morris, Emma Scharf and Ella Torsleff, Second Term recipients were: Grace Carney, Isabella Hughes, Alisa Kanganis, Sophia LaCrosse, Eleanor Lockhart, Gabrielle Marchant, and Agiina Podlasek.

Maggie Anderson and Erin Alkire led our hikers all around the beautiful Rocky Mountains this summer to gorgeous lakes, meadows, waterfalls and up challenging peaks. Steep Mountain, Chasm Lake, a mini EB (Early Breakfast) to Half Mountain and Flattop Mountain were just a few of the hikes this summer. The hikes always had a theme, which made them more appealing to the girls. No matter what they were wearing, it always felt great to reach those peaks. Some of our young ladies learned to identify mountain flowers, and were also able to name the mountains surrounding Estes Park. The girls who mastered these skills and went on at least one Early Breakfast hike received the Chipmunk patch. First Term recipients include: Lucia Filippone, Grace Harten, Madison Irvine, Fritze Mayer, Anne O'Neill, and Nathalie Williams. Our Second Term recipients were: Gigi Douillard, Madison Foster, Eleanor Lockhart and Annabelle Sallick. Each of these girls hiked anywhere from 50 to 70 miles way to go girls!

Outcamps with counselors **Christa Peterson** and **Meggie Buikema** were ridiculously fun, and filled with learning about living outdoors. Lower Chipetans stayed overnight in locations such as Rockstock, TeePee Village, and Trail's End Crossing. 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. First Term Outcamping patches were earned by: **Charlotte Clark, Georgia Cook, Olivia Ferrell, Sarah Pokorny, Josefina Santacruz,** and **Frances Street**. Second Term Outcamping patch recipients were: **Kendall Castledine, Emilia Hamann** and **Lucy McCollum**.

Our crafts program is a popular in-camp activity, and crafts counselor **Emmie Andres** had the girls create an impressive range of crafts including chia pets, watercolor paintings, spa products, tye-dye clothing and so much more. Second term girls were able to be the first group of Lower Chipeta girls to participate in woodworking where they made wooden boats. The girls also had the opportunity to create and design ceramics pottery. Hopefully you are enjoying the various craft creations and have them proudly displayed at home.

Counselor **Allison Cruthis** spent many an afternoon down at the riflery range, teaching our girls how to shoot safely and precisely. Many became quite good at hitting those targets! The girls were taught by our general counselors, **Emily Moss** and **Kat Hooper**, how to properly shoot a bow and arrow. Both riflery and archery require the girls to practice their concentration and focusing abilities, as well as their patience. It was great to watch as the girls honed their shooting skills throughout the course of the summer. Lots of girls who tried nearly every activity at camp earned their Circle of Stars patch. This versatile patch ensured they got a taste of all that Cheley has to offer.



Our sports counselor, **Courtney Horne** led climbing for the Lower Chipeta girls. They learned to tie knots, to properly belay, to follow safety protocols, and the basics of indoor and outdoor technical climbing. Many fears were faced, goals reached, with lots of positive reinforcement all around. It was fantastic to see and hear the girls cheer each other on, especially when challenges surrounded them. The following campers earned their spider patch: **Olivia Ritchie**, **Tiffany Li**, **Charlotte Clark**, **Ainsley McKay**, **Sophie Schmid**, **Anna Rogers**, **Sofia Bours**, **Polly Hoffman**, **Calli Colvin**, **Peyton Humberstone**, **Elena Baldridge**, **Lucy McCollum**, **Emilia Hamann**, **Jillian Rogatz**, **Emma Singer**, **Gabrielle Marchant**, **Isabella Bowen**, and **Isabelle Dunn**.

Emily Arvola, the campfire counselor, provided our nightly entertainment as well as attended numerous activities throughout the summer. Campfire activities included dance parties, spa night with Senior Chipeta, Christmas in July, All Camp Campfire practice, Onward and Upward to Chipeta and Girls' Trail's End, counselor impersonation and so much more! Ending the day with games, songs, and fun with lots of laughter was custom.

The Circle of Stars recognition is the allencompassing patch that requires a camper to participate in many different activities. The following campers earned their Circle of Stars patch: **Elleanor**

Happiness is not perfected until it is shared.



White, Taylor Hollander, Sloan Trapp, Fritze Mayer, Hayden McJunkin, Ryan Dicken, Josefina Santacruz, Mary Frances McGaughy, Kate Gillikin, Lexi Hill, Madison Irvine, Ainsley McKay, Alia Chand, Meghan Castro, Alisa Kanganis, Charlotte Comons, Margo De Moudt, Elena Hyre, Manuela Sepulveda, Emilia Hamann, Isabelle Dunn, and Madison Foster.

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 reflected its qualities. First Term Coup girls included: Osha Ashcraft, Madison Irvine, Fritze Mayer, Anne O'Neill, and Sarah Pokorny. The Second Term Coup girls were: Grace Carney, Izzy Dunn and Eleanor Lockhart. We know that all the fabulous young ladies of Lower Chipeta will continue to uphold our Code of Living throughout the year.

This has been an incredible summer for the girls of Lower Chipeta. We hope that you all return next year, either back to Lower Chipeta, or to an upper level, to continue to enjoy the magic of sisterhood.

With love, Megan Griffith, *Director* and Emily Horne, *Assistant Director*



Lower Ski Hi

Greetings from Lower Ski Hi! Cheley has settled down since our adventurous and epic summer, as campers are back home. The quiet hush that has spread over camp is a stark contrast to the noise of many campers having an awesome time playing Knockout or Ping-Pong. The goals that each camper set, exceeded expectations. The experiences this summer will no doubt shape us for the rest of our lives. We were able to try new and exciting things in riflery, archery, crafts, woodworking, rock climbing, fishing, sports and challenge course. Our astonishing hikes, horseback rides, and outcamps played a vital role in our out of camp experience.

The wranglers Callum Fraser, Taylor Olsen, and Dylan Holland led riders to places such as Pierson Park, Eugenia Mine, and Storm Pass. While in the ring, the wranglers taught campers how to canter, jump, and ride bareback. The horse show was an awesome performance that showed off our young campers' skills that were learned over the course of both terms. Riding patches were awarded First Term to: Elijah Echols, Jack Hammer Hodge, Caden Kalfin, Benjamin Parker,



When you feel dog-tired at night, it may be because you've growled all day.



Arnav Thotakura, and Ryan Tozzi. Second Term patch recipients were: Matthew Cole, Owen Fuller, Max Higginbotham, Charlie Morgan, William Ockene, and Harry Robison.

The ever-popular target sports, riflery and archery, were always in high demand over the course of the summer. Riflery counselor **Malcolm Jordan** and sports counselor **Dan Havel** managed a safe and successful program. The campers honed their skills while having a blast. Throughout the summer they shot at a variety of targets such as water balloons and pictures and sculptures they had made at crafts. Many of our campers received recognitions in riflery and archery.

The outcamping program, led this year by Jackson Crantford and Erik Short, roughed it to many locations including Rockstock, Meadow Outpost, and TeePee Village. Campers helped with cooking over a fire and learned many safety procedures one must possess to camp for an extended amount of time. The outcampers also had plenty of time to play some of their favorite outcamp games like Capture the Flag, Camo, and Hunger Games. The campers who received their outcamping patch during First Term were: Hunter Haney, Joey Bear Hodge, Lance Setright, Ryan Tozzi, and Sebastian Vagner. Second Term recipients included: Hugh Carlin, Harrison Henke, Blake Holst, Matthew Kintzel, Guillame Laplane, Grant Weerts, and Leo Zolik.

Our general counselors this summer, **Garet Tucker** and **Derek Krumrai**, took on the role of teaching climbing in both at the climbing wall and at Christmas Tree Rock. Bouldering and climbing to the top of our climbing wall were highlights for many campers over

the course of the summer. Another exciting excursion was tech climbing up the three routes at Christmas Tree Rock. The campers especially loved rappelling down the rock formation. Congrats to: Jack Morris, Liam Dietrich, Cooper Buck, Max Higginbotham, Matthew Kintzel, Guillame Laplane, Luca Musk, Eliot Niemeann, and Charlie Weil for receiving their spider patch.

The hiking counselors, **Brian Rasch** and **Ben Ogden**, had an adventurous summer summiting many mountains and lakes. The beloved Early Breakfast hikes to Mount Ida, Lady Washington, and Flattop were all outstanding in their own right as the campers were able to push themselves to hike farther than they ever thought they could. Regular hikes to Lulu City, Thunder Lake, Odessa Lake, Deer Mountain, Sarabun Snowfield and many many more. Congratulations to First Term campers: **Benjamin Levine**, **Jack Morris**, **Andrew Nober**, and **Ryan Orris**, and Second Term camper: **Bryson Andregg** on receiving your chipmunk patch.

One of the best parts of camp is trying new and exciting programs each and every day. The campers who went above and beyond and tried many different program areas are rewarded with the Circle of Stars patch. First term recipients included: Stephen Ber, Benjamin Parker, Emilio Velez, Lance Setright, Sebastian Vagner, Andrew Brust, Jose Elverdin, Caden Kalfin, Andrew Lenk, Jack Morris, Ryan Orris, and John Senti. Second term recipients included: Baillie Weil, Charlie Weil, Guillame Laplane, Noah Triplett, Aidan Collins, Beck Gilliland, Andrew Schreiner, Grant Weerts, Leighton, McCamy-Miller, Sam Holder, and Alex Hornady.

A very special award is given to those campers who exemplify the camper-designed Code of Living. Each camper and unit counselor receives a ballot to vote for those campers who qualify by being outstanding examples in several quality traits. The Silver Coup award is given at a special awards ceremony on our last night of the term. Those honored campers this year were Carson Campbell, Jose Elverdin, Joey Bear Hodge, and Tommy Branon from First Term, and Owen Fuller, Cade Oster, Bryson Andregg, Harry Robison, and Alex Campbell from Second Term.

Everyone enjoyed evening programs created by our campfire counselor **Ryan Barber**. Some were reflective, while others were exciting and fun. The All Camp Campfires were extra special, with the campers showing off their song and dance skills before a crowd of hundreds. Our friendship circle and our unit song "Lower Ski Hi, We Love You" ended our evenings.

It's truly been a memorable summer with many amazing highs for the young men of Lower Ski Hi. We sincerely hope that many of you return next year, either back to Lower Ski Hi, or to either Boys' Trail's End or Ski Hi, to continue the brotherhood and fun that we all enjoyed this past summer.

We wish you a wonderful winter! Harrison Shure, *Director* and Steve Smith, *Assistant Director*



Chipeta

As everyone is safely home resting or continuing onto another adventure, the Chipeta cabins echo the laughter and tears we have shared this summer. Who can forget the early morning wake ups to the immaculate country side, the amazing variety of programs exploring the great Rocky Mountains, and evening vespers to reflect on everything we have accomplished and future goals to conquest. Even though the summer of 2014 has come and gone, we will always remember the splendor we shared together this year.



In camp activities were always fun! The craft shop was constantly busy with Claire Scates aiding us with craft projects. From candle making and para cord bracelets to pottery and leather books, the creativity was flowing. Michele Van Hare helped out in the craft shop, but spent most of her time in the ceramics shop, teaching the girls how to throw their own pottery and sculpt clay. Jessa Hackman led the riflery program and so many girls can be proud to say they were able to shoot a gun and earn a patch or two. Lindsay Miller was always ready to help out our young athletes. Most of us were always anxious to get outside and play or strive to earn an arrow.

We've had an amazing time with the Chipeta horses this summer. Maddy Kern, Mary Ellis Bowler, and Whitney Sarco had a great time teaching campers all about ring rides and trail rides here. The wranglers took the campers on trail rides to Eugenia Mines,

There is more power in the open hand than in the clenched fist.



Storm Pass, Strawberry Hill and more, as well as four overnights to Pierson Meadow. Flood damage and crazy weather led to some challenging trail rides, but the campers were resilient and learned a lot from these experiences. They got the chance to canter, jump, ride bareback and play games during the ring rides, and learned a lot about horsemanship along the way. We had two very successful horse shows, and the following girls earned their riding patch: Anna Brennan, Carly Campbell, Ellinore Ament, Gianna Rubino, Julie Street, Marcella Senti, Marleigh Hill, Meg Biznek, Mia Geckeler, Sonya Carrizales, Sophie Reeves, Zoe Bennett, Abigail Amonett, Avery McKay, Camille Spence, Charlize Dill, Elizabeth Rowe, Hannah Sohn, Karina Wilbur, Kendall Bartel, Kirby Kimball, Megan Smith and Rachel Castro.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding trips featured **Danielle Stueve**. She also traveled with girls to Christmas Tree Rock, up Cathedral, and into the park for Junior Ranger Day. The campers who managed their time well went on to test the various programs and volunteer their time to contribute to chapel or cookouts. They got a taste of activities from woodworking to rafting to backpacking and the chance to earn their pinecone patch. The following campers earned their pinecone patch: **Allison Means, Caroline Ritchie, Celia Satter, Eliana Durand, Mackenzie Burkhardt, Meg Biznek, Laura Moore,** and **Victoria Hamann**.

Hiking through the Indian Peaks Wilderness and Rocky Mountain National Park can perk up any day. With the guidance of Holly Robertson and Chelsea Vaz, we endured various temperatures and weather. Through thick and thin, we came back to the gorgeous outdoors to get in touch with wildlife and fill our lungs with the fresh mountain air. We practiced all the Leave No Trace principles and mustered up the courage to tackle some of the longer and more intense hikes. Our favorite and most rewarding hikes were Bear Lake to Grand Lake and Longs Peak! The following girls earned their hiking patch: Lauren Mayo, Lily Lederer, Makenna Irvine, Natalie Cross, Rachel Ansay, Abigail Amonett, Jane Olsen, Kenna Sexton, Madeline Zolik, Olivia Perozzi, and Sloane Murphy.

We loved playing Capture the Flag, Bigfoot, and Where's My Chicken with **Brigette Bushnell** on outcamps to Gypsy Pines, TeePee Village, and Meadow Outpost. The aroma of **Brittany Hecht's** pita pizzas, angels on horseback, and peanut butter and jelly French toast still lingers in the air. The following girls earned their outcamping patch: **Ivy Goldson, Sophie Berger, Annabelle Cook, Annie Tobey, Lana Winograde,** and **Malia Hollander.**

Shelbie Loonam-Hesser and **Terra Landolt** loved wandering among the peaks and pines with their



It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

fellow Chipetans this summer! We witnessed pristine mountain lakes and stood upon far-off desolate peaks. Our backpacks took us to beautiful destinations in Rocky Mountain National Park, Indian Peaks Wilderness, and the Never Summer Mountain range. The following campers earned their backpacking patch: Joy Pasin, Lauren Paine, Ruby Bertron, Sarah Van Hare, Bunny Rutledge, Elliot Singer, Lilly Brilz, Ruth Anne Chaney, Sabina Tamburrino, and Sloane Murphy.



Many of our campers spent over 15 days on the trail to earn their On the Trail patch. Those campers include: Allie Ritchie, Annabelle Cook, Annie Tobey, Athena DeMarzo, Carmen Oldham, Clare Wickman, Doris-Marie O'Kain, Eliza Howard, Ellie Marler, Joy Pasin, Lana Winograde, Lauren Mayo, Lauren Paine, Mackenzie Burkhardt, Makenna Irvine, Malia Hollander, Marcella Senti, Natalia Morris, Natalie Coss, Rachel Ansay, Ruby Bertron, Sarah Van Hare, Sophie Gurria, Sophie Reeves, Abigail Amonett, Alexa Sutherlin, Sloane Murphy, Victoria Hamann, Amber Humiston, Sabino Tamburrino, Ana Rebeca Luna, Samantha Telson, Bunny Rutledge, Caroline Ratliff, Claire Ovens, Olivia Soler-Roig, Ruth Anne Chaney, Olivia Perozzi, Elliot Singer, Olivia Cohen, Ivy Goldson, Kate Frankmore, Margo Rosenblatt, Kenna Sexton, Laura Moore, Margot Bickler, Mandie Flint, Lauren Spirk, Madeline Zolik, Lilly Brilz, Madeline Carey, and Lilly Trapp.

Upon returning from a long day of program, it was nice to relax beside a crackling fire in the Chipeta Lodge and await a welcoming hug from **Anne Shingler** and **Brittney Passini. Caellagh Morrissey** led memorable campfires after dinner that had us smiling, laughing and forgetting how tired we all were.

One of the cornerstones of the Cheley Experience is the Code of Living. Each summer, the campers of each unit get together and decide how they want to live together. They collectively choose a list of values they want to strive to uphold throughout the summer. At the end of the summer, the campers individually vote on who they feel exemplified each trait of the Code of Living. This summer the following girls

were recognized with the Silver Spurs by their fellow campers. First Term: Makenna Irvine, Carmen Oldham, and Julie Street. Second term: Abby Amonett, Margot Bickler, Charlize Dill, Sloane Murphy, Kenna Sexton and Madeline Zolik.

As we put aside the memories of 2014 and push forward into 2015, we will constantly, humbly wear our Blue Kerchiefs on our hearts, strive to live up to the Code of Living, and hold each and every one of our Chipetan sisters close all year round. It was truly a fantastic year, and we cannot wait to be reunited once more on Fish Creek Road.



Ski Hi

We had an amazing summer here in Ski Hi, full of amazing staff and campers. Each camper brought something new and exciting to Cheley this summer and we could not be more thankful for their willingness to do so. Our summer has been full of many activities that have tested our physical, mental, and emotional strength. Each one of the young men has accomplished things that they thought were once impossible, and are stronger for it in the end. Our Code of Living greatly influenced the direction of Ski Hi this summer and we are so impressed with how much respect was given to this code. Each camper went above and beyond the call to better the overall atmosphere of our community and they should all be very proud of this. We have shared the best of times and the worst of times but through all of our struggle and victory we have grown together as the brotherhood of Ski Hi 2014. It was very inspiring to see the support that each camper gave one another during testing times, everyone always encouraging others when they needed it the most.

Our backpacking program has seen many miles on the trail and many nights out under the starts. Led by Jon Calcara and Enrique Mejia, campers explored the backcountry for two or three days. Campers learned Leave No Trace principles, how to cook on a backpacking stove, and how to share the load with their fellow campers. The following campers received their Backpacking patch: Jim Ber, Roger Davis-Jahnel, Adin Pruett, Sammy Varma, Sultan Almalik, Christopher Cummings, Jensen Douillard, Spencer Harvey, Brady Lamme, Miles Nardi, Matthew Olsen, Max Robison, Myles Rosenblum, and Alexander Treistman.

The hiking program, led by Jake Hines and Bobs Gardner, explored the trails of the Rocky Mountain National Park and the National Forest. Every day a group of campers would hit the trail towards alpine lakes and mountaintops. As our hikers found themselves atop many peaks throughout the summer, the following campers went above and beyond to earn their hiking patch: Liam Endres, Patrick Griffin, Jackson Kerr, Spencer Harvey, Daniel Horne, Brady Lamme, Miles Nardi, and Myles Rosenblum.

The horseback riding program, led by Alex Clay, Hagan Dooley, and Matthew Summers, allowed campers to build confidence and compassion through working with large animals. Some of the days are spent in the riding ring working on form and technique while other days bring adventures on the trail. Campers also had a chance to participate in a few overnight rides. On these rides, the campers learn more about the responsibilities of caring for the horses and cooking over a fire. The following campers received their riding patch this summer: Aidan Olson, Charlie Kennedy, Clayton Heter, Ethan Olander, Jackson Denko, Keaton MacMillan, Liam Endres, Noah Stegman, Rodrigo Vela, Aiden Holt, Henry Orr, Julian Blackburn, and Kian Horn.

Our outcampers learned the fundamentals of how to cook over an open fire, make shelters, and teamwork. They spent one or two nights at Pierson Meadow, Meadow Outpost, Teepee Village and Gypsy Grounds. A small few have been recognized for earning their Outcamping Patch: Brett Bogie, Sebastian Griffin, Bodhi Kier, Harrison Whittemore, Sultan Almalik, Jensen Douillard, Ilya Garbuzov, and William Holst.



Our Pincone recognition is the all-encompassing patch that requires a camper to participate in many different activities to improve camp life for all. The following campers have proven to be selfless and willing to give for the betterment of our community, these campers are as follows: Emil Chaia, Dylan MacFarlane, Adin Pruett, Sammy Varma, Sultan Almalik, Zach Campbell, Asher Hyre, Matthew Olsen, Max Robison.

During the first couple of days at camp the young men of Ski-Hi form their own Code of Living, which is a set of traits that they as a community agree to live by. It is an open discussion among the campers and a vote is tallied to decide their 2014 Code of Living. The young men who received their Silver Spurs this summer have been recognized by their peers as leaders in

If you want to leave your footprints in the sands of time, wear your work shoes.



our community. These few have gone beyond the expectation to put others first and themselves second. The recipients of this recognition is as followed: Charlie Kennedy, Amil Chaia, Guy Macfarlane, Alex Siesel, Brady Lamme, Max Robison, and Eric Shih.

We are now left with a whole year to take what we have learned in our time at Cheley, and grow from it, never forgetting the lesson we have learned and the friends and memories we have made. On behalf of all of us in Ski Hi we want to thank you for an amazing summer and we hope to see you all back here again next summer!



Senior Chipeta

As we think back to the summer of 2014 in Senior Chipeta, we can't help but smile. Memories of peaking mountains, riding bareback around the riding ring, and shooting at the riflery range were just pieces of the big picture in our community. This summer, the Titanium Women strived to live up to the Code of Living in order to be our best selves. By celebrating our differences and taking advantage of every opportunity presented to us, we were able to form a meaningful and supportive sisterhood in Senior Chipeta.

Anna Albonetti, Katie Clurman, and Anna Lindgren took our horseback riders to awesome destinations this summer. From Pierson Meadow, to Eugenia Mine, to Chasm Junction, the riders challenged themselves over rocky trails in rain and shine! The riding counselors instilled values such as patience, confidence, and respect through their program. Waking up at 5:45 a.m. every morning to muck stalls and prepare the horses for the day gave the riders a feeling of responsibility for their program, as well as a sense of accomplishment before other campers were even awake! The campers who received their riding patch this summer were: Emma Dern, Madi Guidera, Kaitlin Steinfort, Sami Thompson, Erin Bingaman, Ellie Daugherty, Lanie Flint, Astrid Laplane, Maude Le Du, Isley Lopez, Eva Reiling, Rachel Sohn, Kate Watkins, and Drew Stanley.

The Trail Hand is a recognition that is decided by the riding counselors rather than a typical patch that is earned by completing requirements. A person who is awarded their Trail Hand has earned their Riding patch in a previous summer and demonstrates a knowledge that goes above and beyond basic patch skills. This summer **Katie Belle Perkins** received her Trail Hand based on her exemplary skills in the ring and on the trail, helpfulness in all aspects of the riding program,



The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.

and overall strength of character. Congrats to Katie Belle for receiving this prestigious award.

The hikers had an amazing summer learning about the Leave No Trace principles, hiking to pristine alpine lakes, and summiting snow-covered peaks. Ellen Smith and Jenni Gerard took on the motto "Peace be the Journey" as their theme for the summer. Not only did the hikers challenge themselves physically and mentally, but they also took time to appreciate the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park and Indian Peaks Wilderness. From St. Vrain Peak, to Crystal Lake, to Snowdrift Peak, the hikers covered numerous miles this summer. The campers who earned their hiking patch were: Olivia Albers, Julia Lackner, Holland Wiles, Kate Wood, and Liv Katamanin.

Jacquie Weddell taught the mountain bikers what it means to be buff mountain women. Riding up the hills to the Overlook and Pierson Park are not easy tasks, but the mountain bikers pushed through the pain and showed what it means to be mentally tough. Each day ride would end with an attempt at the Cheley Challenge: riding from the start of the gravel road all the way up the hill to the Cheley office. By working together and sharing encouraging words, the women of Senior Chipeta used teamwork to make the dream work! Our mountain biking patch recipients this summer were: Lanie Flint, Holland Wiles, Julia Lackner, Hannah Wineman, and Lucy Zicarelli.



This summer, the backpacking counselors led the campers to some amazing destinations deep within the backcountry. From Devil's Thumb, to Michigan Lakes, to Battle Mountain, Izzie Coffin, Laurel Starr, and Julia Wickman found some incredible places to set up camp and unplug for three to five days. Backpackers learned skills such as setting up tents, cooking with backpacking stoves, and using maps to navigate areas without trails. The feature five-day backpacks, Red Deer Lake to Coney Lake and July to Timberline, challenged the campers to work as teams by living in the backcountry for almost an entire week of program. This summer the following young women earned their backpacking patch: Sophie Lackner, Sarah Nielsen, Rachael Branscomb, and Emily Carroll.

This summer we had numerous campers who spent 15 or more days out of camp in various program areas. Our Outcamping counselor, **Claire Zollondz**, taught campers how to build fires and their own shelters using tarps and ropes during overnight trips. The following Senior Chipetans earned their On the Trail patch: **Morgan Dunn**, **Jenna Gevertz**, **Taylor Kerr**, **Abby Meyers**, **Rachael Branscomb**, **Emily Carroll**, **Madeleine de Marnix**, **Lauren DeMoudt**, **Lanie Flint**, **Michelle Galetti**, **Marina Matsudaira**, **Maya Mohr**, **Maddie Nardi**, and **Eva Reiling**.

Not only did campers go off camp property to enjoy program, but many also stayed at camp to participate in activities such as crafts, riflery, and archery. Michelle Eveker had a blast creating silver spoon rings, using the wheel in ceramics, and making tie-dye shirts during crafts. Meredith Hackett guided over 60 campers in receiving an archery arrow or riflery patch/pin this summer. A special congratulation goes out to Lauren DeMoudt and Lanie Flint for earning their Gold Arrows this summer! At the end of each day, Jo Jensen would lead us in fun campfires such as disco with Lower Ski Hi, positive mental attitude, and counselor dress up night!

While many campers make it a goal to go for one or two patches during their time in Senior Chipeta, few campers push themselves to earn a patch from every program area. The Gold Spurs are a recognition for campers who earn their Hiking, Backpacking, Riding, and Mountain Biking patches, as well as their Prone Level Four in riflery, Gold Arrow in archery, make a



gift-worthy craft, and write a letter to the Cheley family. After numerous terms of hard work, this summer Lanie Flint completed the requirements for her Gold Spurs. Congratulations, Lanie, we're so proud of you! We know her father, Rich (a Gold Spur recipient years ago), was excited to see her achieve her goal.

After creating their Code of Living, the women of Senior Chipeta continuously strived to make the traits integral parts of their lives. As voted by the unit, the women who best lived up to the Code and received their Gold Key this summer were: Sylvia Bloom, Alba R. Sayrol, Sarah Nielsen, Kate Wood, Alicia Comer, Hannah Wineman, Drew Stanley, Jenny Laidlaw, Meg Miller, and Maddie Nardi.

We had an amazing group of CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training) this summer: Meredith Bower, Alicia Comer, Suraya Foster, Courtney Greer, Griffith Greer, Sierra Johnson, Ashley Jones, Rosemary Krudewig, Jennifer Laidlaw, Amanda Marko, Grace McCamy-Miller, Maggie Mullins, Madison Nardi, and Jessica Savage.

This summer we challenged ourselves to face our fears, push our limits, and support one another along the way. After leaving our real world of Cheley, and returning to the world outside of camp, we hope that the Strong Independent Women of Senior Chipeta continue to live up to our Code of Living and share it with friends and family back home. We may no longer be living a constant sunshine daydream in the Rocky Mountains, but the spirit and sisterhood of Senior Chipeta remain strong. We're counting down the days until we see you all again for the summer of 2015!



Haiyaha

As our time away from the incredible summer that was 2014 grows, we all look back fondly at the incredible brotherhood that came to exist once again on Haiyaha Hill. As all of you Iron Men remember, it's not just fun and games in Haiyaha – it's a place where you can find yourself. It's a place where you can be your best self, where you can thrive. We learned early on, whether facing a challenging ride, a looming peak, or an impossible challenge, that life does not start and stop at your convenience and you must be willing to move on and take things as they come. It is not our circumstances that define us, but how we respond to them.

Our somewhat charming and emotionally inseparable directing staff, director **Cody Hiller** and assistant director **Alex Rowe**, waved farewell to our fine campers every day as they set off on their amazing journeys.

The riding program took the unit on some incredible journeys to places like Pearson Meadow, Chasm Junction, Sandbeach Lake, and Eugenia Mine. Our three intrepid wranglers **Ben Wostoupal, Brock Warner**, and **Dan Crotty** shared their personalities and knowledge with the campers both on the trail and in the ring. Safety and fun went hand in hand for the riders as they learned how to control horses, how to care for them, and how to be the best rider they can be. The wranglers helped the campers perfect more difficult skills such as bareback riding, ground

Hurting another's reputation won't improve your own.



manners, and cantering. The riding patch recipients for the summer were: Tyler Goddard, lan Stanford, Kyle Blumenthal, Russell Bowden, Jack Lee, Maximilan Damon, Simon Patmore-Zarcone, and Anthony VanDeLinder. Way to go, riders!



The hiking program offered a challenging and fulfilling program, enabling the campers to explore the National Park and Indian Peaks Wilderness on foot at a time when the scenery of the Park is more appreciated than ever before. Our three inspiring and nearly clean-shaven hiking counselors, Henry Warrington, AJ Yingling, and Raymond Swingle led groups on amazing hikes to beautiful destinations such as Mount Meeker, Longs Peak, and many other breathtaking places. The treks in the Park not only offered technical challenges, but a chance to learn about the principles of Leave No Trace and proper wilderness safety. The hiking patch recipients for the summer were: Josh Bennett, Ben Citow, Chase Manhart, Andrew Conlon, Grant Dumanian, Ryan McCoy, Kellan McEachen, Zach Mintz, Kieran Murphy, and Max Nardi. Peace be the journey, guys!

The backpacking crew of **Corey Martz** and **Matt** "**Sunshine**" **Lovas** was once again a source of some incredible moments and amazing trips into the Park. Through multiple three-day trips and a five-day trip each term, backpackers were able to explore distant areas of the Never Summer Wilderness and Rocky



Good example has twice the value of good advice.

Mountain National Park that few have the opportunity to see. The backpackers once again preached and practice "peace be the journey," and enjoyed 2:00 a.m. wake ups, sunrises on mountain peaks, and afternoon siestas. Our backpacking patch recipients were: Josh Bennett, Spencer Oldham, Lloyd Chinn, Andrew Conlon, Michael Cummings, Zach Mintz, and Kieran Murphy. Take the fear, my bold friends!

Our talented outcamping counselor, Alfredo Jimenez, led groups on some fun and certainly filling camping trips. The campers cooked their own meals, learned about how to survive in the wilderness, and bonded as a group of brothers on every journey. The big brother/little brother outcamp let our young men work as mentors to the boys of Lower Ski Hi, and the solo outcamps gave a few lucky campers the chance to enjoy and explore 24 hours of self-reliance and discovery. Our outcamping patch recipient was Josh Bennett.

The crafts program had an unbelievable summer filled with successful projects and creative minds overflowing. **Bill Kalbac** and **Ken Curry** guided the campers in the wood shop, helping them discover and build their own unique and beautiful projects. Our crafts counselor, **Alex Kalil**, led our campers on an incredible journey of self-discovery, meditation, gift giving, and even the creation of the first ever Haiyaha Muse Paper! Today you have honed your craft, gentlemen!

Our riflery program, led by the talented **Tristan Corrin,** focused on safety and accuracy as the campers shot through target after target. Winning the riflery tournament both terms (way to go, gents!), we saw a keen interest in the program which led over 40 campers to receive recognitions! Nice shooting, boys!



The mountain biking program, led by the confidently capable **Brad Young**, went on some amazing journeys around the National Forest to Pearson Meadow, Stanley Park, and Devil's Backbone. The campers learned the ins and outs of biking, and how to care for their bikes. Our mountain biking patch

recipients were **Ben Blevins-Boor** and **Eli Bucksbaum**. Let it be, my friends!

Many of our campers participated in a collection of out of camp activities, such as hiking, riding, outcamping, rafting, backpacking, and technical climbing. Of the 18 days of program we have in Haiyaha, several devoted young men spent 15 or more of those away from camp, and received their On the Trail patch: Ross Ackerman, Nelson Anderson, Josh Bennett, Russell Bowden, Alex Dye, Jakubb Fahrenkrug, Trevor Hamlin, Daniel Hathcock, Connor Hill, Austin Krueger, Eric Lopez, Ian MacFarlane, Chase Manhart, Logan Manhart, Benjamin Nober, Hunter Parish, Nikita Pozhidaev, Andy Rochette, Peter Rosston, Matt Ruggiano, Jack Street, Atticus Sutherlin Sovern, Vittorio Torghele, Marcus Tweedy, Anthony VanDeLinder, Ferran Vilar, Kyle Weinstein, George Wheeler, Matthew Beck, Ben Blevins-Boor, Cameron Burge, Thomas Campbell, Iniaki Corneio, Stefano Graber, Jackson Harvey, Peter Kubly, Jack MacGee, Zach Mintz, Kieran Murphy, Paul Anthony Olsen, Charlie Ovens, and David Pedroza.

After program each night, **Rob Garland** led the brotherhood in an amazing, and thought provoking campfire. With games such as Capture the Flag, Steal the Bacon, and myriad of other activities, the unit was bonded every evening with an opportunity to share the end of the day with the unit they love.

Our CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training) this summer were: Ross Ackerman, Max Bucksbaum, Joshua Copito, Austin Krueger, Evan Le Jeal, Dylan Lederer, Josh Levinson, Kai Lindsey, Spencer Papay, Alexander Roederer, Peter Rosston, and Max Schwartz.

We were blessed to have two amazing terms filled with so many strong campers who lived up to our Codes of Living. The young men chose to recognize the following individuals who embodied the Code of Living with depth and consistency with the Gold Key award: Evan LeJeal, Josh Copito, Austin Krueger, Oliver Penner, Connor Hill, Doug Klink, Jake Alcott, Max Bucksbaum, Charlie Ovens, and Peter Schmidt.

We also had the privilege of awarding another rare award to a member of Haiyaha this summer: the Gold Spurs. Frank Cheley set up the Gold Spurs, given to campers who really devoted themselves to earning nearly every recognition we have to offer. The Spurs are not a goal that can be earned in one year - it really is a process that requires a great amount of focus and drive to achieve. One camper completed these requirements: hiking patch, riding patch, backpacking patch, mountain biking patch, a proficient shot in both riflery and archery, creating two gift-worthy crafts projects, and writing a letter to the Cheley family about the journey to achieve the Spurs. We were so happy to present **Spencer Papay** with his Gold Spurs this summer. Congratulations, Spencer!

Remember Haiyaha, do not let that fire go out spark by irreplaceable spark. The world you desire can be won. It exists, it is possible, it's yours. Go make it my friends, and as always, go forth and be merry!



Girls' Trail's End

The Ranch at the End of the Trail is once again quiet while the memories are still lingering. The women of Girls' Trail's End are around the globe sharing what they learned and the memories they made from the summer with their friends and relatives at home. They created much more than just memories and hard skills. All of our girls spent an amazing term or two working on many life skills. They



learned how to set goals and how to obtain those goals. They also learned many life and character building skills that make them the strong doers, friends and leaders they are at home. They learned that friends can be made in the simplest of moments, and that happiness comes from not where they are but what they create. This summer had new bumps and potholes in our road with the flood from September 2013. Some of our activities encountered a few changes to accommodate the rebuilding process. All of our campers helped out in one way or another rebuilding our property and keeping GTE Strong. Just of a few projects that our campers helped facilitate were the greenhouse which is a beautiful new addition and peaceful spot, along with digging out the trunks of trees on our property so that they will live on for more generations of GTE campers to come.

The flood did not slow down our hikers at all this summer. Each day Mary Clara Hutchison, Sydney Plummer and Michaela Lowe headed to Rocky Mountain National Park. They encountered some new land features left by the flood, including a few landslides and downed trees. Our hikers were able to explore a few new areas and also visit some of the old favorites. Avery Lack received her junior hiking patch and Elizabeth Collins, Brooke Lummis, Kendall Jones, Julia Nadler, and Ally Price received their senior hiking patches

A fair idea put to use is better than a good idea never tried.



Some of our lovely ladies woke up each morning early to meet at Gait-Gate to feed horses. Our wranglers, Dulie Herr, Kate Cochrane, and Taylor Dingman loved the help and the campers enjoyed the extra responsibility of taking extra care of our horses. Our riding trails were limited by the flood, but that did not slow down our riders. They still had many successful pack trips to Outpost and Homestead Meadows, and we had many opportunities to ride with our sister units at Land O' Peaks. This group of young women spent many early mornings not only feeding, but learning riding skills and basic horseman ship and earned their junior riding patch: Mariana Fernandez, Gemma Green, Matalyn Lass, Emily Wagner, Sophie Dowdy, Alex Greiner, Claire Kelly, Natasha Marcoux, Mariana Fernandez, Eliza Sandell, and Tea Wallmark. Senior riding patch recipients were: Erika Ingold, Mary Cate Carroll, Isabel Edstrom, Jessica Lane, Nancy Leigh Morgan, Annika Skigen, and Jacqueline Walker. Faith Moiser earned her senior riding basics.

We were very excited that almost every camper made it on a backpacking trip this summer! Some of the new trips planned by our backpacking counselors, **Alex Oldham** and **Madeline Brooks**, were packed with multiple peaks, and great meals cooked on a stove. Several girls loved sleeping out in a tent and earned their backpacking patch this summer: **Lucy Conlon** earned her junior patch and **Annie Ellison**, **Robin Sandell**, and **Taylor Santangelo** earned senior patches.

Maggie Hull, Kayla Privett and Liz Shull were over-themoon excited to ride bikes with our campers this summer. They had many great stories of time spent with the girls challenging themselves on steep hills and on long bike rides. They also always had amazing stories and inside jokes from each overnight. Some of our campers spent many a day with these ladies pedaling around and they earned their mountain biking patch, which required them to know parts of the bike, how to change a tire, and traffic safety rules, among other things. The following girls earned their mountain biking patch: Anna Bean, Madelyn Cooper, Ana Domit, Erika Ingold, Taylor Phillips, Ines Santacruz, Marguerite Wolanske, and Emma Fabert.

Some of our campers really enjoyed sleeping under the stars and cooking over an open fire this summer. They spent many days with our outcamping counselor, Michelle Villagran, at sites such as Rockstock and Camp of the Pines. These girls learned many group skills, cooking skills, and shelter building skills to make them proficient at camping in the wilderness. They also played tons of games, got dirty at times and ate amazing food! The following girls earned their senior outcamping patch:

Shelby Mounsey, Aubri Pulse, and Sadie Vik. Kenna
Sexton earned her junior outcamping patch and the following girls earned their outcamping basics: Emily Adams, Isabella Branscomb, Divya Jakatdar, and Riley Ottolenghi. We were very proud of the group of ladies we

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Purpose gives life real meaning.

had this summer. Every girl spent many days out on the trail away from camp trying all activities.

Erin Pippus and our riflery ladies had a new adventure of sharing a riflery range with the men of Boys' Trail's End. Even though we now had to travel to our temporary riflery destination, it didn't stop our fine ladies from earning riflery recognitions. The craft shop was always overflowing with creativity and buzzing with chatty under the lead of the very talented **Shelby Mehan**. Each night we spent time as a family singing songs, sharing talents, and telling stories lead by our wonderful campfire counselor **Sarah Bartosh**.



The main hub of our ranch- the kitchen- was run by our chefs **Amelia Cochrane** and **Laney Wallace** and was always filled with delicious smells like gooey s'more brownies or chicken curry. At the end of the day our nurse, **Susan Krider**, was always keeping our girls healthy and happy, fixing blisters and giving out cough drops when needed.

Our CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training) this summer were: Kelsea Critin, Lindsey Daniels, Danielle Golub, Emma Jenevein, Abigail Nadler, Gretchen Price, Wittney Skigenn, AnnieLaurie Vann, Liesel Woollett, and Maggie Zeidwig.

On final recognition night we recognize all of our campers for their accomplishments from the summer. We also recognized capers who were chosen by their peers as

the role model citizens who lived up to our Code of Living. Receiving the Top Hand award were: Renee Wright, Taylor Phillps, Crafton Deal, and Kendall Jones. Receiving their Driver award were: Aubrey Schafer, Rosie Dunlap, Piper Caitlin, and Claire Jennings.

Although the ranch is now quiet and the campers are spread all over the world, we share the memories from the summer of 2014 in our hearts. We look forward to seeing each and every girl again next summer so that they "Someday will return as before to ride the range once more, with my pals and friends, where the west begins, at the Ranch at the End of the Trail."



Boys' Trail's End

A heartfelt and manly but mellow greeting from the valley that houses our beloved Boys' Trail's End! We remember the laughter and deep conversation that once echoed between pine trees and danced to the hum of the North Fork River. The mountains stand proud, waiting for the gentlemen of BTE to return to their humbling graces and ominous challenges.

Jonathan Burk, Colin Devlin and Parker Schiffer, also known as "The Directors," had an outstanding summer getting to know the campers and upholding the longstanding traditions of this special place. We are grateful for the opportunity to work closely with our staff to forge meaning, build identity and have an impact on the future generation.

As always, we tip our hats to kitchen staff. They kept us well fed and happy throughout our time here. Michael Badough kept us well fed during the first term. Second term, Laurie Dale Marshall not only provided quality fuel for our long days on the trail, but she also acted as a maternal force for the boys. Jaime Caicedo Montealegre, the kitchen assistant, returned for his fifth summer from Bogota, Colombia. He is renowned for his positivity and helpfulness, always ready with a broom and a mop for the campers during unit cleaning. He has consistently added a touch of personality and multiculturalism to our brotherhood.

We were also very pleased to have **Gary Swetnam** return as our nurse to keep us healthy and in top shape so we could push ourselves on program. Ruth Swetnam, his wife, had the crucial role as the gatekeeper of Snickers bars, Brisk Iced Tea, and Cheley gear, as she operated our Camp Store. More importantly, however, she brought a lifetime of motherly advice for the campers in the role of our Camp Mom. She was an invaluable source of wisdom in tough times and had a magical ability to melt away any notions of homesickness. Gary and Ruth provided us all with a beautiful model of a camaraderie, love and genuine partnership.

The Code of Living is a cornerstone to the Chelev Experience, and the Blue Kerchief we all wear

symbolizes our commitment to the community. Campers and staff alike found days when it was difficult to fully embody the essence of our Code, however those were few and far between. The power of the Code of Living motivates us to be the best version of ourselves on a daily basis. At the end of each term, campers had a chance to recognize those among us who exemplified the traits of the Code. Those who received their Driver for First Term were Theo Chesnut, Grayson Phillips, Ryan Dunlap, and Brogan Ludwig. The campers recognized for Second Term Driver Awards were **Grant** Dincel, Charlie Cope, Lucas Spiro, Olivier Boel, and Andy Fresen. First Term Top Hand recipients were Creighton Goodwin, Sol Broady and Guy Wall. Second Term Top Hand recipients were Cameron Kozloff, Jake Burrus, Henry Woodward, and Benjamin Spiro.

We were fortunate to have Campers in Leadership Training (CILTs) this summer during Second Term. This is a chance for the oldest campers to spend their final summer at BTE focusing on leadership and helping to prepare for their next step in life. Theo Ubben, Jackson Burow, and Drake DiAngelo were those responsible for leading the unit and demonstrating a high level of integrity and responsibility. We talked at the beginning of the term about leadership and decided on a symbol of a lion for their CILT experience. "A lion does not need to say he is a



lion, he simply is." All three of these young men were able to fully realize the profundity of this image and served to enrich the experience of all campers and staff. They were given a chance to spend their third week on exchange in Lower Ski Hi and Ski Hi and provided leadership for those younger campers.



When one realizes his littleness, then greatness can appear.

Campers had many inspiring days on program and have created memories that will last a lifetime. In camp activities included riflery, with **Donald Helms** and **Randy Slocum**, and learning to foster creativity in the craft shop with Master Painter **Ambrus "Paintbrush" Gero**, who joined us again this summer from Hungary. Campers also learned patience and craftsmanship in tying flies and catching fish on the North Fork River with **Jonathan Burk**.

Our Pinecone recognition is the all-encompassing patch that requires a camper to participate in many different activities to improve camp life for all. This summer **Aidan Cooke** earned his pinecone patch.

Along with hiking counselors Jake Mayo, Logan Fulk, Parker Barrell, and Luke Parten, the young men ventured to alpine lakes, glaciers, snowfields, and high peaks, covering hundreds of miles in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. They challenged themselves on early breakfast hikes such as the Mummy Kill, Snowdrift Mountain, Mount Meeker and Navajo. Patch recipients were Dane Lee, Jackson Young, Tucker Thomas, Lahav Tanenbaum, Drew Marchant, Weston Metzler, Stuart Randall, James Anspacher, and Lucas Spiro.

Backpacking counselors, **Richard Salas, Sam Norton,** and **Matt Brooks,** took campers into the pristine backcountry and instilled values of teamwork and survival. The highlights include summiting Static Peak and Mount Richtofen, as well as the Battle Mountain trip that allowed for a summit bid to Mount Meeker and Long's Peak. Patch recipients for First Term were **Guy Wall, Alex McClain,** and **Lucian Broady.** Second Term patch recipients were **Lahav Tanenbaum, Teddy Carlin, Jake Burrus, Charlie Cope, Wyatt Ellison,** and **Andy Fresen.**

The riding program, led by Dan Barker, Johnny Ryan and James Johnston, faced significant challenges due to the flood that wiped out all the trails out of BTE. They made the best of it, and got to do some trail rides closer to Land O'Peaks that are rarely done by our guys. First Term patch recipients were Quinn Anderson, Allen Fridman, Michael Trentel, Pablo Adler, Zach Clements, Gabe Reuter, Nick Kowalski, Teddy Allegra, and Nick Wolanske. Second Term path recipients were Harry Winer, Brock Cannon, Benjamin Spiro, Mac Nicholson, Phillip Jenevein, Joseph Wagnon, Bennett Wagnon, Konrad Hadley, and Guillaume Van der Straten Waillet.

Jack Sweeny led the outcamping program and campers had a great time cooking their own meals, learning how to build shelters, and other outdoor skills. Alex Menikoff and Allen Fridman earned their outcamping patch.

The mountain biking program was led by **Joel Williams** and campers enjoyed many destinations for day and overnight rides. The following campers received their mountain biking patch: **Emmett Berg, Oscar Adler, Ryan Dunlap, Sol Broady, Akhil Jakatdar, Grant Dincel, Jack Jennings** and **William Emery.**

We ended each day with an evening program or campfire prepared by **Joey Kaufman** and it was truly a great summer! As the valley recovers from the flood damage of last fall, it awaits the return of over 120 campers and staff buzzing with energy, ready to push themselves, create community and grow together as a brotherhood. We sincerely thank you for your support, and genuinely look forward to next summer at the Boys' Trail's End!





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