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We Are All a Work in Progress

During Peyton Manning's retirement speech, he shared a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Treat a man as he is, and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he could be, and he will become what he should be." I think Frank Cheley could have said this as well. This quote has stuck with me since I heard it. What a wonderful attitude to take into so many aspects of our life. I printed the quote and it is now in the center of my bulletin board. Our goal as managers, coaches, or parents is to focus on what someone can do, not what they are doing.

With three boys in our house, we play a lot of sports. On any given day, there is a hockey game, a lacrosse game, or a football game going on in the basement. If we are not playing sports, we are watching sports. When our oldest son, Jackson, started throwing a football, it wasn't pretty. However, after hours in the basement, on the playground, and in the backyard, he can now throw a pretty impressive pass. In fact, we were on vacation the other day and a stranger at the pool commented to Erika, "that kid has got a nice spiral." In sports, it is easier to recognize that we are always improving.

Sometimes this is not as easy when we are dealing with people. I know I have made the mistake in thinking, "She is always negative" or "He can never be counted on to get the job done." Instead, I need to focus on how I help this person improve and grow in certain areas. How can I "treat her how she should be to help her become what she could be?" No matter what each of us does for a living, we all have times when we are in personal development.

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Trigger Bill says...

A big man" is usually just a person of ordinary size who took advantage of a big opportunity.





*Life is like a mirror —
if you frown at it,
it frowns back:
if you smile it
returns the greeting.*



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I think this is one of the reasons children love going to camp. At camp, they can try on new attitudes, meet new friends, and form new opinions. They experience new stories and expand their horizons. I have heard many campers say "I get to be the real me at camp." What a gift! One of our goals during staff training is to develop an attitude of growth and improvement in our staff. We want our staff to see the campers as they can be... and help them to see it, too. We are looking forward to our 96th summer of youth development.



2017 Final Weekend

We have made the decision to move our closing day to Sunday. We have noticed more schools are moving their start dates to earlier in August and campers need to get back home for sports, tryouts, rehearsals, etc. In addition, many parents have commented on the challenge of Monday travel and missing the start of the week. We have not worked out the details for Final Weekend yet, but we will keep our camp families posted. Our goal is to keep as many of the traditions in place as possible as we create the new schedule. We will visit with many campers this summer to make sure we keep the traditions they feel are important to the closure of the term. This is a big change that comes after many discussions. Throughout our 96 years, we have gone through many changes. While change can be difficult, our priority has been, and always will be to our campers and their families.



Enrollment Update

As we prepare to celebrate our 96th Season, we are excited to share that our enrollment numbers are even with last year. We have campers from 45 states and 18 countries enrolled. As of the printing of the Pack Rat, we are full for First Term Lower Chipeta and Senior Chipeta and Second Term Lower Ski

Hi, Haiyaha, BTE, Lower Chipeta and Girls' Trail's End. Most of our other units are close to capacity. We still have space in some 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.

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Important 2016 Dates

May 15: Cheley office moves from Denver to Estes Park

June 15: First Term Begins

July 9: First Term Horse Show, BBQ Lunch, Recognition Campfires

July 10: First Term Chapel, Recognition Campfires

July 11: First Term Ends, Mid-Term Trip

July 13: Second Term Begins

August 6: Second Term Horse Show, BBQ Lunch, Recognition Campfires

August 7: Second Term Chapel, Recognition Campfires

August 8: Second Term Ends

August 9-14: Family Camp

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, and other camp items. We would love to pass them along to those families.

Online Forms

Kudos to all of the parents who have completed their forms for this summer! We appreciate your help. Thank you to families who were among the first to finish their paperwork: **Inez & Isac Billing, Ava DiAngelo, Grant Dumanian, Malie Kaplan, Quinlan Kremer, Sophia Lathrop, Emma Maiocco, and Cecilia & Gonzalo Mancera.** Way to go! If you haven't completed your forms online in CampBrain for this summer, please complete them by May 15. If you need help with a login or password, or locating the forms, call our office or email office@cheley.com for assistance.

Getting Mail at Camp

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Check Out the Online Store

Go to www.cheley.com/store to purchase the latest items from the Cheley Camp Store. The online store is a great way to help you prepare for the summer packing list. You can choose to have items shipped to you or waiting for your camper at Cheley.



*Strength comes from
struggle; weakness
from ease.*





*There cannot be justice
for you which means an
injustice to others.*



Carrying the Code By: Brooke Cheley-Klebe

Last summer, I did a Chapel talk based on the children's book, *What Do You Do With An Idea?* Later that afternoon two Chipeta campers, **Marcella Senti** and **Bridget Bullard** came to tell me about what they had done with an idea. I was thrilled to hear about the amazing organization they had created from their wonderful idea. It is called GRO and its stands for Girls Reaching Out. How cool is that?

Then one cold wintery day in the Denver office, they made my day again, calling to give me an update on their organization.



I continue to be so inspired by these young women, reaching beyond their own lives to make a difference in the lives of others and I want to recognize them as campers "*Carrying the Code*" into their lives back home.

As of 2013, the efforts of these 13 to 14 year-old girls, have been



Carrying the Code

focused on achieving the goal of building a well in Malawi, Africa. They decided on this location because they met a group of Malawian students at their local college. Through this new friendship, they learned about their home, and some of the hardships involved with a lack of water.

If you have a moment, check out their website at: <http://girlsreachingout.wix.com/growithus#!blog/ct1r2>.

If you know of any Cheley campers or staff that should be recognized with "Carrying the Code" please let us know.

Boy Scout Merit Badges at Cheley

We are pleased to offer campers who are in Boy Scouts the opportunity to work on merit badges while at camp in six areas: hiking, horsemanship, leatherworking, wilderness survival, riflery, and wood carving. Interested campers need to attain approval from their Scoutmaster and bring the blue merit badge card to camp with them.



Meet the Boys' and Girls' Camp Directors

We are excited to welcome back two familiar Cheley faces to new positions this summer, **Harrison Shure** as the Boys' Camp Director and **Kathy McCue** as the Girls' Camp Director.

Harrison Shure

Harrison was a BTE camper from 2003-2007, a CILT in 2008, and this is his sixth summer on staff. He was a horseback riding counselor for two summers (Lower Ski Hi-2010, BTE- 2012), assistant director at BTE in 2013, and director of Lower Ski Hi in 2014 and 2015. Harrison is completing his second year as a



history teacher at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT. He teaches 9th grade world history, 11th grade US history, and term course electives ranging from global human rights to modern African history. Harrison is a residential faculty member in a boys' dorm, and is the head coach of the equestrian team.

Harrison shares his favorite Cheley memories: "I have vivid and wonderful memories as a camper of cooking pita pizzas on backpacks, spending an entire three-day backpack taking cover from the rain in a tent (which was surprisingly a blast!), singing 'American Pie' for at least twenty minutes and many more. Cheley undoubtedly played an incredibly formative role in my own development as an adolescent. My time on staff at Cheley inspired me to enter the world of education. It's hard to pick favorite memories from my staff years! My first summer, I had a camper who was so nervous about

horseback riding, that he became sick before getting on during orientation. After that, he quickly overcame his nerves, and proceeded to ride every single day of the term – so cool! I've seen campers amaze themselves with what they are capable of (in the riding ring, on the trail, etc.) and leave camp with their chins held high, and shoulders back."

Harrison is excited to step into his new role as Boys' Camp Director. "Given the extent to which Cheley has helped shape me into the man I am today, I'm eager to help provide a similarly impactful experience for our campers, counselors, and directors. There is no doubt in my mind that Cheley's 96th summer is going to be absolutely incredible, and I can't wait to be a part of it!"

Kathy McCue

Kathy (Seifert) McCue came to Cheley as an 11 year-old, riding the train and wearing red patent leather shoes (which seemed like a good idea at the time). She fell in love with Cheley and never looked back. She hiked, backpacked, and even rode a bit through Lower Chipeta, Chipeta and Senior Chipeta as a camper for seven years and a JC (what is now a



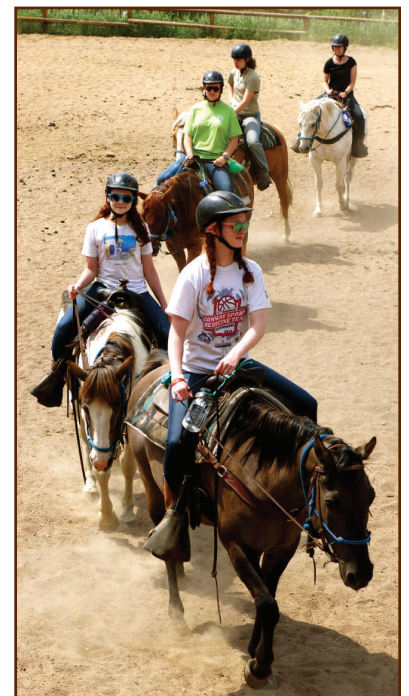
CILT). Kathy was a hiking counselor in Senior Chipeta for one summer, and her family attended Family Camp for 15 years.

She and her husband, Mike, have considered Cheley as the "best

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The secret of being interesting is to be interested.





Those who think chiefly of themselves can not help but be discouraged.



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investment we have made in raising our children. Though we live in Iowa, we all have a passion for the mountains no matter the season." Since the age of 12, her children Matt, Patrick, and Sarah wound their way through Cheley, loving the trails and their camp experiences. Kathy's son, Tim, though never a camper, knows all the verses of 'Desperado', has watched many a Cheley slide show and has even moderated a debate on the best route up Meeker.

Kathy taught high school for 20 years, retired in 2014, and has been living the dream ever since. She recently hiked the Dolomites in Italy with Sarah and Patrick, and the Camino Santiago in Spain. She's working on her guitar and Spanish

skills, and works with a non-profit in Guatemala building homes for poor families. She visits her children in New York, Oklahoma, and Colorado and is a proud grandma to Annette.

Kathy shares her favorite Cheley memories: "Come sit next to me at Wood's Kitchen and I'll fill your ears... Next to my parents, Cheley was the single most influential part of nurturing the woman I was to become. When I close my eyes and dream about this summer I see myself standing arm in arm with campers and staff as Chapel comes to a close, singing, "Let There Be Love on Earth," and reflecting on the incredible and transformative part that Cheley has played in my life. I can't wait!"



Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

IN PASSING

G. Kent Keller, a camper from 1950-1952 and counselor from 1955-1957, passed away of pancreatic cancer on March 9, 2016. He and wife **Janet Golba Keller**, (counselor in 1956) retired to Estes Park in 2002. Less than two months before he died, Kent was still hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park—his favorite place on earth. The last hike he took was to Gem Lake on his 79th birthday.

Allen Frame Hill, 53, a camper from 1972-1979 passed away in Denver on March 24, 2016. He had been working for a decade on the film *Vagabond Club Documentary* about the years 1967-1977 in Leysin, Switzerland. He also co-produced and co-directed the film *Jump!* about Czech climbers leaping across pinnacles.

Ed Burke, 78, of Genoa, Nebraska, passed away on July 27, 2015. He was a camper and counselor in the 40s and 50s and felt that Cheley added a great deal to his abiding love of the mountains. He is survived by his wife, Rosella "Anne",

one son, two grandchildren, one brother, and two nieces.

Dr. Thomas James Fischer, 85, passed away January 20, 2016, in Hannibal, MO. He was a counselor in the 50s for three years. His love of the mountains continued throughout his life. He is survived by his wife, Betty, three daughters, and two granddaughters.

Dr. Fred Dupuy, of Austin, TX, passed away February 11, 2016, during his 80th trip around the sun. He is survived by his wife, Nina, four children, and five grandchildren.

CELEBRATIONS

Mark Tuggle (counselor) completed the Boston Marathon.

Dr. Mark Jewell, camper in the 50s from Kansas City, writes "I think Cheley was one of the finest experiences of my life, and helped shape my career as a surgeon, adventurer, and ultra marathoner. You have done a great job of helping children to become self-reliant in a self-indulgent world."



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Our 96th Season

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Some Things Never Change



A few excerpts from a 1939 Pack Rat

"For many years we have been trying to evolve the most satisfactory kind of weekly CAMP REPORT concerning the general well-being and progress of each camper, but without succeeding in devising one satisfactory to all parents, for the simple reason that the problem in itself presents many difficulties not obvious to parents. We have now tried five different forms and studied reactions (each one no better fundamentally than any of the others)."

"Then, too, as can be so easily understood, some counselors (both young and old) have a very much better ability to write their thoughts, observations and conclusions concerning a child than do others. Read at one sitting any 100 reports prepared by a dozen fine women or men, all excellent, able, successful counselors, and you will see this vast difference. Yes, many times the poor choice of one one descriptive word spoils a whole report to the AVERAGE parent, who cannot (or never does) view his own child objectively."

WOW!!! A few observations. First, Frank Cheley was brutally honest and forward in his packrat articles. Second, 77 years later, we are still trying to create the perfect weekly report. Finally, please keep in mind that each report is unique. We have some top notch counselors that connect with the campers, create amazing memories and may not be the best writers. Remember that the quality of the weekly report is not directly proportional to your child's camp experience.