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Disconnect to Really Connect

DTRC – Disconnect to Really Connect was the spirit button for 2016. I have had so many conversations recently with parents and friends about how busy and distracted everyone seems to be. Years ago, we were all excited that we could check our email on our phones. I know I thought, “I can be so much more effective because I can answer emails at any time during the day.” Now, we can’t get away from it. We have heard that teenagers are waking up in the middle of the night to check Facebook, Instagram, and other social media to make sure they aren’t missing out. We have become too connected.

I recently read an article from Kristin Race called “Mindfulness Hacks for Mobiles.” In the article, she talks about an app called Moment. Moment automatically tracks your screen time each day. Their tagline reads, “Put down your phone and get back to your life.” We saw the campers living their lives this summer. Young men and women were learning how to form friendships, be more independent, and make decisions on their own.

A camper couldn’t text his/her parent and ask “should I go on the hike or the ride on Thursday?” He/she couldn’t text and ask a parent for help with a difficult conversation or a challenging cabin mate.

We have received many wonderful letters and emails with comments like “my daughter came back a more self-confident, self-secure, and mature young lady” and “since returning from camp, my son has been a completely different person. He is much more respectful, kind, calm, personally engaged, and self-confident.”



Trigger Bill says...

*Look out for the person who has
several irons on the fire,
you might get burned.*



CAMP DATES FOR 2017

Summer Camp

FirstTerm:

Tues. June 13th – Sun. July 9th

SecondTerm:

Tues. July 11th – Sun. Aug. 6th

Full Summer:

Tues. June 13th – Sun. Aug. 6th

Family Camp

Mon. Aug. 7th – Sat. Aug 12th

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Much of this growth can be attributed to the fact that we put away the technology and LIVED.

Don't get me wrong. I love my phone. Waze helps me find the best route from camp every time I make the trip. I make my first pass of email every morning. However, I am trying to be intentional about putting it away when I get home.

It was an amazing summer. Each camper and staff member contributed to the community and the experiences that we had. We can't wait to see you next summer!

Family Camp: Our Little Slice of Heaven

The week of Family Camp always flies by too quickly. This summer was no exception with old faces and new families. Our week in Glen Haven was spent standing in the river fishing, sitting on top of a horse working on a canter, hiking in the National Park, relaxing by the stream with a craft project, and participating in other fun activities. Campers old and young alike challenged themselves and made all of their hiking and riding destinations.

At BTE, the highlights from the week included: catching over 300 fish as a group, dancing our boots off at the first ever square dance with GTE Family Camp, eating amazing food cooked by Carlos and Will, kids' night under the stars with the counselors, many funny moments performing and lip- syncing as a group, and learning the bird dance.

At GTE, talent night and the dirtiest camper contest were huge successes- there was talent and dirt everywhere! Other highlights included: the LOP horseback ride, the cinnamon roll hike, the amazing music video shot at the top of Trail Ridge Road, friendship candle lighting, and the family and supportive community that was created during the week.

The staff and families left camp with new friends and lots of amazing memories. Thank you for being part of our family and we hope to see you next summer!



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2016 Another Great Summer



Lower Chipeta

As the days grew shorter and the girls grew stronger this summer, the ladies of Lower Chipeta were consistently and enthusiastically engaged in the camp experience. The community that these girls created has left a lasting impression on everyone involved. As summer comes to an end, we reflect on the Cheley Spirit that has continued to live on for 96 summers.

Our young ladies spent their summer peaking mountains in Rocky Mountain National Park, making meals over a fire at outcamping, cantering around the Western Ring on horseback, shooting rifles and arrows with exactitude, encouraging one another climbing up Christmas Tree Rock, and building on their creativity in the crafts program. We laughed with each other during funny skits, had dance parties until we dropped, and took the time to appreciate ourselves and each other during Sunday Chapel. Through these programs, Lower Chipetans have been able to create lasting memories, friendships, and skills that will last forever.

Jenny Simpson and **Mychal Morrill** led campers through Rocky Mountain National Park as they hiked to glistening lakes, rushing waterfalls, and conquered difficult peaks. Some challenging hikes included Half Mountain, and Joe Mills Mountain, and some campers took on Early Breakfast hikes. These hikers woke up early and peaked mountains such as Audubon and



Hallett. Campers who earned their Chipmunk Patch and had to show knowledge of mountain flowers, basic First Aid, and mountain ranges. The First Term recipients are: **Sara Burke, Ella Shofnos, Sophia Pike, Natalie Sulester, Katherine Walsh, and Naomi Wolff.** The Second Term recipients are: **Carly Najarian, Maggie Periard, Anna Rogers, Sierra Ross, and Emma Singer.**

Outcamping with **Sarah Kubly** and **Emily Keane** was a hit and these overnight camping experiences were jam-packed with riddles, delicious food cooked outside, and teambuilding activities. Campers learned about fire making, shelter building, and the importance of Leave

No Trace. The First Term Outcamping Patch recipients are: **Sophia Adelman, Siona Dua, Maile Kaplan, Macey Lillard, Hadley Phillips, Sophia Pike, Erika Sexton, Dasha Zerboni, and Ella Shofnos.** Second Term recipients are: **Georgia Blaugh, Gabby Marchant, Alice Moody, Carly Najarian, Page Roulette, Annie Sallick, Eliza Thorpe, Madeline Wadsworth, and Violet Wexler.**

Our horseback riding program, led by **Molly Wear, Molly Corless** and **Wittney Skigen**, focused on numerous skills. Ring rides helped campers improve ground work, and trail rides to places like Eugenia Mine



and Pierson Meadows allowed campers to enjoy the beautiful Rocky Mountains. The wranglers helped girls improve their form and style to prepare for the Horse Show at the end of the term. Campers who earned their Riding Patch had to name 20 parts of the horse, properly saddle and bridle a horse, and demonstrate how to tie various knots. First Term patch recipients are: **Liliana Brandt, Sara Burke, Marilyn Lindsley, Thalia Ruxin, Tatum Thomason, and Riley Griffin.** Second Term recipients are: **Kate Barnard, Sofia Bozzuto, Caroline Burkhardt, Sloane Dunker, Bea Kaufman, Ellie McCullum, and Brodie Rodemacher.**

Micheli Oliver, spent many days at the rifle range, teaching campers to safely shoot a gun. With focus and persistence, many of the campers became quite good at hitting targets and many campers earned their Riflery Patches. On the archery range **Emma Shure, Shannon Jack, and Kelli O'Donnell** taught proper form and technique while engaging in friendly competition. Many campers earned their archery pins this summer.

Climbing Wall Coordinator, **Marah Evans**, encouraged campers to test their limits, face their fears, and bond over encouraging each other. The following campers earned their Spider Patch during First Term: **Celia Gregg, Riley Griffin, Emily Hadden, Thalia Ruxin, Margo Thomason, and Naomi Wolff.** Second term recipients are: **Sofia Bozzuto, Alia Chand, Charlotte Commons, Ava Goldson, Allison Hoeffler, Annika**

*The person who falls down
gets up a lot quicker than the
man who lies down.*



Jones, Gabby Marchant, Annabelle Medler, Riya Naik, Kendall Newsome, Annie Sallick, Eliza Thorpe, Anneka Zimmermann, and Cate Zolik.

Carly Plasman, the campfire counselor, provided our nightly entertainment with dance parties, classic campfires, Big Sis/Lil' Sis spa nights, skit practice for All Camp, and Onward and Upward. Ending the days with games, singing, and dancing was a wonderful way for the whole unit to bond, laugh, and grow together.

Our crafts program consisted of a variety of projects designed to inspire creativity, self-expression, focus, and planning. Campers made pillows, pottery, flower crowns, fairy gardens, tie-dye creations, and bath products. **Selena Rosario** and **Lauren Raven** worked hard to build a creative and diverse crafts program this summer and the girls loved it!

The Circle of Stars Patch requires campers to participate in all of the programs that Cheley offers. This patch acknowledges campers who had a well-rounded camp experience, tried new activities, and pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones regularly. First Term patch recipients are: **Sophia Adelman, Reagan Bielick, Mirel Chaia, Sophia Cornell, Amber Dunton, Marina Griffin, Emily Hadden, Maile Kaplan, Ines Larrauri, Alexandra Pratt, Cora Price, Ella Shofnos, Mia Shofnos, Madison Spangler, Margo Thomason, and Naomi Wolff.** Second Term recipients are: **Alma Ruth Bours-Orduno, Julia Fisher, Samantha Jorgensen, Chloe Krueger, Ellie McCullum, Amelia Milewski, Alice Moody, Harper Orr, Page Roulette, Fatima Soto, Avery Thorpe, Brooklyn Verplank, Terry Wick, and Cat Zolik.**

At the end of each term, the Silver Coup, is presented to a few girls within the unit who thoroughly exemplified the traits of that term's Code of Living. These campers were recognized by their peers and counselors, as exceptional members of the Lower Chipeta community. First Term Coup recipients are: **Marina Griffin, Macey Lillard, Natalie Sulester, Tatum Thomason, and Naomi Wolff.** Second Term Coup recipients are: **Kate Barnard, Eva Kasal, Quinn Merrill, Magge Periard, and Page Roulette.**

This has been an incredible summer for the girls in Lower Chipeta and we hope to see each one of you return to camp next year. We hold the sisterhood of Lower Chipeta in our hearts all year and can't wait to continue growing together next summer!

With love,

Hannah Marck, *Director*

Meggie Buikema, *Assistant Director*

Jordan Baxter, *Assistant Director*



Lower Ski Hi

It was a wonderful summer full of adventure and personal growth in Lower Ski Hi! The sounds of campers' laughter and constant Club House games of table tennis and foosball have been replaced by the calming acoustics of the great outdoors.

Each summer, a camper favorite on program selection day in Lower Ski Hi is outcamping. Outcamping counselors, **Drew Barrett** and **Jake Barling**, provided an unforgettable camping experience. They prepared delicious dishes, such as mashed pancakes and "angels on horseback" while cooking over a fire or on camp stoves when the fire ban was in effect. Campers spent their time playing Camouflage, Hunger Games and Capture the Flag, and creating crafts at TE Crossing. These trips not only provided campers with time for great fun, but an opportunity to learn about Leave No Trace principles and respect for nature. First



Term Outcamping Patch recipients are: **Coulter Cowden, Elijah Echols, Jack Morris, Asher Shofnos, Oran Terra, and Connor Torsleff.** Second Term recipients are: **Gus Balasubramaniam, Sebastian Calles, Henry Dumler, Bernardo Esquer, Taran Laungani, Barrett Lee, and Garrett Suits.**

Our horseback riders had the opportunity to adventure into the breathtaking wilderness surrounding us. Campers had the opportunity to learn and improve their horsemanship skills throughout the term. The campers practiced basic skills during ring rides, worked on more advanced skills on trail rides, and cooked a gourmet meal during dinner rides. **Charlie Shure, Andres Hoyos, and Pat Dennis** were all proud of the campers' growth and successes. First Term patch recipients are: **Mitchell Croteau, Alexander Gillikin, Hunter Haney, Kalen Hazlett, Sam Roth, and Roman Sarkisian.** Second Term recipients are: **Carter Bartel, Rocco Bazzano Joseph, Aidan Collins, Vincent Montero, Kellan Oster, and Noah Triplett.**



Nothing can cook your goose quicker than a boiling temper.

Sharing stories and adventures from the day were common when hikers returned each afternoon. **Ryan Balderama, Blake Scott, and Jon Calcara** supported our campers in building lasting bonds with nature, and using Rocky Mountain National Park as their frontier for exploration. Some of the hardest hikes, known as Early Breakfast hikes, included Mount Lady Washington and Mount Audubon. Campers who earned their Hiking Patch demonstrated excellent knowledge and appreciation of nature. FirstTerm recipients are: **Connor Champagne, Harry Citow, Hugh Griggs, Joey Kennedy, Isaac Levine, Asher Shofnos, James Sulester, Connor**



Torsleff, and Jack Walburn. SecondTerm recipients are: **Turner Brice, David Craine, Tilden Lamme, Henry Rosenblum, and Reese Spiro.**

Campers loved crafts counselor **Finn Hunsaker's** fun-loving attitude and creativity. In the crafts shop, campers worked on a variety of projects such as, god's eyes, dream catchers, paracord bracelets, monkey fists, ceramics, woodworking, boat building, and more.

Archery and riflery provided opportunities to showcase concentration and discipline. The riflery counselor, **Tom Allen,** and sports counselors **Jack Maud, Joe Simpson, and Brian Bills** taught the importance of safety when shooting each day at the range. Our young marksmen were able to shoot at targets, balloons, and other fun objects. To end each term, we engaged in a friendly shootout with Lower Chipeta in both archery and riflery, which ended in resounding Lower Ski Hi victories.

While at the climbing wall and on Christmas Tree rock, several campers demonstrated excellent knowledge and ability while climbing. These campers earned the Spider Patch, based on their ability to harness in, follow all safety protocols, and belay other climbers. FirstTerm recipients are: **Lucas De Valle, Alexander Flores, Kalen Hazlett, Jack Hammer Hodge, and Caleb Hutchens.** SecondTerm recipients are: **Hayden Depenthal, Kapil Jakatdar, Cohen Kolbe, Barrett Lee, Gonzalo Mancera, and Oliver Niemann.**

For campers who want to participate in all that is offered at Cheley, we have the Circle of Stars Patch, which requires campers to participate in and show skill

and ability in a wide array of activities. FirstTerm patch recipients are: **Brayden Betts, Alexander Flores, Kalen Hazlett, Caleb Hutchens, John Miley, Aahan Nariyawala, Rett Palecek, Leo Roumillat Crowe, Ruhan Sahasi, Frank Santen, Roman Sarkisian, Addison Spell, Luke Swartz, Connor Torsleff, Blaine Willett, and William Wolfram.**

SecondTerm recipients are: **Sebastian Calles, Jackson Carrigan, Henry Dumler, Max Engelbrecht, James Francoeur, Ryan Goss, Kapil Jakatdar, Cohen Kolbe, Taran Laungani, Cooper Lebor, Charlie Lobb, Gonzalo Mancera, Martin Randall, Francisco Reyes, Leo Robison, and Evan Wickham.**

We enjoyed campfires each evening with **Mitch Treleven.**

An enduring piece of the Cheley tradition is the Code of Living. Each term, when campers arrive in the mountains, coming from different backgrounds, experiences, and countries, the Code of Living unifies us. Campers come up with a set of traits they would like to live up to while at camp. It is these words that provide a guideline on how to interact with and support each other at Cheley. At the end of the term, campers and counselors vote on those who exemplified each trait of the Code, and they receive the Silver Coup. FirstTerm recipients are: **Joey Kennedy, Jack Hammer Hodge, Harry Citow, Patrick McMahon, and Sam Roth.** SecondTerm recipients are: **Carter Bartel, Hunt Cone, Max Engelbrecht, Cohen Kolbe, and Martin Randall.**

In a few short months, laughter and games will once again fill Lower Ski Hi. Though the wait may seem long, another summer of fun isn't far away. We are already looking forward to arrival day 2017 as new campers begin their Cheley journey and others return for another chapter!

Garet Tucker, *Director*

Alison Hix, *Assistant Director*

Wes Elder, *Assistant Director*



Chipeta

As the red and gold leaves fall obliquely against the window pane, thickly collecting against the base of the trees, our thoughts drift westward, back to the silver mountains, the resolute pines, the burnt red roof of the Chipeta lodge. Echoes of laughter and joy resound in the empty cabins. Memories flit through the flurry of leaves, falling faintly, taking shape and presence as we recall the triumphs of character, the

*Nothing of importance is ever
done without a plan.*



determination of spirit and the grace of kindness that make up the beating heart of Chipeta. In the midst of an uncertain world, we find reassurance in the moments of courage, empathy, friendship and gratitude that defines our own small world in Chipeta.



One of the founding principles of Cheley is the belief that “great things happen when youth and mountains meet,” and this summer proves no different. While each program varies, our collective pursuit remains the same: to grow in character and resiliency, to revel in the beauty of the National Park around us, and to foster empathy and respect for all aspects of our lives, together at Cheley, and in our own homes.

As so often happens, through adversity comes growth, and the growth of Chipeta campers this year was exponential. We set physical and emotional goals, and pushed each other every day in the development of grit, perseverance, patience, and compassion. We peaked mountains, crossed snow fields, camped under the stars, and rode miles of trails, capping off each night with time to reflect on who we are and who we want to become. Every morning was an opportunity to decide who we really are, and every evening was an opportunity to celebrate what we'd learned about ourselves and our friends.

Led by **Heather Hart, Tristan Morris** and **Grady Randolph**, our riders had the opportunity to challenge their horsemanship skills, both in the ring and among the woods. The girls learned patience, poise and passion for all things equine, spending days riding to Eugenia Mines and Storm Pass, and nights together at Pierson Meadow. Some girls wanted to challenge themselves further, and the following girls earned their Riding Patches this summer: **Kate Gillikin**,

Madison Irvine, Hayden McJunkin, Molly Morgan, Tabitha Wolfe, Ryan Young, Sara Conroy, Scarlett Irwin, Jolie Kim, Gabrielle Lazansky, Lola Murnighan, Jillian Rogatz, and Grace Selke.

Other Chipetans were more eager to put boots to the ground. In the company of **Ashley Carter** and **Morgan Judy**, our campers were able to tackle Pawnee, Shoshoni and Toll; Longs' Peak; an 18-mile traverse from Bear Lake to Grand Lake; and Thatchtop. We also visited a variety of lakes, from Black Lake to Gem, Finch to Jewel. In an effort to further challenge themselves, **Lucia Filippone, Margo Simon, and Karina Wilbur** earned their Hiking Patches.

Some girls wanted more from the mountains, and opted to sleep nestled under the pine trees and the stars. Led by **Brittany Hecht** and **Ziki Omonde**, backpacks included Fourth of July Mines, Parika Lake, and Chapin Creek to Hague Creek. Backpacking Patch recipients are: **Lauren Duffy, Sara Hamilton, Annie O'Neill, Vivienne Kaufman, Phoebe Schneider** and **Maya Winfield**.

Some of the most rewarding times at camp are spent in quiet reflection, or in laughter around a campfire. Led by **Sari Tullis** and **Meg Theobald**, our outcamps to TE Crossing, Teepee Village and Meadow Outpost provided the time and space to ruminate over personal challenges and growth, and foster deeper relationships with others in a natural environment. **Manuela Sepulveda, and Addie Lillard** earned their Outcamping Patch.



Some campers find the greatest challenge in variety. These young women tested the limits of their boundaries, and found they could go as far as their imaginations would carry them. In recognition of their adventurous spirit, **Bella Bieligh, Tori Brunette, Charlotte Clark, Georgia Cook, Viv Cornell, Kylar Cronin, Laney Curnett, Lauren Duffy, Lucia Filippone, AK Foster, Katherine Gann, Grace Gassel, Sara Hamilton, Madison Irvine, Addie Lillard, Hayden McJunkin, Annie O'Neill, Olivia Potter, Olivia Ritchie,**



You can't lead anyone else farther than you have gone yourself.

Catalina Rodriguez, Manuela Sepulveda, Margo Simon, Anja Stefka, Frances Street, Campbell Topping, Sloan Trapp, Emmelise Anne Warren, Molly Wells, and Izzy Wild earned their On the Trail Patches First Term. Second Term recipients are: **Grace Angelides, Elena Baldridge, Kendall Bartel, Alina Bingel, Ruby Brown, Sara Conroy, Emma Coulter, Gigi Douillard, Lynn Fawcett, Sammie Floyd, Emilia Hamann, Mackenzie Ann Hampton, Caitlin Hazelton, Polly Hoffman, Vivienne Kaufman, Jolie Kim, Jordan Kuzmich, Julianna Lenington, Eleanor Lockhart, Whitney Madler, Ainsley McKay, Lola Murnighan, Jane Olsen, Hallie Pack, Francesca Pezza, Lauren Roach, Ellie Rutledge, Phoebe Schneider, Grace Selke, Olivia Soler-Roig, Erin Spitale, Jesse Wham, Karina Wilbur and Maya Winfield.**

In an effort to take advantage of all that Cheley has to offer, including some behind-the-scenes work at campfire and cookout, the following girls earned their Pinecone Patches this summer: **Emiliee Arias, Emmelise Anne Warren, Ruby Brown, Whitney Madler, and Clare Martin.**

Nellie Brunson, Grace Kittle, Becca Martin, and Emma Brown taught campers that beautiful things take hard work to create, that stealth and aim were sometimes a girl's best weapons (for the Hunger Games), and a steady hand would lead to precision on the range. At the end of a hard day, we would settle onto benches worn smooth by generations of Chipeta campers, reflect on the Code of Living in action, and cement the bonds of friendship under the guidance of campfire counselor, **Cat Wickman.**

What truly differentiates Cheley is our unwavering belief in the Code of Living: a living document created by each unit, each term, reflective of the values to which we aspire and to which we hold ourselves accountable. The Silver Spurs is a testament to those values, a recognition manifest in the young women of Chipeta, namely **Addison Lillard, Annie O'Neill, Tori Brunette, Lucia Filippone, Kendall Bartel, Rosemary Johnson, Ainsley McKay, Jane Olsen, Phoebe Schneider** and **Olivia Soler-Roig.** To echo Recognition Night, "it is the Code that sustains us. It is a camper's knowledge that she will continue to live the Code that is the real honor, the real reward. This is not the culmination, the end of a quest. Rather, it is the value of a life journey, far more than any destination."

A few light taps from the branches outside recall us from reverie, and on the mantel are friendship candles that will soon be lit. Snatches of unit circle echo in the failing light: *The friendships we've made here, will always remain dear, although we have drifted apart...we love you Chipeta. You'll always be close to our hearts.* May the kindness, courage and gratitude that nourishes us in the summer sustain you in the winter, until we meet again.

Ali Kittle, Director
Lindsay Miller, Assistant Director
Jessica Wilkes, Assistant Director



Ski Hi

As we wrap up the beautiful summer days in Colorado, we can't help but reflect on all that was achieved this summer in Ski Hi. While colorful dinner conversation falls silent on an empty dining hall, we reminisce on our favorite memories of the summer. Hiking, backpacking, outcamping and horseback riding are a handful of the many activities that traversed the Rocky Mountain National Park terrain. Through hard work, persistence and determination, campers achieved some wonderful feats and earned patches in a variety of activities.



The keen eye and steady hand of the sharpshooters took to the range to hone in their mastery of arms. Whether it was targets or subpar ceramics, campers demonstrated their proficiencies during a friendly competition against our sister unit, Chipeta. Safety, respect and proper care for these arms is key, and was taught by riflery counselor **Robby Quick.**

Men after adventure, some campers consistently found themselves exploring the vast wonders of the Rocky Mountains. What a privilege it is to wake up to such serene surroundings every morning. The On the Trail Patch requires 14 days out of camp on any combination of activities including horseback trail riding, outcamping, hiking, mountain biking and backpacking. First Term patch recipients are: **Liam Ahlborg, Hunter Ball, Andrew Best, Emil Chaia, Luca Chaia, Coleman Cochran, Samuel Daniels, Jose Elverdin,**

*Don't be a cloud because you
can't be a star.*



Joshua Hadden, Ethan Hellerman, Quinlan Kremer, Benjamin Levine, Kamran Lystrup, Riley Mahoney, Charlie Martin, Henry Martin, Carson Miller, Will Phillips, Christopher Rinaldi, Max Samsel, Ethan Street, Quentin Sublett, Barret Taylor, Andrew Veon, Ethan Veselka, Jackson Wood, and Patrick Wood. Second Term recipients are: Alex Albert, Tyler Albert, Max Balasubramaniam, Julian Blackburn, Adam Boesky, August Bryan, Ben Collins, James Commons, Jonah Craine, Oliver Denton, Matthew Francoeur, Jack Greco, Sam Holder, Peter Krispin, Taylor Lee, Parker Lewis-Allen, August Menetre, Andrew Milewski, Cesar Morales, Gabriel Narvaez, Mason Perozzi, Jefferson Ratliff, Braulio Romero, Jake Shepherd, Finn Stanley, Davis Thompson, and Alexander Ziegler.

Outcamping, led by Joe Bersson and Nathan Patee, taught campers to set up and break down a camp site, build fires, and create delicious campfire meals. There was never a shortage of exploring to do, with destinations such as Rockstock and Pierson Meadow, favorites in our wilderness playground. First Term Outcamping Patch recipients are: Hunter Ball, Drew Brust, Samuel Daniels, Jason Evans, Ethan Hellerman, Maxwell Naha, and Barret Taylor. Second Term recipients are: Casey Hauser and Finn Stanley.

Between the breathtaking views and challenging terrain of the Rockies, hikers proved their strengths by peaking some of the National Park's most difficult mountains. Rubes Hansen and Harrison Naton taught proper techniques for scrambling, route finding and weather pattern reading. Carried by their legs of steel, the hikers achieved greatness for any age mountain man. First Term Hiking Patch recipients are: Emil Chaia, Luca Chaia, Henry Martin, and Ryan Mayo. Second Term recipients are: Max Balasubramaniam, Julian Blackburn, Mason Perozzi, Augie Bryan, Drew Milewski, and Oliver Denton.

Backpacking, led by Brian Myers and Alex Kluge, taught campers how to survive in the wilderness with just the supplies in their packs. Campers crossed mountainous terrain to destinations such as the Mummy Range and Indian Peaks, where they set up camp to wake up to gorgeous views. First Term Backpacking Patch recipients are: Charlie Martin and Carson Miller. Second Term recipients are: Adam Boesky, Ben Collins, James Commons, Jack Greco, Taylor Lee, and Braulio Romero.

The Riding Patch represents extensive knowledge and proficiency of horses. Wranglers Brockman Guinee, Michael Pozzo and Fabian de la Rosa widened and polished the campers' skills on horseback, and campers demonstrated their skills in the Horse Show at the end of the term. First Term Riding Patch

recipients are: Silas Gillett, Braeden Himell, Malcolm Kinzer, Benjamin Koppman, Jake Malegni, Alex Sevak, Andrew Stefka, Jamie Sussman, and Arnav Thotakura. Second Term recipients are: William Clarke, Matthew Cole, Parker Lewis-Allen, Jefferson Ratliff, and Harry Robison.



Campers who demonstrated a well-rounded arsenal of camp proficiencies earned the Pinecone Patch. Not only did they succeed in program, but also around camp, helping counselors with various day to day activities. First Term patch recipients are: Coleman Cochran, Jose Elverdin, Christopher Flores, Christopher Rinaldi, Quentin Sublett, Hugh Toomey, and Andrew Veon. Second Term recipients are: Javier Mass and Jonah Craine.

Campers enjoyed sports with Eric Hahn, crafts with Bilal Preston-Molvi, and evening campfires with Dylan Lederer.

Unique to every unit, the Code of Living is penned by campers at the beginning of camp, and represents values the campers wish to live by during the term. At the end of the term, campers and counselors vote on the campers who best exemplified the ideals of the code, and they receive the Silver Spurs. First Term recipients are: Hugh Toomey, Henry Martin, Silas Gillett, Luca Chaia, and Jason Evans. Second Term recipients are: Finn Stanley, Jonah Craine, Gabi Narvaez, JD Malkin, and Julian Blackburn.

Summer will soon come again and with it bring in a new set of memories filled with laughter and joy. Until then, we'll reflect on our fantastic achievements and attributes, and utilize camp lessons to better the lives of the people who surround us. See you next summer!

Will Whipple, Director
Paul Emerson, Assistant Director
Steve Watkins, Assistant Director



*More people get run down by
gossip than by automobiles.*



Senior Chipeta

We can't believe the incredible summer of 2016 has already come to a close. We look back in awe at all our campers accomplished – peaking mountains, cantering on horseback, maintaining century-old traditions, and building an encouraging and supportive community of young women in our little corner of Senior Chipeta. We know that each one of our campers is continuing to live up to the Code of Living in their respective homes, and taking all they learned and overcame this summer as they prepare for their next year at school.

Whether in the ring or on the trail, our campers relished learning about horsemanship from our fearless wranglers **Felicity Elliott, Ari Pattek, and Olivia Swartz**. Horseback riders learned respect and discipline through the care of the horses, including waking up early to muck stalls and training young horses within our Colts program. Skills ranging from jumping, bare backing, and the use of natural



aids were honed in the ring, while campers had the opportunity to explore our backyard of the Rocky Mountains through trail rides to destinations such as Twin Sisters, Eugenia Mine, and Chasm Lake. On overnight rides, campers had the opportunity to bond more closely over campfire dinners and games, and took responsibility for caring for the horses. We are so impressed by our riders' confidence, commitment and care for our horses and would like to give a special shout-out to those who obtained their Riding Patch this summer: **Kate Frankmore, Makenna Irvine, Claire Ovens, Sophie Reeves, Teresa Mastropaolo, Laura Moore and Avery McKay**.

Julia Tuttle, Taylor Meneley, Jessie Mitchell, and Jess Savage spearheaded our hiking program this summer! The hiking program encompassed a wide range of difficulties and destinations, allowing for almost every Senior Chipetan to spend time out on the beautiful

trails of Rocky Mountain National Park, while learning about Leave No Trace ethics, teamwork, and resiliency. Our most dedicated hikers woke up for Early Breakfast hikes as early as 2 am, and peaked mountains including Spearhead, Elk Tooth, Pagoda, Navajo and McHenry's. We would like to take the opportunity to recognize **Lauren Mayo, Lizzy Farr, and Lucy Zicarelli** for going the extra mile to achieve their Hiking Patch!

For girls for whom spending the day in the woods wasn't quite enough, our backpackers **Kristen McCune** and **Jordan Warmath** gave campers the opportunity to carry their mobile homes on their backs and soak up the peace and serenity that can only be found when one is snuggled in her tent nestled at the base of a mountain, or poised at the edge of an alpine lake. Campers backpacked anywhere from two to five days, and covered terrain in the National Park, Never Summers, and Indian Peaks Wilderness. **Izzie Hicks, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Annie Tobey, Lilly Trapp, Margot Bickler, Angelene Zhang, Julie Street, Kate Watkins, and Ana Paula Vega** studied the intricacies of backcountry travel and safety and earned their Backpacking Patch!

From hippie-themed outcamps, to solos and Big Sis/Lil Sis at Teepee Village, our outcampers had the opportunity to sleep under the stars, cook over fires, and revel in the beauty of the tranquil hills and forests surrounding Estes Park with our outcamping counselor **Kris Warman**. The following campers earned their Outcamping Patch: **Emme Ellzey, Malia Hollander, and Alexa Narlinger**. Our most well-rounded campers were awarded the On the Trail Patch for spending 15 days out of camp in various program areas: **Izabel Acosta, Ellie Marler, Seari MacMillan, Drew Stanley, Sophie Reeves, Elizabeth Ruckelshaus, Joy Wagnon, Angelene Zhang, Julie Street, Avery McKay, Victoria Hamman, Jessica Lai, Hallie Toren, Bunny Rutledge, Lilly Brillz, and Isabel Kenna**.

Our mountain biking counselor, **Amanda Sursely**, taught girls to push up mountains and fly down hills on two wheels! Campers learned about bike safety, technique, and maintenance, and deepened their resilience and teamwork. Mountain biking follows a scope and sequence philosophy, with campers moving from day trips, to a two-day overnight to Gypsy grounds, and finally taking on the "Big Nasty" during the three-day overnight to Pierson Forest. Time and time again we were blown away by our mountain bikers' confidence, strength, and abilities! A special shout out goes to **Julia Dunn, Inez Billing, Seari MacMillan, Caroline Ritchie, Rachel Ansay, and Juile Street** for achieving their Mountain Biking Patch.

Many of our campers took advantage of the wonderful in camp activities. Our crafts counselor, **Aubrey Washburn**, taught girls to tie-dye, make candles,

*Offense is a good thing neither
to give nor to take.*



forge copper bracelets and work with leather. **Maddie Kolbe**, our riflery and archery counselor, taught girls gun safety, precision, and techniques at our shooting ranges, while our campfire counselor, **Andrea Carney**, led all of our campers in songs, games and unit bonding each night!

Julie Street was recognized during the recognition campfire with her Gold Spurs. It takes years of dedication to earn this award. It was a special evening as her grandfather, **David Street**, was also a recipient of this award and was able to present the award to her.

A group of women are deserving of special recognition for having gone above and beyond to embrace Senior Chipeta's Code of Living and exemplify the traits our unit works to live up to in their everyday lives. The recipients of the Gold Key were: **Annabel Clark, Ellie Cook, Carmen Oldham, Katie Belle Perkins, Bunny Rutledge, Paige Cassidy, Andrea Soler-Roig, Claire Ovens, Lucy Zicarelli and Isley Lopez.**



Our Campers in Leadership Training (CILT) for 2016 were: **Annabel Clark, Ellie Cook, Morgan Dunn, Annie Ellzey, Margie Hemp, Julia Lackner, Sophie Lackner, Kate Penner, Katie Belle Perkins, Annie Albers, Dani Brown, Maddie Bryan, Maddie Laidlaw, Andrea Soler Roig, and Daisy Williams.**

Our hearts are heavy saying goodbye to the summer of 2016, but we smile at the life-long memories and friendships that were created amongst the small wooden cabins and towering mountains of Cheley. We wish all of our camp families the best in the coming year, and wait with anticipation for the moment when our dining halls and dirt roads will once again be filled with the laughter and joy of our incredible campers.

Best wishes,
Julia Wickman, *Director*
Laurel Starr, *Assistant Director*



The finest of all gifts are not things... but opportunities.



Haiyaha

"High on the hill you stand..." These words will ring eternally in Totem Teepee, despite the fact that summer 2016 has come and gone. As Iron Men of Haiyaha, we had opportunities to peak countless mountains, deepen connections between man and horse, and learn from each individual's commonalities and differences. How lucky were we? Without each camper and counselor, the experiences had this summer simply would not have been the same.

While we reflect on our experiences, it is important to recognize campers who grasped the opportunities to deepen their experiences, expand their knowledge base, and obtain recognitions in our various program areas. These individuals chose to push themselves beyond what was required to peak mountains, ride horses, and spend the maximum amount of time with their brothers.

Led by our phenomenal hiking counselors **Mitch Ball** and **Sam Clements**, campers were able to conquer Spearhead, Mount Meeker, and McHenry's. Along with these massive mountains, they also had the opportunity to witness the beauty of alpine lakes like Lake of the Clouds, Chasm Lake, and Shelf & Solitude. First Term campers who earned their Hiking Patch are: **Ben Alexander, Giacomo Bonetti, Sebastian Griffin, Robert McKnight** and Second Term: **Kyle Blumenthal, Brady Lamme, Miles Nardi, and Gabe Wineman.**

Some campers wanted to spend their days not only out on the trail, but also spend their nights sleeping under the stars. Led by our amazing backpacking counselors **Ben Gorman, Adam O'Regan, and Sam Short**, the campers were able to peak mountains like Sugarloaf, Mount Meeker, and Chiefs Head. First Term campers who earned their Backpacking Patch are **Ben Citow, Oliver Penner** and Second Term: **Max Robison.**

First Term campers who earned their On the Trail Patch are: **Beck Duncan, Chase Manhart, Emanuel Jones, Nelson Anderson, and Toby Glynn.** Second term recipients are: **Kyle Blumenthal, Ryan McCoy, Soufian Khribeche, and TJ Fenton.**

Our wranglers **Nick Anderson, John Christodoulou, and Alex Clay** led horseback excursions to Eugenia Mines, Pierson Forest, and Chasm Junction. They were integral in teaching proper horsemanship to campers in both the Western and English riding rings. Campers mastered basic horsemanship skills, increased their knowledge base, and grew more confident. First Term campers who earned their Riding Patch were: **Jack Bonnell, Austin Britton, Billy Lockhart, Nick Van Bergen** and Second Term: **John Bethe, Alex Bowen, Ryan McCoy, Ian Meister, Matthew Olsen, and Henry Orr.**

We had the opportunity to recognize two incredible horsemen **Chase** and **Logan Manhart** of First Term with the Trailhead recognition. They are young men who

exemplify everything that a true horseman needs to embody. They are not only exceptional horsemen, but also individuals of very high character as displayed by their willingness to share their expertise with other campers.

Campers had the opportunity to push themselves on two wheels, led by mountain biking counselors **Blake Coco** and **Nate Lee**. Campers were able to truly find their limit when they chose to participate in our



rigorous mountain biking rides. First Term campers who earned their Mountain Biking Patch were: **Parker Bostock, Wyatt Awtrey, Aiden Holt**, and Second Term: **James Barnes, Charlie Lamme, Aaron Mallinger, Ryan McCoy, Calvin Metcalf, and Adam Sessions**.

Campers enjoyed outcamping with **Billy Dewey**, crafts with **Hank Perkins**, riflery with **Jodee d'Avignon**, and evening campfires led by **Jesse Martens**.

Thank you to our 1st Term CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training): **Nelson Anderson** and **George Wheeler**, and our Second Term CILTs: **Andrew Conlon, Matthew Hahn, Andrew Harper, Kellan McEachen, Simon Patmore-Zarcone** and **Quinn Sherfey**.

The thing that makes Cheley so unique and special is the fact that each community comes together and decides what values they want to embody throughout the term. Living up to the high standards that are created by their brothers is not an easy thing to do and every once in a while people struggle in that pursuit. However, each term there are some individuals who truly embody the Code of Living. These individuals, who are chosen by their peers, are given the recognition of their Gold Key as simply a step in the continuation of their journey into bringing the code into every decision they make in their lives. Those who were recognized with their Gold Keys this summer included: First Term: **Bob O'Neil, Tate Parker, and George Wheeler**, and Second Term: **Andrew Conlon, Matthew Vazquez, Ryan McCoy, Grant Dumanian, Kyle Blumenthal, and Kellan McEachen**.

Joey Kaufman, *Director*
Henry Warrington, *Assistant Director*



Girls' Trail's End

A warm hello from the ranch at the end of the trail! Fox Creek Road is now quiet as the sounds of summer have died down. As we look back fondly on the summer of 2016 we are reminded of the friendships made and memories shared. In our community, we strove to foster positive energy to build up our authentic selves in a supportive environment of open communication. These values we carry with us into our lives outside of camp so we can continue to grow into our best selves.

The wranglers, **Ali Brown, Sophie Dorsch, Amanda Markoe**, and **Emily Trousil**, led our girls on some incredible adventures on horseback. From peaking Signal Mountain to a 3-day horse pack trip to Donner Pass, the riders challenged themselves and learned valuable horsemanship skills not only on the trail, but in the ring as well. While in camp, the girls practiced skills such as barrels and jumping, all the while being completely responsible for the care and well-being of the horses. Building confidence and compassion were the ultimate goals, while learning how to control and care for the horses. We ended each term with Horse



Show, where the riders were able to show off the skills they had acquired, especially our Riding Patch recipients: **Ella Torsleff, Gillian Hazelitt, Matalyn Lass, Ava DiAngelo, Bianca Burden, Emma-Katrina Hadley, Isabella Holtze, Abigail Hornady, Claire Kelly, Emma Scharf, Natasha Marcoux, and Amelia Vinton**.

The hikers had a wonderful summer summiting snowy peaks, supporting, encouraging each other up steep trails and over boulder fields, as well as learning

*If what you did yesterday
seems pretty big, you haven't
accomplished much today.*



and putting into practice the principles of Leave No Trace. **Monica Hudec, Brittany Waltermire, and Jamie "Flip" Steffen** led the girls on adventures through Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness, where they learned how to glissade and self-arrest on Sarabun Snowfield, and navigate the off-trail routes to destinations such as Chief's Head and Snowdrift Peak. The girls that worked hard to complete their Hiking Patches were: **Taylor Phillips, Rosie Dunlap, Madison Foster, Lily Hobart, Divya Jakatdar, Alisa Kanganis, and Grace McCaffery.**



Our backpacking counselors **Kristin McClerran** and **Sophie Frankel** fearlessly led GTE on two, three, and five-day trips into the backcountry. The backpackers explored remote areas in the Never Summers Wilderness, Indian Peaks Wilderness, and Rocky Mountain National Park. They learned the principles of Leave No Trace and respect for our environment, as well as important mountaineering skills such as route finding in the backcountry. The ladies who mastered these skills to receive their Backpacking Patches were: **Nora Meade, Grace Droppelman, Olivia Ferrell, Emily Adams, Lily Hobart, Claire Jennings, Grace McCaffery, and Megan Smith.**

Lauren Lamm and **Eve Hanlon Cole** taught the girls everything they needed to know about mountain biking to make it up the steep trails and switchbacks. They did everything from a day trip to Stanley Park to a physically demanding 3-day overnight mountain bike to Pierson Forest and Gypsy Grounds, challenging their endurance and technical skills. The girls who earned their Mountain Biking Patches were: **Nina Brenan,**

Ana Gilbert, Estie Seligman, Isabelle McKesson, Lilah Cotton, Emily Rollins, Lucy Conlon, Katie Furlong, Piper Jackman, and Lucy McCollum.

Our outcamping program, led by **Amy Gunn** and **Kirstie Lower**, was full of good food, fun games, and good conversation. They visited sites such as Teepee Village, TE Crossing, and Rockstock. There were many girls who participated in solos, 24 hours alone at Independence Outpost, which is an incredible opportunity to reflect on their lives at camp and at home. They were taught how to build fires and their own shelters out of tarps and rope on these overnight trips. **Eliana Durand** worked hard to learn the ins and outs of the program and earned her Outcamping Patch.

Not only did many campers go out of camp to participate in program, but many also stayed in camp to participate in crafts, riflery, and archery. They had a blast with **Ellie Dorsch** leather tooling, tie-dyeing, making ceramics in the ceramics shop, and woodworking. **Taylor Dingman** assisted many girls in working towards an Archery or Riflery Patch and/or pin. **Abby Mayo** planned many exciting campfires to finish out our days such as Java Night, Counselor Impersonation Night, and Square Dance. Our nurse, **Dana Weyrick**, made sure campers stayed healthy this summer, and delicious meals were prepared by **Emma Marshall** and **Ellie Pownall.**

We had an incredible group of CLTs this summer (Campers in Leadership Training) who spent their summer developing their leadership skills: **Hannah Golub, Renee Wright, Erika Ingold, Nora Meade, Isabel Edstrom, Mary Catharine Carroll, and Lauren Rundquist.**

At the end of each term the campers and staff vote on which of their peers they feel most exemplified the traits of the Code of Living they created as a community at the beginning of the term. At GTE there are two awards: Driver for the younger girls and Top Hand for the older girls. First Term Driver recipients were **Kenna Sexton, Marcella Senti, Izzy Dunn, and Charlotte O'Toole** and Second Term recipients were **Piper Jackman, Hannah Langer, Brynne Hobart, and Lucy McCollum.** Campers who received their Top Hand First Term were **Erika Ingold, Annie Price, Daisy Dunlap, and Gizelle Winter** and Second Term recipients were: **Ivy Goldson, Abigail Hornady, Molly McCreight, and Lily Hobart.**

This summer we challenged ourselves to live up to the Code, push ourselves in and out of camp, and be our best and most authentic selves. We remember the challenges overcome, successes shared, and immeasurable impact every single one of you has made. It was an amazing summer here at the ranch at the end of the trail and we can't wait to welcome you back with open arms in 2017!

Megan Griffith, *Director*

Anna Lindgren, *Assistant Director*

Katie Clurman, *Assistant Director*



The world turns aside to let people pass who know where they're going.



Boys' Trail's End

Greetings from the manly but mellow men of Boys' Trail's End! Although camp has quieted for the winter, we look back on the many memories created amongst campers this summer. As we go about our everyday lives, we look around at the many reminders of what it was like to be at camp. Moments looking up at the stars, a Blue Kerchief hanging on the bedpost, our best riflery target, or a coveted craft project all take us back to BTE.



As directors (Director **Ben Dennis** and Assistant Directors **Steve Smith** and **A J Yingling**), we often think back to the summer, and the incredible opportunities and successes that unfolded. Throughout the summer we got to know 123 incredible young men and watched them grow in the natural mountain environment. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to have such an inspiring summer mentoring and challenging your sons.

Though we often get the credit for the success of each summer, we would not be able to create such unique experiences if not for our amazing support staff. Head Cook **Carlos Padilla** and Assistant Cook **Will Cudworth** kept our campers well-fed and they were more than cooks—they were friends with never-ending enthusiasm for banter and lively conversation. **Gary Swetnam** returned as our nurse and his passion for camp helped keep us all healthy this summer. **Ruth Swetnam** also returned as Camp Mom. In between running the store and enforcing formal table etiquette, Ruth's loving words and guidance were able to

cure many campers of homesickness and continually push returning campers to reach their potential.

While on the trail, hikers traveled hundreds of miles over the summer, led by counselors **Evan Fry**, **Brian Polkinghorn** and **Mitchell Weable**. They taught campers how to travel across various types of terrain, hiking to glaciers, lakes, mountain peaks, including Early Breakfast treks to Spearhead, Meeker & Longs, and Navajo. Some campers tested themselves by working towards their Hiking Patch, becoming experts in the program. First Term Hiking Patch recipients were **Lucas Henry**, **Grayson Phillips**, **Levi Pinkert**, **Julian Kreft**, **Nick Wolanske**, and **Chance Zimmerman** and Second Term: **Akhil Jakatdar**.

Through our horseback riding program, campers learned the value of hard work, dedication, and compassion. At BTE, campers and wranglers, **Joe Joyer**, **Luke Quibell**, and **Lewis Chapman** are solely responsible for the care of our horses. This requires early mornings and exhausting work, paying off with unforgettable experiences and a sense of accomplishment. Our riders participated in skill sessions in the ring, and trail rides through our beautiful forested wilderness. Campers were able to have a true western experience on horseback trips, where they spent up to three days in the wilderness, while packing all of their belongings on packhorses. Our most ambitious riders worked towards their Riding Patch. First Term patch recipients were **Eddie Bullard**, **Matias Henry**, **Max Mercuri**, and **Cody Milan**. Second Term recipients were **Pablo Adler**, **William Harding**, **Alex Homady**, **Cade Oster**, **Ambrose Venequette**, and **Grant Weerts**.

Campers also stayed in camp to work on archery and riflery skills, construct craft projects, improve BTE facilities, or work on technical skills. Many campers worked on shooting skills with riflery counselor **Keaton Collins**, learning proper gun handling and shooting techniques while earning recognitions within the standing, kneeling, and prone positions. Our more creative campers often chose to join crafts counselor **Tony Conte** in the Craft Shack. These campers spent their days fixing and improving things around camp, creating new projects in the woodshop or ceramics studio, and building and creating gifts for loved ones.

Campers showed their competitive sides with our sports and mountain biking programs, guided by **Brent Beadles** and **Ash Krueger**. Friendly games of Knockout and pickup basketball were always going during free time. Mountain bikers were challenged with strenuous uphill rides and exciting descents. They learned perseverance and motivational skills, culminating in the three-day mountain bike ride through Pierson Forest. Campers that chose to work on their Mountain Biking Patch learned bike maintenance and handling, first aid, and how to lead a group while cycling. Second Term recipients were **Riley Bartuska**, **James Lay**, and **Conrad Reller**.



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

Our outcampers learned advanced backcountry cooking skills while sleeping out in the Rocky Mountain wilderness. With counselors **Tom Dowers** and **Jason Lambert**, campers learned to make fires, build shelters, rig hammocks, and play outdoor games that fueled the explorer spirit for many of the boys and taught them how to win or lose with integrity. Some campers chose to challenge themselves and participate in solos, spending 24 hours alone in a secluded environment with a tarp shelter, sleeping bag, small amount of food, and a notebook for journaling. This allows young men to take advantage of the beautiful surroundings around camp, and enjoy an extended period of self-reflection. Several campers



demonstrated their camping proficiency and earned their Outcamping Patch. First Term recipients were **Joey Bear Hodge, Andrew Nober, Ben Parker, Chance Zimmer, and Tommy Branon**.

Our backpackers accomplished many successful expeditions both in the Rocky Mountain National Park as well as the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. During these trips, campers learned teamwork and appreciation for quiet from counselors **Jack Douglas** and **Chris Mixon**. Campers spent two to five days navigating the wilderness as a group, and carrying their supplies. They peaked several difficult mountains, such as Static, Chiefs Head, Meeker, and Navajo. Several campers dedicated their summer to the backpacking program and worked diligently to earn their patch. First Term Backpacking Patch recipients were **Lyle Griggs, Dane Lee, Grayson Phillips** and **Nick Wolanske**. Second Term recipients were **Charlie Cope, Jan Kasal, and Harry Winer**.

Caden Kalfin and **Eli Sherman** earned their Pinecone Patch.

Our campfire counselor, **Sean Benjamin**, ended each day with enthusiasm, games, and campfire songs, helping build our strong brotherhood. These activities allowed campers to step outside of their comfort zones, try new things, and hang out with their newfound brothers.

Much of what we accomplished this summer would not have been possible without our Campers in

Leadership Training (CILTs). The campers and staff of the previous year voted CILTs into their positions and they were responsible for leading in the unit, writing the All Camp Campfire skit, and helping campers create the Code of Living. These campers took on leadership roles and mentored our younger boys. Each CILT went on an exchange to another unit and put into motion the leadership skills they had been practicing at BTE. Our First Term CILTs were **Quinn Anderson, Creighton Goodwin, Matthew Bayne, and Michael Trentel**. Our Second Term CILTs were **Jake Burrus, Teddy Allegra, Nolan Jenevein, LT3 (Lawrence Thomas Walsh III), and Tristan Podlasek**.

Unique to the foundation of Cheley, The Code of Living is the anchor of our community. During the first week, campers come together to decide what the unit should look like and how each camper should act while at camp. It is an agreed upon way to carry yourself community, created and signed by all of our campers. The Blue Kerchief is the symbol of the Code of Living. It reminds our campers that although the summer has ended, they are part of a brotherhood that goes beyond the boundaries of Boys' Trail's End. To recognize campers that most embody the traits of the Code, we recognize them with the Driver and Top Hand. The Driver is for our younger campers, and Top Hand is for older campers. First Term Driver recipients were: **Keegan Miller, Tommy Branon, and Hays Gott**. Second Term Drivers recipients were: **Bennett Wagnon**



and **Boone Brackett**. First Term Top Hand recipients were **Zach Clements, Gabe Reuter, and Grayson Phillips**. Second Term Top Hand recipients were **Nolan Jenevein, Tristan Podlasek, and Teddy Allegra**.

Although summer has ended, we carry with us the memories of every success and accomplishment at BTE. We hope this reminds you to look toward your Blue Kerchief and remember the Code that it represents. Thank you for allowing us to share these memories with your sons. We look forward to seeing them again in the future.

As the adventure continues,
Ben Dennis, *Director*
AJ Yingling, *Assistant Director*
Steve Smith, *Assistant Director*



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

Cheley/Children's Burn Camp

Sixty-eight campers arrived at Cheley in August for a week of the Cheley Experience at the 33rd Cheley/Children's Burn Camp. The week was filled with dance parties and laughter, horseback riding, succeeding at new things, sunrise hikes and great moments with their counselors. Campers shared their experiences with one another and supported each other in healing their physical and emotional scars. The campers and staff are filled to the brim with love and joy by the time they leave to go home. The staff consists of program staff and medical staff. Cheley staff, both present and past, along with firefighters from various cities make up most of the program/counseling staff, with the medical team coming from both Children's Hospital in Denver and referring burn units throughout the country. These amazing people bring Cheley spirit and values to the program. This staff comes together to create a truly amazing week. This year there was a focus on emotional, physical and

spiritual health. Discussions were had about how we take these positive feelings home with us and develop triggers that remind us of the things we so love about



camp. As you may know, it is difficult to put the experience of camp into words. We know campers thrive and grow in this environment that is full of love, challenge, nature and acceptance. As the week closed, we knew we made a difference,

and we are so thankful to have had these beautiful children in our lives and will hold them in our hearts until next summer.



Teen Summit Camp

Teen Summit is a week-long camp for 14 to 18-year-old dependent teens of Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members. The program focuses on leadership development and growing self-confidence. This August marked the seventh summer Cheley has hosted the Teen Summit program and we had 130 campers from all over the country. Through a variety of funding sources, campers' families do not bear any of the cost for attending, including travel.

Because of the shortened time frame, the program is designed to fit as much of the Cheley Experience into the week as possible. Campers begin their day at 6:00 am with physical well-being exercises like yoga, Zumba, and running. After breakfast, campers depart on traditional

Cheley activities like horseback riding, hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, riflery, archery, woodworking, sports and crafts. Campers arrive back to camp around 4:00 pm and attend leadership classes until dinner. After dinner, campers have more leadership development rotations, followed by a social. Totally exhausted, but completely fulfilled, everyone is in bed by midnight.

The action-packed week ends with a banquet and recognition ceremony. Many of the campers have had to step up and help run their household while one of their parents was deployed or away at training. Cheley is proud to be a part of this impactful program and serve this deserving population. We look forward to many more engaging summers with the Teen Summer Camp.



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Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

FUTURE CAMPERS

Davis Ravnaas, camper 1994-2000, and wife Ally welcomed Robert Dean Ravnaas II on 8/18/15. Davis writes "my experience at Cheley built a permanent impact on my life. The values I developed with you have been invaluable. I would not have had the successes I've had in my life without Cheley. I'm already counting down the days until Robert can come to Cheley!"



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Carol Binding wrote to tell us that **Taylor Binding** (camper 1999-2005) works at Colorado National Bank and **Kelly Binding** (2000-2008) graduated with a 4.0 and a Master's degree in bio-medical sciences from Barry University and is now in dental school in Salt Lake City.

Camille Jerden is working as a store manager at Christi's in Waco TX. She befriended the owner of the store next door and found out she is married to old Cheley camper who I went to camp with, John Lewis. Cheley's 6 degrees of separation and bring people together.

Katherine Reid writes "Happy 95th Birthday, Cheley Camps! Since my retirement, I have been busy with Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the Alpha State Texas Education Foundation, church and the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Enjoy the beauty and collect many wonderful memories. We may lose our friends, but never the memories. I miss Cheley!"



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