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Be Well or Do Well?

I had a wonderful conversation recently with one of my favorite people (don't tell Elizabeth Dumanian I said this). Elizabeth is a psychotherapist and I always enjoy talking with her about the condition of our youth and what she is seeing in her profession. We talked about multiple conversations I have had over the past few months about the childhood resumé that is beginning at a younger and younger age. Children at a young age (probably often encouraged by parents) are worried about building their college application. Elizabeth shared that she believes an important thing for us as parents to care about is that our kids **be well, not do well**.

As a father of three young boys, I already catch myself with these "Do Well" thoughts. The other day, Jackson (our seven-year-old) saw a homeless man on the side of the street while we were filling our car with gas. From the back seat, I heard, "Dad, can I give that guy my granola bar that we brought for my snack?" I was dumbfounded. What a selfless thought! We walked over to the man and Jackson gave him a granola bar. This act initiated conversations about making homeless bags that we can keep in our car to give to homeless people. Consistently, as we drive around town, Jackson wants to support the homeless.



He seems to have a place in his heart for them. To foster this passion, I scheduled a meeting for Jackson with Bennie Milliner, the director of Denver's Road Home. Denver's Road Home is Denver's program to help those experiencing homelessness.

I don't share this story to brag about Jackson. I share it to confess that during this process I had a few "Do Well" college application thoughts. "What if Jackson created this amazing homeless bag program?" I bet this would strengthen his application to Stanford and University of Denver (he thinks he is going to play lacrosse for DU – a story for another time). I caught myself

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Trigger Bill says...

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



CAMP DATES FOR 2017

Summer Camp

First Term:

Tues. June 13th – Sun. July 9th

Second Term:

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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and was a bit ashamed. My focus needs to be on teaching him how to Be well, not Do well. I am a big thinker and love strategizing. After making five bags, I thought, "We could make this a statewide initiative. We could get companies to donate items and we could create a huge organization. Jackson could be the Executive Director of a non-profit at age 10?" Again, I caught myself focusing on the "Do Well" thoughts.

In another story, Erika attended a parent meeting on happiness. The speaker challenged the parents in our highly-motivated community to focus on their children's happiness. She asked parents, "Would you rather have a child that is unhappy, overstressed, and attending a top-tier college or a happy, balanced, thriving child attending the local community college?" Many parents struggled with the answer. It is more fun to brag about your child attending Harvard or University of Texas (had to give a shout to my alma mater), but isn't our goal as parents to help raise happy, healthy, thriving young men and women?

So how do we do this? First of all, we need to praise our children for being good people. It is similar to the growth mindset that is popular in education right now (Carol Dweck wrote a great book called *Mindset*). Instead of praising a child for scoring

two goals in the lacrosse game, praise her for how she supported her teammates or the effort that he put into practice and improving his skills. Second, we need to be positive role models ourselves. How can we as parents Be Well? The first few ideas that come to mind are how we cheer on the sidelines (not yelling at the ref or the other team), volunteering our time as a family, and just talking about our priorities. I am sure there are many other methods. Please share your ideas on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/cheleycamps

Elizabeth shared an important comment, "It is critical we catch our impulse to push our children to take an activity to the next level, and it's really important we support and encourage our children to have hobbies." There is huge value in hobbies- activities children do simply for pleasure, for no other reason except that they enjoy it. As Elizabeth said, "these activities provide pleasure, balance, joy, a chance to de-stress, unwind, and be with peers or alone in a non-competitive environment. They offer a chance for children to just be." I guess this doesn't just apply to children. Maybe I should start taking those guitar lessons I have been talking about for 10 years.

– Jeff Cheley

Final Weekend Changes

As you may be aware, we are changing the format and shortening the length of Final Weekend. Please know that this decision was carefully considered. We have noticed more schools are moving their start dates to earlier in August and campers need to return home for practices, tryouts, rehearsals, etc. Many parents commented on the challenges of Monday travel and missing the start of the week. In making the decision,

our number one priority was the closure of the camper experience. Second, we wanted to keep many of the traditions to which our families and alumni are accustomed. We are very excited about the new Final Weekend format, as we believe it brings a fresh approach with added flexibility for families.

For more information on Final Weekend and the schedule, visit: www.cheley.com/finalweekend2017

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2016-2017 Cheley Open Houses

Monday, November 28th at 6:30 pm Boulder, CO

Home of the Castro Family
2910 17th St., Boulder, CO 80304
RSVP 303-845-2391 or
Amy.castro@yahoo.com

Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 pm Denver, CO

First Plymouth Church
3501 S. Colorado Blvd.
Englewood, CO 80113

Sunday, December 4th at 3:30 pm Winnetka, IL

Winnetka Community House
RSVP 847-446-0537
620 Lincoln Avenue
Winnetka, IL 60093

Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 pm Trickster Art Gallery

190 South Roselle Rd.
Schaumburg IL 60193
RSVP: 847-301-2090
Email: info@trickstergallery.com

Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 pm Colorado Springs, CO

Home of the Sass-Schubach Family
718 E Columbia St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
RSVP 719-322-8595 or asass@css.org

Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 pm New York City, NY

Home of the Hoffman Family
134 Duane Street Apt 3S
New York, NY, 10013
RSVP 347-480-6994 or
diane.hoffman@gmail.com

Thursday, January 5th at 6:30 pm Houston, TX

Home of the Greer Family
407 Tecumseh Lane
Houston, TX 77057
RSVP 713-254-0483 or
marymargaret.greer@kinkaid.org

Friday, January 6th at 6:30 pm San Antonio, TX

227 Park Hill Drive
San Antonio TX 78212
RSVP office@cheley

Saturday, January 7th at 6:30 pm Austin, TX

Home of the Young Family
5504 Ravine Ridge Cove
Austin, Texas 78746
Gate Code 0700
RSVP zey.young@gmail.com

Sunday, January 8th at 2:00 pm Ft Worth, TX

Home of the Alexanders
3717 Avimore Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76109
RSVP 817-528-5468 or lauraba@me.com

Sunday, January 8th at 5:30 pm Dallas, TX

Home of the Lockhart Family
5354 Waneta Drive
Dallas, TX 75209
RSVP 214-704-0325 or
michellelockhart@mac.com

Sunday, January 22nd at 1:00 pm Sebastopol, CA

Home of the Barnes Family
8142 Stich Lane
Sebastopol, CA, 95472
RSVP 707-273-9307 or
kbarnes5@comcast.net

Sunday, January 22nd at 5:30 pm Los Altos, CA

Home of the Dumanian Family
840 Parma Way
Los Altos, CA 94024
RSVP 650-533-4414 or
Elizdumanian@gmail.com

Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm Los Angeles, CA

Home of the Furmaniak Family
3039 Castle Heights Ave.
Los Angeles, CA, 90034
RSVP 310-795-5871 or
Jen@JBTalent.com

Saturday, January 28th, at 10:00 am - 3:00pm

John Burroughs School
St Louis Summer Opportunities Fair

Saturday, January 28th at 5:00 pm St Louis, MO

Home of the Goldson Family
801 Kent Road
St Louis, MO 63124
RSVP 314-708-3387 or
robertjgoldson@gmail.com

Sunday, January 29th at 3:00 pm Kansas City Area

Home of the Cook Family
3700 Shawnee Mission Pkwy.
Fairway, KS 66205
RSVP 913-269-8634 or
lisacook@kc.rr.com

Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm New Orleans, LA

Home of the Genre-Galarneau Family
1428 Webster Street
New Orleans, LA, 70118
RSVP 504-655-1335 or
kendallgenre@yahoo.com

Sunday, January 22nd at 5:00 pm Washington, DC

Home of the Truettner-Robison Family
3406 Macomb Street NW
Washington DC, 20016
RSVP 202-537-5999 or
hadleytr@me.com



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





Nothing can
cook your goose
quicker than a
boiling temper.



Cheley Videos Available Online

We have a ton of videos available from last summer. We have uploaded all of the unit videos that were shown during final recognition campfire to Vimeo. Please check them out at www.vimeo.com/Cheley. You can also view the All-Camp Campfire Skits and the 2016 promotional video on YouTube at www.youtube.com/CheleyColoCamps. Thank you to all of the staff who created the unit videos and to our media team of Nathan Kent, Joshua Romero-Perry, Abbey Hickey and Jared Sullivan for capturing all of the memories.



Call for Cheley Stories and Memorabilia!

Our centennial is on the horizon. We often wonder if Frank would be surprised to know that his dream and life's work has continued. We are excited to be working with an author on a coffee table book on the history of Cheley. The book will be published and put out at the centennial celebration. If

you have a story for consideration in this book that you would like to share, please let us know! A story of how camp formed who you are, the career you chose, the place you live, the friends you have, etc. Please submit your story and photos to office@cheley.com by January 1.

Announcing CILTs for Summer 2017

We are excited to announce the CILTs for the summer of 2017! Last summer, we had over 80 campers apply for the CILT program. We are excited that we have this many campers who are still dedicated to attending camp during their junior and senior years of high school. It is always a very challenging decision since we have watched many of the applicants grow up at camp. The CILTs will spend time in leadership orientations, consistent follow-up, a week of an exchange to a different unit, and support from Smitty and their assistant director. In addition, they are asked to do some work during the spring in preparation for their CILTs summer at Cheley. The following individuals have been selected based on their past involvement at camp, the quality of their application, the vote of their peers and the staff in the unit, and the recommendation of their director.

Senior Chipeta, 1st Term –
Sylvia Bloom, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Marissa Cuccaro, Emilie Elzvik, Madi Guidera, Isabel Hicks, Annie Tobey, and Clare Wickman.

GTE, 1st Term – **Daisy Dunlap, Grace Droppelman, Kelly Fiedler, Taylor Phillips, and Annie Price.**

Haiyaha, 1st Term – **Austin Britton, Ben Citow, Manny Jones, Chase Manhart, Logan Manhart, Bob O'Neil, Ollie Penner, Jack Street, and Jake Wasilchak.**

BTE, 1st Term – **Will Ericsson, Maxwell Lyon, Gabe Reuter, and Caleb Stadler.**

Senior Chipeta, 2nd Term – **Margot Bickler, Erin Bingaman, Paige Cassidy, Ellie Daugherty, Isley Lopez, Maya Mohr, Drew Stanley, and Kate Watkins.**

GTE, 2nd Term – **Emily Adams, Grace Burgert, Ana Domit, Annie Ellison, Claire Jennings, Grace McCaffery, Molly McCreight, Natalie Skigen, and Sadie Vik.**

Haiyaha, 2nd Term – **Kyle Blumenthal, Eli Bucksbaum, Lloyd Chinn, Henry Corkran, Grant Dumanian, Ryan Janek, Ryan McCoy, Maxwell Nardi, Matthew Vazquez, and Gabe Wineman.**

BTE, 2nd Term – **James Anspacher, Andy Fresen, and Stuart Randall.**



Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

1940s

Ramona "Cameo" Cameron Worley (camper 1944-1945) now lives in Estes Park, fulfilling a lifelong dream. She and her late husband, Donald, lived in St Louis, MO, where her husband was a dentist. She climbed Longs Peak when she was 11, even though many said that she could not do it. She received her hiking award in 1944. She would love to see any of her old Cheley friends, so please look her up if you are in Estes.

2000s

Congratulations to **Jed Ballard**, winner of the Ultimate *Men's Health* Guy competition and November cover model! He was on staff at BTE in 2004-2005, was the Nurse Assistant in 2007, and has returned for several summers on our Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp staff.



Nothing of importance is ever done without a plan.

1960s

Ron and Mary Gammell (staff 1962) from Tyler, TX, met at Cheley in 1962 and just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Cheley holds many great memories for Ron & Mary.

Wedding Bells

Craig Enlund (camper, staff 2004-2010) and **Sydne Harwick** (camper, staff 2006-2010) were married at camp on September 10.



1970s

John Howell (camper 1974-1976) lives with his wife, Gabi, in Paris, France. John works for the Department of Commerce, at the US Embassy. They have lived in Johannesburg, South Africa; Dakar, Senegal; and Monterrey, Mexico.

Celebrations

Erin Linehan completed the Zion 100K race in April. Claire Lorentzen ran the 50K the next day and was the 6th woman to finish. Alexa

DiJulio was Erin's pacer and Sarah Stratton and Erin's fiancée Chris Hayes were her crew.



L-R is Alexa DiJulio, Claire Lorentzen, **Erin Linehan**, Sarah Stratton, and Ali White.





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



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Wedding Bells

Ali Kittle (camper, staff 2004-2007 and 2015-2016) and **Chris Mixon** (staff 2016) were married in Dallas on October 15.



Future Campers

Nick Pollard (staff 1995-2004) and wife Loli welcomed son Enzo Respini Pollard on September 9 in Colorado. Enzo already has his passport and will be traveling to Argentina in November.



Andrea (Martin) and Peter Wilkinson (both staff 2009) welcomed daughter Corbin-Jane Elizabeth on September 20 in Australia.

In Passing

Louis Sass, one of Frank Cheley's grandsons, died peacefully in his home surrounded by family and love on October 28, 2016.

Louis, his wife **Carol Ann**, and his children **Anna Marie**, **Louis**, and **Jennifer**, as well as his brothers **John Sass** and **Tom Sass**, were all either campers, staff, or both. He worked for many years at Cheley as a counselor and then a director. Louis taught math and physics at Colorado Mountain College, worked for the State of Colorado, and was a financial analyst for Public Service Company of Colorado for 20 years. All of his children have fond memories of hiking and backpacking with mom and dad in the Colorado Rockies. They remember Louis's patience and encouragement while trekking in the mountains, and even the occasional ride on dad's shoulders when they got tired. Louis found joy, peace, and strength in the outdoors.

Tyler Betz, 6-year-old son of **Jon Betz** and **Lindsay Shorr Betz** and grandson of **Bob Schorr**, passed away on Oct 7th after an amazing fight with cancer. Lindsay and Jon were amazingly strong as they rallied the supporters of Tyler's Prayer Warriors. The entire Betz/Shorr family was an inspiration in their strength through this challenging journey.

Chris Clifford (camper 1977-1979) passed away at age 52 on August 8, 2016 in Dallas, TX. He kept in contact with several of his camp friends. He is survived by his father Bill Mytton (camper 1946-48, 1950; staff 1953-54) and his uncle Jim Mytton (camper 1937 - 1948).

Nicholas Clinch (camper 1950s) passed away at age 85 on June 15, 2016 in Palo Alto, CA. He was born in Evanston, IL, on November 9, 1930. Nicolas was a world-class climber and became attracted to the mountains when he was a camper

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In Passing

at Cheley, where he met his friend and climbing companion Tom Hornbein. Nicholas was a technically excellent climber who was a team player and led many first ascent expeditions in his remarkable career.

Charlie Godwin (staff 1958-1960, 1962-1963, 1965, 1967-1970) passed away at age 84 in Lincoln, NE, on May 9, 2016. He is survived by his brother, Ralph Godwin, and longtime caregiver and companion, Buddy Sizemore. Charlie was very involved in the John Austin Cheley Foundation for 40 years. Charlie was a teacher and a traveler who devoted much of his time to helping children, and received many awards and honors during his life.

Julia Menninger Gottesman (camper and staff 1930s)– passed away at age 97 on September 12, 2016. She kept her Cheley experiences close to her heart her whole life. Julia received her Gold Key in 1934, was a Junior Counselor in 1935 and was a staff member in 1936 & 1937.

Margaret Frame Hill passed away September 1, 2016, in Centennial, CO, after a short illness. She was the mother of Marilyn Hill, Catherine Lay, David Hill and Allen Hill (deceased). She was an avid quilter and will be remembered for her positive spirit and optimistic view of life.

Andy Pfeifferberger (camper 1940s) passed away at age 88 on September 27, 2016 in Denver. He was born in Alton, IL, and loved the outdoors and climbing mountains—things he learned at Cheley. He climbed the Matterhorn in 1950. He was on the John Austin Cheley Foundation Board from 2001 - 2003.

William Powell (camper 1943-1946) passed away at age 84 on April 2, 2016 in Dallas. He was born

in Fort Smith, AR, served in the Air Force Reserves, and was an attorney who specialized in real estate law.

Bill Raley (camper 1947-1949) passed away at age 82 on September 18, 2016 in Golden, CO. He was buried at Ft. Logan National Cemetery with military honors by the United States Air Force.

Jan McCormick Rufien passed away April 23, 2016, after a long and courageous fight with multiple myeloma. Jan first came to Cheley when her dad was the director of Haiyaha. Jan, Don Cheley, and Linda Pigg spent their days getting into mischief. Jan was a camper and a counselor, and was in charge of the Gypsy Wagon one summer. She and her husband Charlie returned to Cheley in 2000 when Jan was the Assistant Director of Chipeta and Charlie was the Boys' Camp Director. Jan stayed connected with many of her camp friends throughout her life. Jan left the world a better place with her travels to Guatemala and her involvement with their church.

Mary (Wolfe) Satter (camper) passed away at age 78 on October 17, 2016 in Northbrook, IL. She was a founding member of the Women's Network of Lutheran Social Service of Illinois and five of her grandchildren are Cheley campers.

Judy Schreiber passed away at age 76 on September 21, 2016 in Loveland, CO. She was born in Sioux City, IA and moved to Estes Park in 2003. She loved the Denver Broncos, model trains, and Cheley.

Steven Soucek (staff) passed away on September 25 2016. He cherished his years being a counselor at Cheley and had many great memories.



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





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These Darn Computers

Many of you may have received the last Packrat that was addressed to "The Empty Family." We have transferred our database to a cloud-based system and many of our reports needed to be modified. We are so sorry for the mistake. We realize all of you are very "full" of activities, love, compassion, and . . . forgiveness. Haha!

Summer Survey

Thank you to all of the 2016 parents who completed the online survey. We received over 250 responses to the survey this year. We compile all of the information and use it in our strategic planning. We appreciate your positive comments as well as the constructive criticism. It all helps us improve. The three winners for completing the survey were:

Caroline Curtis
Finn Galarneau
Beth Mitchamore

Congrats! Each of you will receive a \$50 credit to the Cheley store. You can also use it for holiday items that will be posted online this December. www.cheley.com/store



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We'd like to be able to keep in touch – but we can only if you keep us up-to-date with your **address and other current information**. Please take a minute now to send us an update.

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