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Acting Spontaneously in the Right

The spirit button for 2017 was LTASITRAC – Learning to act spontaneously in the right at Cheley. Frank Cheley said in 1921, “Cheley aims to help boys and girls cultivate the ability to act spontaneously in the right, and by doing this to contribute definitely to the creation of a better world.” The world needs people of integrity that can navigate the difficult challenges of today. Cheley strives to inculcate in children a commitment to integrity and making the world a better place. I love the definition for integrity that says “doing the right thing even when no one is watching.”

Watching the recovery efforts throughout this hurricane season with the floods, and the fires in the West, it has been encouraging to see neighbor helping neighbor. People have lost their lives, their families, and their possessions. I can't imagine the emotions in experiencing a loss like this. Yes, we experienced the flood of 2013, but we didn't lose everything we had. Hearing the stories of people helping others has been a positive in the sometimes challenging news cycle. People acting spontaneously in the right has been seen over and over. I have been inspired by those that put aside their own needs to support the needs of others.



I think there is a lot of news right now that could cause fear and anxiety. However, I work to remain confident and inspired. Each of us can have a positive impact on our community. I believe we have to show more integrity and resilience to battle the negativity and dishonesty. I invite each one of you to work every day to “act



Trigger Bill says...

Achievements are like trousers – they become thread bare if you rest on them.



CAMP DATES FOR 2018

Summer Camp

FirstTerm:

Tues. June 12th – Sun. July 8th

SecondTerm:

Tues. July 10th – Sun. Aug. 5th

Full Summer:

Tues. June 12th – Sun. Aug. 5th

Family Camp

Mon. Aug. 6th – Sat. Aug 11th

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spontaneously in the right.” And then share it with your community. We need to be talking about how we are living a life of integrity so it is recognized and celebrated.

We have heard from some of our camp families that have been impacted by these storms. Friends had to evacuate as the water filled their houses, and others watched as the water approached their front door. We continue to keep them in our hearts and prayers. There will be challenging times ahead for these families, and we know they will be stronger as they conquer these challenges.

Family Camp 2017

Family Camp is always such a fun celebration at the end of the summer and this year was no exception! Both Girls’ and Boys’ Trails Ends were filled with the sound and sights of families coming together to play, grow, meet new friends, and experience the Cheley way of life. Kids and parents alike could be found trying their hand at archery, riflery, crafts, hiking, horseback riding, technical climbing, and singing around the campfire. This year our faithful leaders were Laurie Marshall (BTE) and Dustin Pippin (GTE). Dustin tells us that the Cinnamon Roll hike ranked up there as one of his favorite memories, as well as the evening campfires. Laurie explained how the families really came together and bonded. We always enjoy our little slice of heaven in Glen Haven for those five nights and look forward to next year.

Cheley/Childrens’ Burn Camp 2017

“Every camper, one camper at a time.” Magic and individual growth can happen when this is the focus and intentionality of the staff. For the 80 pediatric burn survivors that attended the Cheley Children’s Hospital Colorado Burn Camp experience this year, this was a life-changing

experience. Campers came from six referring hospitals and gathered together, united with the belief and newly discovered confidence they can conquer any “mountain” they meet on their journey of life. In one second, a burn injury can change a child’s life forever. The camp experience creates a connected

community where your friends all understand the pain and trauma of what it’s like to have a burn injury. Your burn injury is woven into the fabric of the experience; it’s not something that makes you different – it’s the very reason you belong.

Supported by a medical team from Children’s Hospital Colorado, firefighters, Cheley camp counselors and referring hospital staff, this program, in its 34th year, continues to be a model for other burn camps around the nation and the world. With the awe-inspiring backyard of the



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Rocky Mountains and the youth development expertise of Cheley staff, campers are asked to reflect on who they are and who it is possible to become. Horseback rides and backpacks, dance parties, and

living together in a community give these young people an opportunity to understand that what happened is part of their story and they get to write the rest of their story. May the adventure continue...

Teen Summit Camp 2017

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 teamwork, leadership development and growing self-confidence. This August marked the eighth summer Cheley has hosted the program and we had 120 campers from around the country and overseas. 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, ceramics, 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 Summit Camp.

Cheley Mini Camp 2017

We were thrilled to host two sessions of our inaugural Cheley Mini Camp, a four night experience for campers ages 7 - 8, at the end of the summer.

Throughout their time at Land O'Peaks Ranch, campers participated in fishing, the climbing wall, archery, riflery, and crafts. Mini Campers also traveled to outcamping sites for games, cooking over a fire, fort building, and more!

Perhaps most importantly, Mini Campers experienced part of what makes Cheley so unique: creating their Code of Living and receiving their Green Kerchiefs (GKs). First Session 2017 Code of Living consisted of: Joy, Kindness, and Taking Care of Each Other. Second Session 2017 Code of Living included: Teamwork, Happiness, and Leadership. Campers in both sessions truly proved how special the age

group can be with their insightful contributions to their respective Code of Living, and admirably embodying these characteristics throughout their session at camp.

Our first year of Mini Camp was a rousing success as campers received a taste of the full Cheley experience and had a blast! We hope to see all our Mini Campers back next summer and are excited for Mini Camp to continue growing!



2017 Another Great Summer



Lower Chipeta

With the turn of the seasons and the beginning of fall, we find ourselves in reflection of the summer that recently passed. In those days, our Lower Chipetans made the unit our home. In the mornings, they carefully packed for programs, laughed in line at the water spigot, and laced their boots. They would spend the day out and about – exploring, creating, growing. Each evening, we would gather together in our lodge for campfire. From the outside, the lodge emitted a golden light, and the voices in song echoed across the hill. Now, a line does not form at the spigot in the morning, the light in the lodge has, dimmed, camp is quiet. However, we recall the summer days quite vividly.

Paired with their trusty van and packed with delicious bulk – we remember our hiking counselors **Sarah Kubly** and **Emily Keane** preparing each morning. Lower Chipetans made Early Breakfast Hikes in Rocky Mountain National Park, ventured to sparkling lakes, through thick woods, and even peaked mountains! The girls also learned about our adventure mottos – Leave No Trace, Positive Mental Attitude, Peace Be the Journey.

These campers pursued trail knowledge and earned the Chipmunk patch: **Raina Jaeggeli, Isabella Pendegress, Margo Thomason, Tessa Wilson, Lily Simmons, Sophia Aldeman, Marina Griffin, Siona Dua, Ella Densen, Willow Whelan, Ava Walrath, Erika Sexton, Brooklyn Verplank, and Claire Boyle.**



Our spirited and peaceful outcamping counselors, **Kait Bechtol** and **Maria Leuzinger**, guided many young Lower Chipetans on overnights in the backcountry. The girls carefully packed, traveled to secluded camp sites across the Rocky Mountains, and fine-tuned their resiliency. Through pitching tents, preparing meals, and gazing at the stars, they experienced Colorado in a way most do not have the chance to. Our Outcamping patch recipients were **Ava Scharf, Olivia Boncelet, Edith**

Corrigan Conaty, Laurel Foster, Brodie Rodemacher, and Amelia Milewski.

At camp, we are fortunate to enjoy the beautiful view of the Mummy Range, and Estes Park. In the same line of sight, we see our Western riding ring – now empty. Our wranglers, **Blakelee Brownd, Ruth Edwards,** and **Lydia Aucott**, taught the girls to ride on the trail and in the ring, and to form strong relationships with the horses. Our Riding patch recipients were **Maggie Miller, Naomi Wolff, Madison Williams, Torlis Friedman TeBockhorst, Mia Shofnos, Freyja Kremer, Isara Barrett, Tessa Marcil, and Zara Bannister.**



Beyond the ring, down a wooded trail, we remember our riflery range. **Bailey Lord** taught the girls technique and form, and emphasized the importance of patience, peace of mind, and a clear focus. The girls practiced each day, and successfully learned how to make their mark. Each term, many campers earned riflery recognitions. Throughout camp, it was always common to see a group of Lower Chipetans playing wildly and laughing loudly. Many times, this was brought on by the antics of our sports counselors – **Liv Albers** and **Madison Schehl.**

Up the dirt road, we come across the Dome and the climbing wall. Here, the Lower Chipetans truly reached for new heights. Those on the wall strengthened physically and mentally as they evaluated which hold to perch upon and reach for. Those below continuously offered encouragement to the climbers above. These campers earned their Spider patch: **Maddie Davenport, Kate Haney, Julia Small, Rand Neren, Raina Jaeggli, Cora Price, Erika Sexton, Avery Thorpe, Bea Kaufman, Alice Moody, Raina White, Maddie Skaufel, Ella McGeehan, Ella Densen, Carly Lissner, Maddie Wadsworth, and Sophia Lathrop.**

A smile is a curve that very often can set things straight.



In our lodge, we saw amazing crafts on display throughout the summer. **Senead Short** led the girls to dig deep within themselves, observe the world around them, and create. From fairy houses, dream catchers, duct tape purses, bead earrings, fused glass, and painted pots – the girls had a plethora of art pieces to choose from. The creations were all unique and beautiful, just like our girls!

To conclude each night, we remember the campfires. Guided by **Kendall Jones**, the girls played, sang, and came together each evening. There were times when these nights were calmer, spent admiring the sunsets and reflecting on the days well-lived. There were other times when we would venture to the Chapel Lawn to dance, sing, jump, and play.

By trying a diverse range of activities, campers can earn the Circle of Stars patch. Recipients include: **Cora Price, Drew Samsel, Olivia Boncelet, Julia Small, Caroline Curtis, Maddie Davenport, Brooke Dunton, Rand Neren, Meghan Pitman, Emily Gregg, Kate Klebe, Addison Starling, Brinley Betts, Kate Haney, Olivia Gravette, Sarah Gassel, Maddie Williams, Natalie Sulester, Molly Mounce, Bea Kaufman, Lauren Pitstick, Malena Riefe, Anabella Buzzuto, Katie Wrench, Cece Robinson, Izzie Barrett, Erika Sexton, Claudia Zimmerman, Raina White, Katie Grace Timko, Nat Barrett, and Madeline Skaufel.**

Finally, we would like to reflect on our great Code. Each term, the Lower Chipetans created a Code of Living. This code is created solely by them, and deeply cherished. As staff, we were incredibly proud of the traits our girls chose to aspire towards, and the dedication among campers to honor this code. At the conclusion of each term, we recognize the campers that lived up to the Code the very best. Voted on by all counselors and campers, these girls are awarded their Silver Coup. Recipients include: **Celia Gregg, Emily Gregg, Kate Haney, Siona Dua, Sarah Gassel, Brodie Rodemacher, Eliza Thorpe, Harper Orr, and Madeline Wadsworth.**

This summer, friendships bloomed, skills sharpened, and cherished traditions embraced. Day dreams about what this summer could be turned into memories that will not be forgotten. As we pack our things and collect our memories, we say a final goodbye to the summer we shared.

With love,

Abbey Hickey, *Director*

Rachel Moore, *Assistant Director*

Rebecca Buchta, *Assistant Director*



Lower Ski Hi

The young men of Lower Ski Hi had another incredible summer full of friendship, fun, and personal growth. Each camper persevered through new challenges as they were supported by our brotherhood. Throughout our weeks together, the campers held each other to a high standard and encouraged each other to be their best selves. The sound of laughter has now gone from Lower Ski Hi, however the memories and friendships that were formed here will last for years to come.

Many campers spent a majority of their days trotting around on horseback, led by **Shelby Dougherty, Charlie Shure, and Charlie Nicholson.** The wranglers had high expectations, leading to improved horsemanship skills for every camper who participated in the riding program. From



riding bareback, to taking on the obstacle course, the campers consistently rose to meet and exceed expectations. While in the ring, on the trail, or out on dinner rides, these campers earned their Riding patch: **Andrew Barnett, Brayden Betts, Noah Burak, Elijah Echols, Grant Fuller, Hugh Griggs, Tripton Hazlett, Carson Hone, Epley Win, Charlie Lobb, Dylan Meyer, William Neumann, Valentine Parella, Leo Robison, and Reese Spiro.**

On the trail, our campers connected with nature as they explored lake shores and peaked mountains. With hiking counselors **Gabe Parker** and **Justin Zahn**, campers enjoyed journeys through the breathtaking scenery of Rocky Mountain National Park, dealt with unexpected weather, and showed resiliency and positive attitudes when plans changed. The Early Breakfast hikes demanded self-discipline and group encouragement as the campers persevered to reach their destination. These early risers completed challenging treks such as Flattop, Hallet, Otis, and Chapin, Chaquita, Ypsilon. These campers



*People can create their own
lack of opportunities.*

demonstrated excellent trail skills and knowledge and earned their Hiking patch: **Connor Champagne, Hugh Griggs, Isaac Levine, Everett Miller, Eka Nayak, Oliver Topping, Zachary Amonett, Rocco Bazzano Joseph, Hunt Cone, Vincent Montero, and Toby Street.**

Campers jumped at the opportunity to spend a few nights under the stars and away from the hustle and bustle of camp. While on outcamps, campers cooked meals over an open fire, set up tents, played games with their friends, and relaxed. When returning from an outcamp, campers raved about games such as: Where's My Chicken, Mafia, Capture the Flag, and Camouflage. These campers focused on improving their camping skills and earned their Outcamping patch: **John Miley, Caleb Hutchens, Eka Nayak, Zachary Amonett, Zachary Cole, Wyatt Lindgren, Leo Robison, and Tyler Wick.**

Creativity came to life as campers let their imaginations run wild while at crafts. **Joe Ziegler** led a wide variety of projects including tie dye t-shirts, leatherworking, paracord bracelets, and monkey fist necklaces. It was wonderful to see each camper that participated in crafts this summer share his own creative perspective.



Our campers shined this summer as they excelled at target sports. Sports counselors **Charlie Ovens** and **Brian Heck**, and riflery counselor, **Drake DiAngelo**, guided the campers to a successful summer. With patience and focus many campers earned awards in both archery and riflery. In addition, the young men of Lower Ski Hi were victorious in the riflery and archery shootout competitions against Lower Chipeta. Way to go!

Campers who participated in a variety of activities, had the opportunity to earn their Circle of Stars patch, which is awarded for participating in all program areas. These campers earned their Circle of Stars patch: **James Daily, Simon Dickerson, Lachlan Fischer, Charlie Hughes, Logan Jorgenson, Reed Maiocco, Larkin McKay, Everett Miller, Alvaro Ruiz Maza Guajardo, Benjamin Schubach, Matias Sevak, Asher Shofnos, Luke Suitts, Beckham Win, Josh Wolff,**

Joshua Ballenger, Jack Corrigan Conaty, Anderson Dunker, Patricio Mariscal, Dylan Meyer, Gregory Meyer, Jacob Miller, Leo Montero, George Mullen, Valentine Parrella, Jeronimo Pintado, Adrien Robinson, Jeronimo Romero, Tanner Snyder, and Eddie Wegner.

The climbing wall and technical climbing were the perfect places for campers with adventurous spirits. From learning safety protocols to scaling rock faces, our young men showed tenacity and grit as they challenged themselves with difficult routes. These campers chose to further their knowledge and received their Spider patch: **Brayden Betts, Garrett Borrajero, Max Li, Reed Maiocco, Ashton Meyer, Alvaro Ruiz Maza Guajardo, Asher Shofnos, Joey Struse, Luke Suitts, James Williams, Josh Wolff, Patricio Mariscal, Jacob Miller, Jeronimo Pintado, Jeronimo Romero, Arhant Shroff, and Tanner Snyder.**



Every term, the young men of Lower Ski Hi come together to create a unique set of traits that they strive to live up to, known as the Code of Living. This set of traits is what bonds us as a unit and makes our brotherhood one of a kind. A few young men lived far above the community's expectations and Code of Living this summer and were recognized by their peers and counselors as outstanding members of Lower Ski Hi. To honor their commitment to the Code of Living, these campers received their Silver Coup: **Noah Burak, Connor Champagne, Kalen Hazlett, Reed Maiocco, Eka Nayak, Garrett Borrajero, Anderson Dunker, Reese Spiro, Dylan Meyer, Valentine Parella, and Adrien Robinson.**

Although summer has ended, we find comfort in knowing that the young men of Lower Ski Hi will continue to grow and strive to be their best selves throughout the year. We wish them the best in taking on new, exciting challenges and hope to see them back for another summer!

Until next time,
Steve Smith, *Director*
Alison Hix, *Assistant Director*
Jack Maud, *Assistant Director*

*Succumb to discouragement
and you succumb to defeat.*





Chipeta

The time has come that we are now reminiscing about the friendships created, the mountains peaked, the trails blazed on horses, the laughter shared, and the challenges faced this year in Chipeta. While the cabins are empty and the lodge is quiet, we know that the hearts of our Chipetans are full of new experiences and their lives are boldly proclaiming their Code of Living as they step into a new season.



You will often hear: "Great things happen when youth and mountains meet" around Cheley and we believe that there is nothing more true in Chipeta. The reality is that mountains come in many different forms here. Exploring the Rocky Mountains can reveal strength of character in our campers that they have never seen before. Sometimes the mountains aren't physical mountains at all. New experiences, patiently trying to master a skill, earning a patch, and learning how to live in a close community are a few of the mountains that the Chipetans faced that brought about character development, confidence, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Growth comes from being stretched, pushed, and tested, which is exactly what happened through our programs. We set out to create a community of trust, authenticity, optimism, unconditional kindness, and acceptance that wasn't afraid to peak mountains, ride the trails, sleep under the stars, and make new friends. Each day presented the chance to make choices that would define who we really are in this world, and every night gave us the space to reflect



Turkeys and people might strut less if they could see into the future.

on how we did that and what it looked like. Each day was a celebration of life being lived in a way that embraced the now and yet showed how bright the future will be with such strong women growing into their best selves.

Hiking counselors **Katie Averdick** and **Darby O'Connor** led campers up Mount Lady Washington, Mount Meeker, Longs Peak, and on an 18-mile traverse from Bear Lake to Grand Lake, creating a community of confident, strong hikers. We also visited a variety of lakes including, Lion Lakes, Sandbeach Lake, Chasm Lake, and Blue Lake, where girls relaxed and enjoyed the scenery. These campers earned their Hiking patch: **Emma Coulter, Natalie Dumler, Katherine Gann, Kate Gillikin, Madison Irvine, Gabby Marchant, Clare Martin, Ainsley McKay, Ella Nelson, Annie O'Neill, Francesca Pezza, Emilia Pintado, Page Roulette, Annie Sallick, Josefina Santacruz, Emma Singer, and Alli Williams.**

Our backpackers visited Rocky Mountain National Park, the Never Summer Wilderness, and Indian Peaks Wilderness. Counselors **Jennifer Klink** and **Christian Hicks** worked to create a sisterhood of knowledgeable backpackers. These girls traveled to beautiful places such as Diamond Lake, Ruby to Parika Lake, and Gray Jay to Thunder Lake. **Charlotte Block, Sammie Floyd, Grace Gassel, and Grace Wodar** earned their Backpacking patch this summer.

Wranglers **Ashley Jones, Keaton Looney, and Tristan Morris** created a competent group of riders through lessons in the ring, overnight trips, and trail rides to Storm Pass, Eugenia Mines, and



Strawberry Hill. Our girls gained confidence in basic horsemanship skills, and learned the value of having courage while connecting with their horse to master new skills. The following campers earned their Riding patch this summer: **Sara Burke, Sophia Cornell, Lizzie Harding, Esmee Kool, Macy Lillard, Whitney Madler, Anabelle Parrella, Phoebe Schneider, Grace Selke, Allie Weil, Molly Wells, and Claire Willard.**

Strong bonds of friendship were formed through sharing stories under starry night skies and laughing around campfires during outcamps. Led by **Deidre**

Bergquist and Lindsey Buehler, girls were taught to be independent and prepared campers. We slept next to the river at Meadow Outpost, in teepees at Tee Pee Village, and under a blanket of trees at TE Crossing. Outcamping patch recipients include: **Maile Kaplan** and **Sophie Pike**.

Many of our campers choose to participate in all that Cheley has to offer by spending most of their time out of camp. These girls demonstrated



their adventurous spirits by exploring the beauty and wonder of the Rocky Mountains. The following campers earned their OnTheTrail patch: **Charlotte Block, Sofia Bozzuto, Sara Burke, Maria Cassereau, Viv Cornell, Emma Coulter, Sabine Denton, Anya Donicht, Natalie Dumler, Amber Dunton, Hannah Feeley, Rose Fieldman, Sammie Floyd, Katherine Gann, Anna Gardiner, Grace Gassel, Kelly Gill, Kate Gillikin, Sara Hamilton, Ella Harbold, Lizzie Harding, Polly Hoffman, Maya Ikenberry, Madison Irvine, Annika Jones, Vivi Kaufman, Esme Kool, Jordan Kuzmich, Kennedy Linn, Julianna Lennington, Whitney Madler, Gabby Marchant, Anila Marks, Clare Martin, Dagny McCrory, Ainsley McKay, Claire Moore, Emma Narlinger, Ella Nelson, Annie O'Neill, Hallie Pack, Anabelle Parrella, Kaylin Patterson, Francesca Pezza, Sophie Pike, Emilia Pintado, Sophia Pomposelli, Olivia Ritchie, Brigitte Rock, Anna Rodgers, Page Roulette, Ellie Rutledge, Annie Sallick, Josefina Santacruz, Phoebe Schneider, Olivia Schofield, Grace Selke, Manuela Sepulveda, Emma Singer, Emma Spruill, Sydney Stuelpe, Campbell Topping, Emmelise Warren, Allie Weil, Julia Weix, Claire Willard, Alli Williams, Grace Wodar, and Leah Wood.**

The girls who participated in a very diverse range of programming, and showed a desire to be involved in the behind the scenes work of campfires and cookouts earned their Pinecone patch. Congratulations to: **Mia Edgar, Poppy Merrill, Carly Neidel, Phoebe Schneider, and Manuela Sepulveda.**

Our girls also embarked on challenges that require complete dedication and perseverance. Led by **Maddie Frank, Abi Shapira, and Kaelee Tobin**, campers learned that precision and aim were their best weapons, focus and a steady hand led to professional precision on the

range, and that they could create unique and beautiful things by practicing patience. As the sun begins to set and another day is done, the girls gathered together in the lodge for songs, games, and meaningful discussions led by **Logan McNeer**.

What makes Cheley so special is our commitment to the Code of Living: a unique and living document created by each term, each year. This document reflects the values our community aspires to live up to and hold each other accountable to throughout the summer. The Silver Spurs represent the belief in the importance of this Code, and it is a very high honor to receive them. The following young women received their Silver Spurs: **Ryan Champagne, Viv Cornell, AK Foster, Madison Irvine, Vivi Kaufman, Hayden McJunkin, Olivia Ritchie, Ellie Rutledge, Grace Selke, Emma Singer and Alli Williams.**

Saying goodbye is never easy, but to us that means that our time spent together was time well spent. We are thankful for every challenge faced, smile shared, skill perfected, and friendship built this summer. We can't wait to welcome Chipeta back for another special summer in just a few short months.

*"If you listen one and all, you can hear the Chipta call,
You can feel the spirit rise where e'er you go.
May we never forget that glad day when we met,
And those dear old Chipeta girls we love so well."*

Ashley Carter, *Director*

Brittany Hecht, *Assistant Director*

Maggie Flint, *Assistant Director*



Ski Hi

Cheley has settled down from an eventful summer, a hushed tone has fallen over camp, and all the fun, challenges and friendship making is but a memory. Building memories is what we do best. Some memories to last us for a few months, others for a lifetime!

Congratulations to the campers who received an On the Trail patch, spending 14 or more days out of camp enjoying the Rockies. Whether it was rafting, hiking, backpacking, outcamping, trail riding, or paddleboarding these campers soaking in the mountain air. Congratulations to: **Joseph Baumann, Drew Brust, Luca Chaia, Coleman Cochran, Casey Dennis, Nicholas Dionisio, Sam Furmaniak, Silas Gillett,**

*Many people hurry to catch up;
very few hurry to get ahead.*



Carter Griffin, Braeden Himell, Kaden Jorgenson, Malcolm Kinzer, Benjamin Koppman, Charles Koppman, Corby Martinez, Ryan Mayo, Luke McAlenney, Leighton McCamy-Miller, Henry Means, Jack Merrill, Cesar Morales, Silas Poore, Brian Salmon, Jack Scarborough, Addison Spell, Quentin Sublett, Andrew Veon, Charlie Wagner, Owen Walker, Patrick Wood, Andrew Best, Turner Brice, George Cahill, Aidan Collins, Owen Conlon, David Craine, Jonah Craine, Oliver Denton,



PJ Dodge, James Duff, William Floyd, Ridge Garrett, Corbin Graham, Alex Hogrewe, Samuel Ikenberry, Cohen Kolbe, Tilden Lamme, Thomas Leewens-Horsey, Wyatt Levy, Hudson Maebius, Alec Mallinger, Charlie Martin, Nick Mast, Conner McMeel, Garrett Nakfoor, Kyle Neece, Brendan O'Donnell, Ethan Ocker, Fletcher Ratliff, Daniel Resnicoff, Malik Rivers, Baird Robinson, Harry Robison, Dawson Rodgers, Nicholas Simmons, Brannigan Stone, Noah Triplett, James Wickham, Bernardo Esquer, Jack Greco, Lars Olson, Matthew Cole, Samuel Weingart, Christopher Flores, Colton Clymer, Jack Montoya, and John Cameron.

The riding program, led by **Cale Rice, TJ Dillon, and Ben Hankins** had a successful summer. Our wranglers taught the men of Ski Hi how to walk, trot, and canter properly, as well as other skills such as riding bareback and playfully competing in challenge courses throughout the ring. When the riders were not in the ring, they had the opportunity to go out on rugged trail rides and overnight rides to explore the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park on horseback. The riding program took rides to numerous breathtaking destinations, including Pierson Park, Strawberry Hill, Storm Pass, and Eugenia Mines. Congratulations to the campers who earned their Riding patch: **Wyatt Levy, Jack Greco, Mac Gray, Aidan Collins, Noah Triplett, Christopher Flores, Christopher Rinaldi, Colton Clymer, Joey Kennedy, and Cohen Kolbe.**

The hiking program, led by **Atticus Proctor and Reid Openshaw** walked through the Rocky Mountains every day to soak in natural beauty. We set off to destinations including Longs Peak, Thunder & Bluebird Lakes, Audubon, Twin Sisters, Sarabun Snowfield, Flattop, and Meeker. We will never forget encouraging and being encouraged by our companions to just take one more step, and then another up to the peaks of those mountains. Congratulations to campers who received their Mountaineers patch: **Charlie Martin, Andrew Best, Andrew Veon, Cesar Morales, Leighton McCamy-Miller, Addison Spell, Coleman Cochran, Kyle Neece, and William Floyd.**

The backpacking and outcamping programs gave us an amazing opportunity to sleep beneath the stars and learn how to take care of ourselves in the wilderness.

The outcamping program, led by **Kody Crider and Rob Clements** went on camping trips to many beautiful locations like Meadow Outpost, Rockstock, TE Crossing, around Rocky Mountain National Park. Campers learned how to cook over camping stoves, First Aid procedures, a variety of helpful knots, and how to play some fun games. Congratulations to the campers that earned their Outcamping patch: **Sam Furmaniak, Alex Sevak, Silas Gillett, Jonah Craine, and Andres DeBerge.**

The backpacking program, led by **Bruno Zicarelli and Dan Penoyer**, spent most of their days and nights on the trail. The backpackers hiked to destinations including Boulder Brook, Battle Mountain, Thunder Lake, Finch Lake, and Fern Lake. Whenever campers returned from backpacks, they were excited to see friends, sleep in a real bed, and take a hot shower. Congratulations to the recipients of the Backpacking patch: **Alex Hogrewe, James Wickham, Andrew Best, Addison Spell, Benjamin Koppman, Cesar Morles, Luke McAlenney, Nicholas Dionisio, Patrick Wood, and Ryan Mayo.**



Target sports (archery and riflery) were led by **Joe Sansalone and Jeff Ballard**. Campers practiced patience, body posture, and safety methods. If campers wanted to have a relaxing day, they could create wonderful works of art with **Javon Banks**. At the end of each term, the artwork campers made was displayed in the Ski Hi crafts shop, including drawings, ceramic sculptures, wooden bowls, and tie dye shirts.



*The more you whine,
the less you shine.*

At the end of each day, campers would gather in Ski Hi Lodge for evening activities led by campfire counselor **Dylan Lederer**. Activities included singing songs, creating carnival games, playing games like dodge ball and Mario kart, or a relaxing night of vespers when campers watched the sun set behind the mountains. Each term, campers created a skit for All Camp Campfire, a night where all of camp comes together for an evening of fun and laughter. We also



want to recognize campers who tried a bit of all the camp activities, including volunteering to help during campfire, and earned their Pinecone patch: **Garrett Nakfoor, Ethan Ocker, Hudson Maebius, Harry Robison, Andrew Veon, Braeden Himell, Christopher Flores, Ethan Hellerman, Jack Scarborough, John Cameron, Malcom Kinzer, Samee Lystrup, and Silas Gillett.**

At the beginning of each term, the campers created a Code of Living for the time they would be at camp. The Code of Living dates to 1921 when Frank Cheley started Cheley Colorado Camps. The Code of Living gives the opportunity for campers to create a set of guidelines they plan to live by while they are here. Traits such as honesty, respect, humility, and integrity often make the list. At the end of each term, campers vote on who has best displayed the traits on the Code of Living. At the final campfire, Silver Spurs were presented to: **David Craine, Oliver Denton, Jack Greco, Harry Robison, Haoyang Zhang, Brian Salmon, Leighton McCamy-Miller, Calvin Wilson and Nicholas Dionisio.**

As winter approaches, there is a noticeable silence on Ski Hi porch. The lodge, the cabins, the ping-pong table, and the basketball court are all in solitude waiting for campers to come back for another wonderful summer. We wish everyone the best and look forward to reuniting next summer for more adventures in the mountains.

Happy Trails,

Dustin Pippin, *Director*

Alex Kluge, *Assistant Director*

Matthew Heyl, *Assistant Director*



Senior Chipeta

The dust has settled and the cabins remain closed as the winter approaches. We cannot believe the summer of 2017 is already at an end. Looking back on the summer, it is truly amazing how much the campers have grown. We have become friends and sisters as we built a strong and supportive community. We know the four weeks spent at Cheley has a long-lasting impact through the school year and far into life. Each of the girls takes the Code of Living with them wherever they go to grow even after the summer has come to an end.

On the trail, our dedicated hiking counselors **Barb McDonald, Kate Brownlee and Kristin Williams** developed a program that encouraged all hikers. Hikes ranged from relaxing days to challenging peaks, allowing hikers of all abilities and levels to participate. They covered most of Rocky Mountain National Park and the surrounding areas of Cheley, climbing steep peaks, crossing roaring streams, and resting beside beautiful lakes. The most dedicated hikers participated



in EBs (Early Breakfast hikes), where they woke up before the sun to reach some of the farther and more demanding destinations. Their hikes included: Spearhead, Meeker, and Navajo. Campers who went above and beyond to learn about hiking through completing their Hiking patch are **Margo Simon, Lucy Hoffman, and Charli Dill.**

The backpackers wore larger packs and took more days to complete their wilderness destinations. Our backpacking counselors **Jessica Savage and Ritz**

*All you can be sure of in life
is yourself.*



Running developed each girl into an accomplished backpacker. They taught girls the skills and knowledge to backpack safely and to share the joy of backpacking. Trips ranged from two to five days and covered ground in Rocky Mountain National Park, Indian Peaks Wilderness, and the Never Summer Mountain Range. Campers learned Leave No Trace principles, and were granted the



opportunity to escape from civilization. A shout out to the girls who earned their Backpacking patch: **Natalie Cross, Bunny Rutledge, and Maya Winfield.**

On the trail or in the ring, our wranglers **Felicity Elliot, MaryAsa England, Olivia Swartz** (First Term), and **Callie Brewster** (Second Term) taught horsemanship to our fearless riders. Riders learned confidence, respect for animals, and to work together as a team. As the girls woke up early to muck the barns and care for their horses, they also learned to care for each other. In the ring, they learned ground work, manners, jumping, and cantering. Campers had the opportunity to explore the surrounding Cheley area on trail rides to Twin Sisters, Eugenia Mine, and Chasm Lake. Overnight rides provided campers the added responsibility of caring for the horses at night, and the increased fun of spending time with one another cooking dinner and singing around the fire. Our riders demonstrated so much confidence and skill this summer. We would like to recognize those who earned their Riding patch: **Ryan Young, Frances Street, Anja Stefka, Marleigh Hill, Osha Ashcraft, and Eleanor Lockhart**

The following campers earned their On the Trail patch: **Alexa Narlinger, Mackenzie Burhardt, Mary Cameron, Olivia Potter, Delaney Barnat, Karina Wilbur, and Maya Winfield.**

Our mountain biking counselors **Eve Hanlon Cole** and **Christina Keyser** developed a program that supported and challenged all campers. They taught the

girls the necessary skills and knowledge to maintain their bikes. Campers pushed themselves on hills such as the Big Nasty and the Cheley Challenge. On overnights rides, girls were able to bike farther and push themselves harder. After a long day of riding, they spent time lounging in hammocks and cooking delicious meals. Rain or shine, they slept well in the fresh open air.

Keegan Fenton, our outcamping counselor, taught the campers to appreciate unstructured time when society tells us to constantly be busy. From spending 24 hours alone in the woods on Solos to becoming big sisters to Lower Chipetans on the Big Sis/Lil' Sis Outcamp, campers loved spending time in nature and learning about themselves. They spent sunny days and starry nights simply enjoying being together. A special shout out to the girls who earned their Outcamping patch: **Isabella Pare, Addison Lillard, and Maria Blackburn.**

Staying in camp also provided a wealth of opportunities. Our crafts counselor **Ciara McKillop** taught campers the mastery of crafts. Campers spent relaxing days making dream catchers, moccasins, and t-shirts. Campers loved the opportunity to express their creative side and unwind in the beautiful environment of Cheley.



Campers spent their days on adventures and came back together at night for campfire. **Andrea Carney** led the unit in a wide range of activities from lip sync battles and Mario Kart to singing songs and positive mental attitude. Campfire allows the unit to come together as a family and stay connected throughout the adventures of the week.

Key women represent a group of Senior Chipeta campers who exemplify the Code of Living each term. These girls are: **Annie Tobey, Faith Stone, Allie Means, Taylor Foky, Charlotte Clark, Campbell Nicholson, Kate Frankmore, Sarah Tarczali, Julie Street, and Margot Bickler.**

CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training) spend the term developing their leadership skills. Although they are still campers, they took on added responsibilities



*It's not only the IQ that counts
towards success, but also the
I WILL.*

from counselors and served as role models and mentors for campers. During third week, they participated in an exchange, where they spent the week in another unit acting as counselors. We leaned on our CILTs to help establish the positive and supporting culture of Senior Chipeta. We would like to recognize the CILTs: **Sylvia Bloom, Lucy Carlson-Krakoff, Marissa Cuccaro, Emilie Elzvik, Madi Guidera, Isabel Hicks, Annie Tobey, Clare Wickman, Margot Bickler, Erin Bingaman, Paige Cassidy, Ellie Daugherty, Isley Lopez, Maya Mohr, Drew Stanley, and Kate Watkins.**

As we said our last goodbyes to the summer of 2017, we know there is never truly a goodbye at Cheley, but instead a "See you later." We cherish the memories and friendships made and love our Senior sisters. We learned that we are constantly growing and to give ourselves and others the grace in this process. We know that all moments are brighter with a dance party. We send our love to camp families in the coming year, and cannot wait to again hear the music and laughter radiate down Fish Creek Road.

Jacquie Weddell, *Director*
Lindsay Miller, *Assistant Director*
Taylor Meneley, *Assistant Director*



Haiyaha

No matter what the weather is right now, the view of the valley from the porch of Totem Teepee is incredible. There is a new set of names burned into the room's aging pillars. Together for weeks in the mountains through a Colorado summer, a diverse group of young men learned to live, work, and play as functioning members of a goal-driven community. Perched at the gateway to some of the nation's most spectacular wilderness, Haiyaha continued the Cheley tradition of collaborating on, and adhering to a collective Code of Living. The code governed the values and expectations of the unit and was unique for each term. Crafted by the CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training), the Blue Kerchief is representative of the Code.

This summer saw an exceptional group of Haiyaha campers and staff thrive together at altitude. Time and time again someone faced a fear, supported a friend, or reveled in a triumph. Over the course of each term, guided by a knowledgeable and passionate team of counselors, campers tested and exceeded their limits on a multitude of programs in a wide range of settings.

In the ring and on the trail, wranglers **Joshua John, Joe Walsh** and **Nick Anderson** fostered determination and respect while teaching campers an array of horsemanship skills. Specializing in a variety of riding styles, they covered everything from bareback to barrels, trail ride safety and equine care. After completing a carefully crafted scavenger hunt which

tested his riding knowledge, First Term saw camper **James Porter** go above and beyond to achieve his Riding patch. Second Term campers with the same distinction include **Parker Lewis-Allen, Will Basinski,** and **Chris Cummings.**

On foot, the men of Haiyaha covered countless miles of trail between Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. The summer's outcamping, backpacking, and hiking programs were



especially strong. Boasting several outdoor education majors in the ranks, our teams were highly successful. Each specific program facilitated inspiring experiences for campers once they left the friendly confines of Cheley's Land O' Peaks home base, and intentionally challenged the young men of Haiyaha to find and be their best selves in the Colorado wilderness.

Led by hiking counselors **Mitch Ball, Nate Lee,** and **Eric Hahn,** many campers completed the requirements to earn their Hiking patch. First Term: **Emil Chaia, Kona Lindsey, Luke Gardiner, Quinlan Kremer,** and **Hugh Toomey.** Dealing with unseasonably thick snow cover on many trails in the early summer, these campers battled the elements to reach destinations and peaks such as Sky Pond, Paiute, Audobon, Thatchtop and Andrews Glacier. Second Term: **Drew Milewski, Augie Bryan, Ethan Street, Jefferson Ratliff, Julian Blackburn,** and **Myles Rosenblum.** Despite the snow cover thinning, these campers contended with swift and heavy rains on their way to achieving their patches. Setting the pace for the highest mileage of the summer, Second Term camper **Drew Milewski** recorded 137.6 miles.

Rarely in camp, the backpacking duo of **Nicky Vatteroni** and **Vince Wilson** carried the Haiyaha torch deep into the backcountry this summer. Reaching destinations such as Michigan Lakes and Aspen

*Be contented with what
you have, never with
what you are.*



Meadow, Nicky and Vince helped campers develop and experience appreciation for the wilderness and educated their campers in backpacking techniques, safety, cooking, and etiquette. **Robert McKnight** and **Braulio Romero** earned their Backpacking patches.

The following campers earned their On the Trail patch: **Alexander Byrd, Charles Rubarth, Chase Manhart, Emil Chaia, Logan Manhart, Oliver Smith, Quinlan Kremer, Seth Lee, Braulio Romero, Ian Meister, Jake Madtson, Myles Rosenblum, Parker**



Lewis-Allen, Soufian Khribeche, and Thomas Perkins. Grant Dumanian earned his Tyrolean/Fourth Degree Mountaineer patch.

Outcamping was led by **Nick Schultz**. On the Big Brother/Little Brother outcamp, campers spent time mentoring and playing with the Ski Hi campers and learned the value of being a positive role model. On Solos, campers took responsibility for their own shelter and food over the course of a day alone in the backcountry. Every camper returned to camp with a story to tell and a fresh appreciation for the natural world. **Harrison Kelley** distinguished himself in the program, completing all of the requirements to earn his Outcamping patch.

Working hard on two wheels, mountain biking counselors **Lane Krull** and **Paul Krause** set the pace for biking adventures to Stanley Park, Pierson Forest, and Devil's Backbone. Campers went all out and gave everything to conquer the Cheley Challenge, ending just below Ski Hi Lodge. Campers who earned their Mountain Biking patch were: **Hugh Toomey, Alex Jack, and James Commons**.

Campfire counselor **Andy Schubert** (First Term) organized fun and meaningful evening activities for campers and staff. Some favorites included Minute to Win It games, Mario Cart, Captain's Coming, Square Dance, and Zumba with Brooke. Campers also enjoyed riflery with **Jodee d'Avignon**.

Special thanks to First Term CILTs **Oliver Penner, Chase Manhart, Logan Manhart, Jack Street, Austin Britton, Ben Citow, and Bob O'Neill**. As a team, these campers did a phenomenal job setting the tone for the unit from day one. Second Term CILTs were **Eli Bucksbaum, Grant Dumanian, Henry Corkran, Maxwell Nardi, Ryan McCoy, Gabe Wineman, Kyle Blumenthal, Lloyd Chinn, Mathew Vazquez, and Ryan Janek**. All of our CILTs performed admirably in their roles this summer. Their success was instrumental to the success of the unit as a whole.

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 standards that the CILTs create is not an easy thing to do, but truly is a worthwhile endeavor. Each term there are some individuals who truly embody living by the Code of Living. These individuals, who are chosen by their peers, are given the recognition of the Gold Key. The young men who were recognized for achieving their Gold Key this summer include: **Clay McCain, Zandt Lavish, Eudald Vilar, Atticus Sutherlin Sovern, Ben Citow, Max Nardi, Lloyd Chinn, and Joshua Shakeshaft**.

Joey Kauffman, *Director*

Henry Warrington, *Assistant Director*

Robert Bradbury, *Assistant Director*



Girls' Trail's End

There's a magic that exists in places of old – a wisdom that will speak to you if you can quiet your soul enough to listen. These places are rare, laced with traces of wildness and wonder. For the lucky few, these places are home, for too brief a time, before they retreat into memory. Yet buried deep in the earth, lies the heartbeat of summer dreams, laughter in the sunlight, soft voices in the stars. Deep in the earth, these places await rediscovery, and deep in our hearts the memories of love and joy warm us until the sun can shine again.

The magic of Girls' Trail's End is illusive, yet indelible. Standing under arching pines with Fox Creek gurgling beside, we create our community together, striving for integrity and humility, courage and kindness. It's in moments that echo our Code that we undergo the most profound and permanent changes of character. The aggregate of nearly a century of these



A person who is a good listener is not only popular, but is apt to learn something.

moments have sunk into the earth, calling to us in our dreams of the courage of our sisters before, and the path we create for our sisters to come.

As often happens, through adversity comes growth, and the growth of our campers this year was inspiring. We set physical and emotional goals, and pushed each other every day in the development of grit, perseverance, and patience. 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 **Ali Brown, Claire McRedmond, and Melina Cundy**, our riders had the opportunity to challenge their horsemanship skills, both in the ring and in the mountains, during day trips and overnight pack trips. The girls learned responsibility, dedication, and teamwork while training their horses in the arena, and riding trails that included Signal Mountain, Bulwark Ridge, Piper's Meadow and True Gulch. Congrats to those who earned their Riding patch this summer! Junior Riding patch: **Marilyn Lindsley, Ella Shofnos, Kat Kresse, Raine Matthes, Sloane Dunker, and Margaret Periard**. Senior Riding patch: **Kahli Rahn, Estie Seligman, Emma Hadley, Alexandra Lehoux, Jesse Wham, Bella Hughes, and Grace Silverman**.



Some campers were eager to put boots to the ground. **Morgan McGonagle, Rosie Mertz and Megan Rash**, led campers as they tackled Paiute and Tanima, Thatchtop, Isolation and Mahona, and Pagoda, and visited a variety of lakes, including Blue Lake, Spectacle Lakes, Sky Pond, and Shelf and Solitude. **Katie Walsh and Izzy Dunn** earned their Junior Hiking patch

and **KJ Sexton, Lucy McCollum and Alisa Kanganis** earned their Senior Hiking patch. **Claire Jennings** was recognized with her Tyrolean, or 4th degree, recognition, mountaineering's highest honor.

Some girls wanted more from the mountains, and opted to sleep high in the mountains under pine trees and stars. Led by **Emilie Yusko and Ziki Omonde**, backpacks included Thunder Lake, the Never Summer



Range, Indian Peaks, Aspen Meadow, Chapin Creek and Sandbeach Lake. Backpacking patch recipients were: **Abigail Gruener, Sophia LaCrosse, Molly McCreight, KJ Sexton, Allison Castro, Alisa Kanganis, Brynne Hobart, Margaret Lipton, and Madison Foster**.

Campers at GTE relish challenge, and our mountain bikers were no exception. **Lauren Lamm and Jennifer Horne** led bikers on trails to Pierson Forest, Lily Lake, and Devil's Backbone. Eager to challenge themselves, they even spent two and three days away from camp on overnights, camping at Gypsy Grounds, and riding the surrounding hills. Our Mountain Bike patch recipients include: **Abigail Gruener, KJ Sexton, Tatum Thomason, Sierra Ross, Devin Canino, Amelia Vinton, and Gabrielle Lazansky**.

Some of the most rewarding times at camp are spent in quiet reflection, or in laughter around a campfire. **Kirstie Lower and Amanda Sursely** led outcamps to TE Crossing, Teepee Village and Rockstock, and provided the time and space to reflect on personal challenges and growth, as well as foster deeper relationships with others in a natural environment. Some girls chose to challenge themselves by participating in our Solo program, spending 24 hours alone in the woods. The following campers earned their Outcamping patch: **Emilee Arias, Isabella Ariza, Georgia Blough, Jillian Wilkins, Alia Chand, KJ Sexton, and Ava Goldson**.



You are often sorry for saying a harsh word, but never regret saying a kind one.

Some campers find the greatest challenge in variety. These campers wanted to experience the breadth of Cheley's programs and earned their On The Trail patch. Junior patch recipients include: **Emilee Arias, Emma Arias, Isabella Ariza, Georgia Blaugh, Lilah Cotton, Izzy Dunn, Kimmy Eggen, MJ Eggen, Kira Ericsson, Sophia LaCrosse, Isabelle Laton, Ava Norton, Bella Pitt, London Rahn, Emma Scharf, Ella Shofnos, Tatum Thomason, Avery Vogen, Safietou Gaye, Katie Walsh, Devin Canino, Meghan Castro, Caroline Chinn, Sloane Dunker, Izzy Dunn, Olivia Ferrell, Madison Foster, Ava Goldson, Reese Harrington, Brynne Hobart,**



Piper Jackman, Kat Kresse, Gabrielle Lazansky, Carly Lindgren, Margaret Lipton, Raine Matthes, Carly Najarian, Victoria Newsome, Emily Otto, Heidi Otto, Sierra Ross, Alexa Vinton, Amelia Vinton, Taylor Lewis and Terry Wick. Senior patch recipients include: **Daisy Dunlap, Rosie Dunlap, Eliana Durand, Safietou Gaye, Annie Price, KJ Sexton, Grace Burgert, Emma Hadley, Isa Holtze, Abigail Hornady, Ines Santacruz, Natalie Skigen, and Sadie Vik.**

Some challenges require absolute focus and determination. Led by **Tierney Grist, Kara Meechan,** and **Jennifer Horne,** campers learned that beautiful things take hard work to create, and that a steady hand leads to military precision on the range. Community is created on the trail, and cemented in the lodge. Led by **Abby Mayo,** every evening we would reflect on the challenges and triumphs of the day, and celebrate each other's successes through stories, songs, and games.

We are grateful for the support staff who kept things running smoothly behind the scenes this summer. Nurses **Annette Koweek, Laura Sida,** and **Amy Castro,** took care of any illnesses and injuries, and cooks **Ellie Pownall** and **Kiana Sperl** kept us fed with delicious food.

Thank you to our CLTs (Campers in Leadership Training): **Emily Adams, Grace Burgert, Ana Domit, Grace Droppelman, Diasy Dunlap, Annie Ellison, Kelly Fiedler, Claire Jennings, Grace McCaffery, Molly**

McCreight, Taylor Phillips, Annie Price, Natalie Skigen, Sadie Vik, and Maggy Wolanske.

What truly differentiates Cheley is our unwavering belief in the Code of Living: a document created each term by each unit, encompassing the values to which we aspire and to which we hold ourselves accountable. The Driver and Top Hand recognitions, created to reflect the unique jobs done by young women in wagon-driven, westward-travelling families, is a testament to those values. **Georgia Blaugh, Lilah Cotton, Tatum Thomason, Katie Walsh, Sloane Dunker, and Amelia Vinton** were recognized with their Driver. **Grace Droppelman, Aubrey Shafer, Marcy Senti, Emily Adams, Bianca Burden,** and **Margaret Gee** were recognized with their Top Hands. **Grace McCaffrey** was awarded her Gold Spurs, a recognition that honors campers who earn every Senior patch available. Grace has been working on her Gold Spurs for five years, and we were happy to see the culmination of that journey. 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's the value of a life journey, far more than any destination."

In the winter months, as the nights grow longer and the memories flicker like candle flames, let us become seekers of magic. Let us reach into our hearts to find what makes the trees sing in their grace, the mountains loom in their majesty, and the waters whisper in their fluidity. Let us learn to tap into that magic, to let the earth lend its patience and wisdom, so that we can create magic in the world around us, and bring a piece of Girls' Trail's End with us wherever we go.

Ali Kittle, Director

Ellie Dorsch, Assistant Director

Devin Riggs, Assistant Director



Boys' Trail's End

Our two months in paradise have finally come to an end. From June 13 to August 6, two groups of roughly 60 young men came together here in our valley at the end of the trail. On the second night of each term, those young men created their Code of Living to decide how they wanted to improve and grow over the summer. First Term chose to follow and practice the traits of flexibility, grit, awareness, humility, brotherhood, and Second Term's Code included fraternity, perseverance, presence of mind, maturity, trust, and tradition.

Throughout the summer, campers lived up to those traits of the code, working to become better men while having the times of their lives going on adventures and strengthening their bonds of friendship.



You have to enjoy doing something before you can be successful at it.

Few people on earth spent their summer going on more adventures than our backpackers. From the first two-day to the last three-day, they took everything they needed on their backs and ventured into the wilderness to find beautiful lakes, massive mountains, and themselves. The five-day backpack was the most adventuresome of them all. First Term, our stalwart backpacking counselors, **Chris Mixon** and **Jack Douglas**, took young men out into the Mummy Range, where they conquered five peaks (three in full packs) and multiple passes, and were rewarded on their final night with a visit from Assistant Director **Brett Swanson** and a large bucket of fried chicken. Second Term, the backpackers conquered the Michigan



Lakes 3-day, climbing the awesome peaks Static and Richtofen, and they had an amazing traveling 5-day deep into the Indian Peaks Wilderness. **Shea Dunlap**, **Keegan Miller**, **Levi Pinkert**, **Hunter Triebel**, **William Harding**, and **Riley Bartuska** went above and beyond to learn more about backcountry travel, earning their junior Backpacking patch. **Andrew Nober** also chose to learn about traveling in the wilderness, and proved to the counselors that he has the knowledge and skill to lead his own trips, earning his senior Backpacking patch. **Nick Wolanske** was recognized with the Tyrolean/Fourth Degree mountaineer recognition – a rarely-given recognition for a camper who excels out on the trail, has both his hiking and backpacking patches, and acts as a next-level leader on the trips.

Not to be outdone, were our awesomely amazing hikers. For the first time in recent memory, they made all of their destinations First Term, and as many destinations as humanly possible Second Term, missing only a few destinations due to severe weather. Hiking Counselors **Brian Polkinghorn** and **Brent Beadles**, frequently accompanied by our hiking/biking/out of camp counselor **Tony Conte**, ventured far and wide into Rocky Mountain National Park and Indian Peaks Wilderness. The destinations were all special and interesting, with everything from snow to scenery to sweet scrambles. The most memorable of their trips were the Early Breakfast hikes. First Term, they hiked right out of BTE to climb the daunting Rowe Peak, scrambled up Boulder Grand Pass from Wild Basin trailhead to reach the monumental peaks

of Alice and Tanima, reached the rarely-visited and rather-distant Keplinger Lake, and peaked the tops of Flattop, Hallet, Otis, and Taylor, all in one day! Second Term, they conquered Mahana in rainy weather, almost made Ida of the Circle Peaks before the lightning rolled in, and climbed both Audubon and Paiute during a mini-EB. Their biggest accomplishment, was when they conquered the truly epic “Reverse Grand Slam,” where they peaked the massive, majestic mountains of Pagoda, Longs, and Meeker by starting at Sandbeach Lake. Often out bagging peaks, seeing lakes, and learning about flora, fauna, orienteering, and Leave No Trace, were our junior Hiking patch recipients **Levi Pinkert**, **Caden Kalfin**, **Joey Bear Hodge**, **Joel Bartuska**, and **Ryan Hingle**. They were accompanied by senior Hiking patch recipients **Andrew Nober**, and **Nick Wolanske**.

Trails were also a big part of our riding program. Instead of using their feet, our riders used their wits and their horsemanship skills to travel into the wilderness. Our wranglers **Joe Joyer**, **Sam Norton**, and **Luke Quibell** taught campers to saddle, feed, and care for the horses. They also taught them to be patient and understanding, two essential characteristics when handling large animals. They went “hiking on horses” on long trail rides to peaks like Signal, played games, learned new skills, and even barebacked during their time in the riding ring. The overnight pack trips truly set the BTE riding program apart, as they put their equipment on pack horses and head out into the wilderness to sleep out under the stars. The longest, most intense, and most rewarding of these pack trips was the 3-day ride to Pennock Creek. They traveled through remote, tough terrain to reach their destination. The junior Riding patch recipients were **Hunter Haney**, **Jack Hammer Hodge**, **Ben McCurdy**, **Nicholas Spilotro**, **Ty Williams**, **Chance Zimmerman**, **Carter Bartel**, **Arthur Hadley**, and **Kellan Oster**. The Senior Riding Patch recipients were **Nick Kowalske**, **Charlie Weil**, and **Dane Lee**.

The mountain biking counselors **Marc de Castro** and **Keaton Collins** led a strong group of campers on amazing rides, from Lily Lake to Pierson to Stanley Park. They also went on a 3-day overnight, biking their hearts out. The highlight of the summer for them, was the Devil’s Backbone trip during fourth week, where they were joined by Assistant Director **Ash Krueger**. The single-track trail is specifically made for mountain biking, with technical sections both uphill and downhill on rocky terrain. Mountain Biking is complicated. It requires being able to take care of yourself, your bike, and your friends. **Christopher Cummings** took the initiative to learn all of the complexities involved in taking care of a bike and leading a Mountain Biking



*Hold your head high, but keep
your nose at a friendly level.*

trip, thus earning his senior Mountain Biking patch. **Ambrose Vellequette** earned his junior Mountain Biking patch. .

The On the Trail patch is earned by campers who spend time...on the trail. **Alexander Aronov, Hunter Ball, Harrison Bell, Stephen Ber, Eddie Bullard, George Cook, Liam Diaz, Shea Dunlap, Bashwyn Fitch, Owen Fuller, Lyle Griggs, Hunter Haney, Jack Hammer Hodge, Joey Bear Hodge, August Jaeggli, Caden Kalfin, Barrett Lee, Davis Loy, Jace McAlister, Ben McCurdy, Max Mercuri, Keegan Miller, Maxwell Naha, Grant Olmstead, Levi Pinkert, Simon Retuer, Sam Roth, Rocco Solomon, Nicholas Spilotro, Clayton Steinfort, Luke Swartz, Dylan Tripp, Jack Walburn, Ty Williams, Chance Zimmerman, Samuel Balint, Carter Bartel, Joel Bartuska, Riley Bartuska, Adam Boesky, Boone Brackett, Cooper Brackett, Andrew Copilevitz, Liam Diaz, Liam Dietrich, Arthur Hadley, William Harding, Hunter Henault, Max Higginbotham, Ryan Hingle, Alex Hornady, James Lay, George Cooper Lebor, Barrett Lee, Tobias Lowenthal, Cade Oster, Kellan Oster, River Price, William Regan, Conrad Reller, Justin Rigg, Spencer Rosenblum, Dewey Schreiner, Benjamin Simmons, Jacob Smitheal Garrett Suits, Hunter Triebel, Ambrose Vellequette, Bennett Wagnon, and Grant Weerts** all received their On The Trail patch.

When it comes to being out of camp, the outcampers have it down pat. They spend their days playing games, building fires, and cooking, and their nights under the stars. The outcamping Counselors **Tom Dowers** and **Spencer Kuchan** led our campers on multiple trips on Cheley properties, including the two big outcamping programs: Rockstock, where campers play gaga ball, swing on ropes, and visit the historic German house, and Solos, where campers spend 24 hours alone to reflect, think, and challenge themselves.

In the craft shop, **Bobby Mumma** helped the campers learn how to make everything from belts and tie-dye to alabaster carvings and hiking sticks. At the archery range, **Cal Pennock** helped the campers learn the proper technique and focus needed to defeat GTE in the archery competition. **Jacob "Tex" Smitheal** and **Dominic Taglia** earned their Gold Arrow recognitions. Our Riflery Counselor, **Jack McCormick**, did the same for our marksmen. **Liam Diaz, Alex Aronov, and Maxwell Naha** received their Prone Specialist Level 3 patches, **Ben McCurdy** earned his Prone Specialist Level 4 patch, and **Eli Sherman** earned his Expert Rifleman patch, which is an incredibly rare feat.

The BTE campers had an amazing summer. They ate the delicious food prepared by our cooks **Carlos Padilla** and **Christian Martin**. They had **Ruth Swetnam** to run the store and act as their camp mom, and our

nurse **Gary Swetnam** to tend their wounds and go fishing with them. Our CILTs (Campers in Leadership Training) provided leadership, energy, and a deep desire to make BTE the best it could be. Our First Term CILTs were **Caleb Stadler, Gabe Reuter, Maxwell Lyon, and Will Ericsson**, and they did an amazing job. Second term, **Andy Fresen** was our lone CILT, and he did an amazing job of leading the unit, while also growing leaders among the campers and keeping the BTE spirit and traditions alive. All of this culminated during the final weekends, when the campers came together for



recognition campfire to celebrate their achievements. Director Josh Morris talked about the infinite circle of the wagon wheel – how what the campers and staff learned at BTE this summer will echo into eternity. On those nights, we recognized some campers who exemplified our Code of Living for this summer. Through their attitudes and actions, they represented what it means to follow the Code of Living and be young men of character learning to act spontaneously in the right. Junior campers **Shea Dunlap, Chance Zimmerman, Jacob "Tex" Smitheal, Adam Boesky, Cade Oster, and Spencer Rosenblum** received their Drivers of the Covered Wagon. Senior campers **Ryan Dunlap, Nick Kowalske, Nicholas Wolanske, Harry Winer, Conner Dayton, Gage Carter, Joseph Wagnon, and Bennett Wagnon** received their Top Hands. Everyone in the unit wore their Blue Kerchiefs, symbolizing their commitment to the Code of Living and to the brotherhood here at Boys' Trail's End.

As the young men of BTE go out into the world, we are confident that they will continue to learn, grow, and embody the traits of the Code of Living. Living by that Code is a big part of what made their summer here a success. By continuing to follow the tenets of the Code of Living everywhere they go, they will improve their lives and contribute to the creation of a better world.

Josh Morris, *Director*

Brett Swanson, *Assistant Director*

Ash Krueger, *Assistant Director*



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