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The Fifth Generation Goes on the Road

As I write this, I am sitting next to my eight-year-old son as we return from his first Cheley promotional trip. Jackson accompanied me to Washington DC and New York to promote camp. I am starting early to sell him on the idea of "joining the family business." It was an amazing trip. In DC, we visited the White House, the Capitol, the International Spy Museum, and the Air and Space Museum. In New York, we went to the top of the Empire State Building, walked through Times Square, and passed the football in Central Park. My goal for the trip was to expose Jackson to as many things as possible. I was focused on expanding his horizons. I asked him on the plane about his favorite parts of the trip. He enjoyed walking through the streets of New York and playing football in Central Park.

Midway through the day, we stopped on the streets of New York. I asked him, "What would you do if you turned around and couldn't find me?" We talked through the process. When we arrived at the subway, we talked about how you figure out which train to take. We learned what it is like to take the subway during rush hour when you are crowded on a train.

I was amazed at how calm he was as we walked through the busy streets.

During the trip, I was reading an article called The Fragile Generation (<http://reason.com/archives/2017/10/26/the-fragile-generation>). The article talks about how we are not letting our children fail. Years ago, everyone was talking about Helicopter Parents. The new term is "Snowplow Parents." Many of today's parents want to clear a path for their children so they don't experience defeat, discomfort or failure. One of the best quotes from the



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Trigger Bill says...

Some automobiles do what some people don't do – shift for themselves.



CAMP DATES FOR 2018

Summer Camp

First Term:

Tues. June 12th – Sun. July 8th

Second Term:

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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story is "Prepare your child for the path, not the path for your child." As a parent of three boys (ages 8,6, and 4), I'm often looking at ways to develop our children. They are growing up in a different world than I did. What can I do to prepare them for this new world? Our children are referred to as digital natives. They have never known a world without smartphones, tablets, instant access to the answers. I want to teach them to search for the answer, experience life, and gain confidence by forging their own path. I want them to be able to walk to the bus or ride their bike to school on their own. This was very common in my childhood - I remember walking home the three blocks from school in 2nd or 3rd grade. Another one of my best memories from this year was Jackson heading out to the streets in his Boy Scout uniform to sell popcorn. He sold over \$2,000 by walking up and down the streets of our neighborhood by himself. He walked a bit taller and had a bit more confidence every time he returned home. I think it is time to see if he can start selling Cutco knives or vacuum cleaners (haha!).

How can we as parents prepare our children for the path?

1. We can teach them that they can do things on their own. Let the walk to the bus stop, to the nearby

store, or to a friend's house. We must fight the urge to intervene in every argument between siblings or friends. They are learning how to problem solve.

2. We must find time for unstructured play. Our children are too scheduled. They need time to just "hang out" without devices. Play with Legos, play house, create a new game, run around the yard, or draw.

3. Spend some one-on-one time with each child. The most rewarding aspect of my trip with Jackson was to spend some solo time with him. We had some fun conversations, created shared memories, and deepened our relationship. Someone once said, "if you don't spend time talking to them when they are little, they won't talk to you when they are older."

This parenting thing is tough. For every success as a parent, I think I have three or four failures. I always tell new parents, "It is the most rewarding, exciting, and humbling thing we do." I also want to be part of the solution instead of becoming one of those people that says, "When I was a kid..." We would love to hear what you are doing to prepare your child for the path. Email us or post it on our Facebook page.

– Jeff Cheley

Cheley Romances

Hey all you Cheley romances out there! We want to make sure we have your story in our records. In the history book that will be published for the 100th anniversary, we are mentioning Cheley romances that resulted in marriage. Please send your names, the years you were at camp and where you are now by **January 1st** to office@cheley.com.

Carrying the Code

We love to hear stories about our campers positively contributing to their communities. Please send a story in if you have one!



Carrying the Code

CHELEY PACK RAT is published three times a year by Cheley Colorado Camps to keep the Camp Family informed – send us news and information about you and your friends. The PACK RAT is mailed free of charge to all current campers and staff, as well as to lifetime and annual members of "Cheley Friends." Others who are interested may get an annual subscription by sending their name and address with a check for \$15 to PACK RAT Editor, Cheley Colorado Camps, 601 Steele Street, P.O. Box 6525, Denver, CO 80206.

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Remaining 2017-2018 Cheley Open Houses

Friday, December 1 at 6:00 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

Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 pm
Dallas, TX
 Home of the Ratliff Family
 3725 Centenary Drive
 Dallas, TX 75225
 RSVP 972-896-8284 or
 angieratliff@mac.com

Thursday, January 11 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 12 at 6:30pm
San Antonio, TX
 227 Park Hill Drive
 San Antonio TX 78212
 RSVP office@cheley or 303-377-3616

Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 pm
Austin, TX
 Home of the Shiflet Family
 65 Pascal Lane, Austin, TX 78746
 RSVP anneshiflet@mac.com or
 512-971-5738

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 to 3:00
St. Louis
 St Louis Summer Opportunities Fair
 at The Whitfield School
 175 S Mason Road
 Creve Coeur, MO 63141



*Few of us get dizzy
 from doing good turns.*

Cheley Holiday Store

Go to www.cheley.com/store to check out brand new designs for the holidays. We will have a few sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, and some other fun items. **Order by December 5th!**

Welcome, Joe Joyer

Joe has spent two summers at Cheley as a horseback riding counselor at Boys' Trail's End, and we are thrilled to have him join our year round staff as the assistant ranch manager. Joe is from Lino Lakes, Minnesota, where he grew up on a family farm, and has a degree in agricultural education leadership



and communications from the University of Minnesota, where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Joe grew up going to 4-H camps where he learned a lot and made lifelong friends. He had dreamed of working at a camp like Cheley! Joe writes, "Being able to be a part of a camp that gives campers a safe place to push themselves and grow like I did is amazing! The bonds that are made at camp last a lifetime and I get to be a part of it. I also get to do this working with horses and a great staff."

Joe has competed in beard competitions and once won third place in the Minneapolis Beard and Mustache Club Beard Off. He has been growing his current beard for over two years. Joe really enjoys cooking and hopes to one day to live up to his mom's ability to whip a great meal together.





To knock the chip off
someone's shoulder,
pat them on the back.



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 2017 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 Nicole Ebel, Rachel Harvey, Anna Parker, and Brett Forrest.



Announcing CILTs for Summer 2018

We are excited to announce the CILTs for the summer of 2018! Last summer, we had over 70 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 –
**Mackenzie Burkhardt, Emma Citow,
Lucy Conlon, Lily Lederer, Seari**

**MacMillan, Allie Means, Kaitlin
Steinfort, Sarah Van Hare.**

GTE, 1st Term –
Aubrey Schafer

Haiyaha, 1st Term –
**Brendan Hann, Zandt Lavish,
Clay McCain, Tate Parker, Eudald Vilar**

BTE, 1st Term –
Brogan Ludwig, Jackson Swartz

Senior Chipeta, 2nd Term –
**Lilly Brilz, Natalie Cross, Charlize
Dill, Avery McKay, Laura Moore,
Claire Ovens, Julie Street,
Logan Triplett**

GTE, 2nd Term –
**Ivy Goldson, Abigail Hornady,
Ines Santacruz**

Haiyaha, 2nd Term –
**Sultan Almalik, Daniel Horne,
Alex Jack, Soufian Khribeche,
Benedict Laidlaw, Max Robison,
Joshua Shakeshaft**

BTE, 2nd Term –
**Gage Carter, Konrad Hadley,
Joseph Wagnon, Harry Winer**

Carrying the Code: Women Making a Difference

When Frank Cheley started girls' camp, he named it Chipeta because she was a strong woman. Chipeta was the wife of Chief Ouray, of the Ute tribe in Colorado. She was an advisor and confidant of her husband, and continued as a leader of her people after his death.



Carrying the Code

A Cheley alumni and strong woman, Sarah Calhoun (staff 1999) founded Red Ants Pants in 2006 when she was tired of wearing men's work pants that didn't fit. She designed pants that would fit, function and flatter working women. She named her company Red Ants Pants because in an ant colony, the female ants do all the work. Red Ants pants are made in the USA and are



sold online at www.redantspants.com and in her store in White Sulphur Springs, Montana.



*There is no right way
to do a wrong thing.*

Winter Update

The Estes Park crew is very busy this winter. We have many improvements and additions on the "to-do list" before camp starts in 2018. First of all, the barns at Land O' Peaks have been torn down and we are replacing them with pens for each string. We are retrofitting the tack shed so we can groom and tack the horses every morning. This will provide a healthier situation for the horses and an efficient method for preparing the horses each day. We are also installing a grease trap and a

new fire abatement hood in Chipeta Kitchen (exciting, huh?). Next on the list is renovating the Girls' tennis court/basketball court behind the Chapel. Brooke is very excited to update this popular, busy area that is in need of improvement.

We are also excited to share that we have broken ground on a high ropes course. It will be ready for 2018. Brian and Nick have been busy preparing the site. We can't wait to show off the photos and share the experience with our campers.





Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends



There is more hunger for love and appreciation in the world than there is for bread.

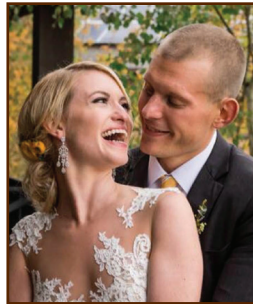
Wedding Bells

Sarah Henderson (camper 2001-2005, staff 2007-2013) and **Sky Edge** (staff 2013) were married in 2017.



Brittney Passini (staff 2011-2014) and **Corey Martz** (staff 2011-2015) were married in Denver on December 30, 2016.

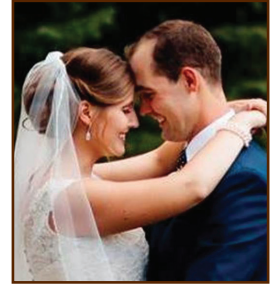
Tim Latham (camper 2000-2001, staff 2008-2012) and **Emily Palmquist** (camper 1999-2007 staff member 2010-2012) were married at Devil's Thumb Resort on September 23, 2017. There were a bunch of Cheley alumni present at the event.



Nicole Ruggiano (staff 2008 to 2016) married Britton Brooks on October 7th in Silverthorne, Colorado. Nicole has been very close with Brooke Cheley Klebe and her family

for many years as their nanny. Brooke and her daughters were all in the wedding party. It was a beautiful sunny day and many of the guests tent-camped that evening.

Christie Koets (Camper 2000-2007, Staff 2009-2012) and **Warren Booth** (Camper 2000, Staff 2007-2012) were married on August 26, 2017 in Keystone, Colorado. Many Cheley alumni attended the event.



Cody Hiller (Staff 2009- 2014) married Clea on September 9, 2017. Cody was a counselor and Director in Haiyaha

Future Campers

Cara Schroeder, Ranch Manager at Cheley, and her husband Ben welcomed their new daughter on October 27, 2017. Layna Vi Schroeder was 6 lbs, 6 oz and is already 7 lbs, 2 oz. She was a month early and as Cara says "is doing wonderful and making our lives so much better"



Mike Supinski, Facilities Director, and **Elise Booth** (Staff 2005 to 2011) welcomed **Zoe Jean Supinski** on July 27, 2017. Zoe was 7 lbs, 12 oz and 21" tall. Mike and Elise are enjoying the transition to parenthood.



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In Passing

Charles Ehlert (camper 1950s), 79, passed away in Louisville, CO on January 15, 2017. He received his Gold Key in 1953 and was a JC in 1954. He led notable first ascents on Mt. Alice and Mt. Ypsilon while still in his teens, and remained an avid climber and mountaineer throughout his life. His sister, **Susan Ehlert Harmann** was a camper in the 50s and his children, **Elizabeth** and **Charlie**, were campers in the 70s and 80s. His grandchildren are current campers.

John (Jack) Lamkin (camper 1932-1939, staff 1940-1943 and 1946-1947), 94, passed away on May 14, 2017. He lived his whole life in Cape Girardeau, MO and was a founding trustee for the John Austin Cheley Foundation.

Edgar (Ed) Holman (staff 2008-2010) passed away on May 24, 2017 in Colorado Springs, Co. He was on staff at BTE with his wife, Susan, and he was a retired letter carrier after 36 years of service with the USPS.

Ron Joekel (staff 1960-1964) passed away on May 30, 2017. He

was a director of Haiyaha and his wife **Marj Joekel** ran the store and she passed away on June 2, 2016.

Samantha Plavec (staff 2015), 27, passed away on July 28, 2017.

Vincent Starzinger (camper 1942-1945), 88, passed away in Hanover, NH on September 6, 2017. His love of mountaineering, which began at Cheley, continued with ascents of over 200 high peaks in the USA, Canada, New Zealand, and the European Alps.

Robert (Bob) McGrath (camper 1940-1941) passed away on September 1, 2017.

Marcia Marie Stafford Jorgenson (camper late 1960s), 68, passed away on October 26, 2017 in Overland Park, KS. Her three children went to Cheley (Liisa Hampton, Lindsay Shropshire & Andy Jorgensen), and she had four fourth-generation grandchildren at camp last summer. Marcia was the daughter of Bob and Ginny Stafford, former members of the John Austin Cheley Foundation, and former counselors who met at Cheley in the 40s.



Influence is what you think you have until you try to use it.



Cheley in the Community

On November 4th, we had an amazing crew join us at The Action Center. We packed 300 thanksgiving boxes, 560 grocery boxes and sorted/inventoried 250 crates (3 pallets) of school supplies! Giving back is such a fun way to start your weekend. Let us know if you are interested in hosting a Cheley in the Community event in your area.





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Summer Survey

Thank you to all of the 2017 parents who completed the online survey. We received over 200 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:

- Sara Hamilton
- Annie and Cora Price
- Carson Hone

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



KEEPING IN TOUCH...

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.

And – we also want to hear from you with your news for the next PACK RAT.

Just send an email to: office@cheley.com