



# The Cheley PACK RAT

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“*Spreading Positivity  
in Really Intense Times.*”

Thank you all for your contribution to the Summer of 2021.  
The importance and impact of this togetherness in the  
Colorado Rockies is easily understated.



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To our Wonderful Camp Families,

## Happy Holidays!

During this time of year, we are reminded to count our many blessings. We are truly grateful to be doing the work that we do. It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to spend quality time with youth in the Colorado mountains.

Thank you for your partnership, trust, support, and friendship. These last couple of years have been challenging, inspiring and busy and we could not have accomplished what we have been able to accomplish without you all.

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and cheers to new beginnings!

**Much love,**

The Cheley Year-Round Staff



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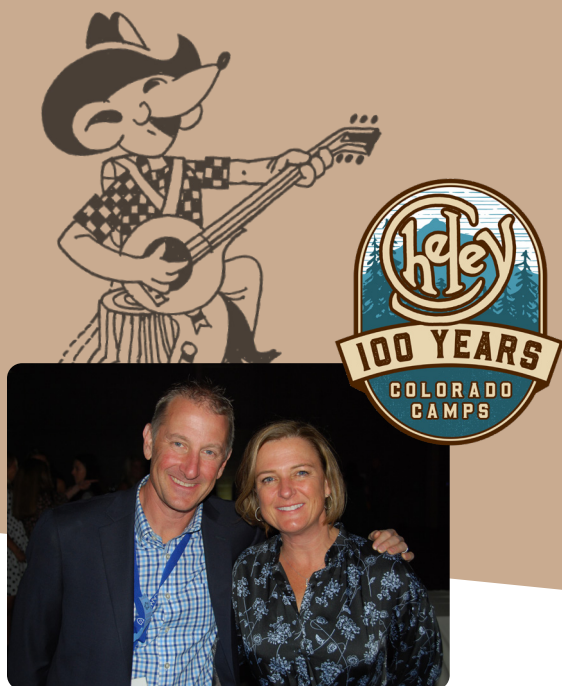
We'd like to be able to keep in touch – but we can only do so if you keep us up-to-date with your address and other current information. Please take a minute to send us an update. And remember, we want to hear from you with your news for the next Pack Rat!

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## The Pack Rat

Estes Park, Sept. 2021

# The Centennial Celebration Weekend

*“Times may change, but the Spirit of Cheley remains.”*

– Mary Gammell

Camp is still buzzing from the excitement of the Centennial Celebration Weekend! Over Labor Day Weekend, more than 700 Cheley alumni, family, and friends, came home to the Rocky Mountains for a long weekend of celebration, collaboration, and shenanigans.

While it feels like a blur reminiscing on the jam-packed celebratory weekend, so many beautiful things happened. We could not possibly list them all, but here's a glimpse:

- Newborns and 90-year-olds! Former campers and staff of all ages gathered at Land O'Peaks, Girls' Trail's End, and Boys' Trail's End to commemorate their time at camp, and for some of them, it was their first time back.
- Four toasts (to campers by **Frank Sesno**, to staff by **Angela Boatright**, to partnership by **Barry Sweet**, and to the camp experience by **Tim Lucas**), three banquet speeches (by **Don**, **Brooke**, and **Jeff Cheley**), two graces (by **Alyse Averdick** and **Shawn Ness**), and one banquet song (“On the Loose”) filled the Estes Park Event Center with good spirits, cheer, lots of catching up, and incredible dance moves Saturday evening.
- Whether it be their original kerchief or a replacement one, we saw Blue, Yellow, Green, Red, and Black Kerchiefs proudly worn at Chapel on Sunday morning.
- **Sheila Tallmon**, **Lili Brandt**, **John Kundtz**, **Sandy Fuller**, **Hannah Wineman**, and **David Street** shared “What Camp Means to Me,” whether it be half a century later, or amidst their camp experience.
- **Benji Harris** blessed us with the first live performance of his original song, “Find Yourself at Cheley in Colorado.”
- **John Haefeli** and **Brian Pierce** hosted “Amnesty Night,” otherwise known as All Camp Campfire, and spared no expense cracking jokes, taking aim at the gimmicks of camp, and, most importantly, having FunPlus.
- **Ann McCollum** and **Sarah Webb Miley** performed a rousing rendition of the bluegrass composition “Dueling Banjos,” not instrumentally, but rather with red pin lights on their noses.

To all who attended the Centennial Celebration Weekend, we want to thank you for making the weekend enchanting.

To those who couldn't make it this year, we hope you will join us next time to create more magic together.

**“Little did Frank Cheley know what he roped himself, his multi-generational descendants, and the rest of us into back in 1921!”**

– Bill Horne



Trigger Bill says...

*The mountains reserve their choicest gifts for those who stand upon their summits.*





# The Summer of 2021

## LOWER CHIPETA

Ali Brown, *Director*

Avery Bell, *Assistant Director*

**While our wonderful summer in Lower Chipeta has come to an end, we will always remember the rambunctious laughter and Gaga ball games, the close-knit relationships that were forged, and the days spent looking out at the Mummy Range from our Chapel porch.**

We loved watching our campers build community with one another, radiating energy and connection while hiking alpine trails and spending nights under the beautiful Colorado starscape. They shot rifles and bows and arrows, rode many of our wonderful horses, dabbled in crafts and friendship bracelets, climbed incredible mountains, and spent time with friends every night at campfire. There is no doubt that during their four weeks here at Cheley, they forged friendships that will last a lifetime and created an uplifting sisterhood that will endure far past this indelible summer.



Our hiking counselors, **Natalie Cross** and **Reese Coleman**, led an incredible program this summer, leading our campers up and down beautiful trails and fearlessly climbing Mount Ida, Battle Mountain, Flattop Mountain and Hallett Peak, and Chapin, Chiquita, and Ypsilon in the Mummy range. Our campers left Cheley more confident in their boots and more confident in themselves. The following campers earned their Chipmunk (Hiking) Patch: **Eleanor Codr**, **Makena Hone**, **Story Rogers**, **Bre Watkins**, **Alice Engelbrink**, **Jeannie Pezza**, and **Cate Strom**.

Our horseback riding counselors, **Rachel Castro**, **Crystal Boyer**, and **Mac Burkhardt**, spent many days on the trail, riding with our campers to destinations like Strawberry Hill, Aspen Brook, and Storm Pass. They also created competent riders during ring rides, teaching skills like trotting,

cantering, jumping, and even barebacking! The following campers received their Riding Patch: **Eva Dempsey**, **Lily Krattenmaker**, **Eloise Morton**, **Rose Morton**, **Emmie Williamson**, **Nola Gross**, **Sarah Nguyen**, **Kassie Stanec**, **Scottie Stanec**, and **Talbot Van Ness**.

Our campers also spent nights out under the stars with our outcamping counselors, **Reb Dunlap** and **Emma Schneider**. They created lasting friendships and a new appreciation for hard work while they learned how to cut wood, build fires, and cook over the coals. Stories were told around the campfire and laughter could always be heard emanating from the tents long into the night.

Many memories were made in the craft shop with **Lydia Klimt**, our crafts counselor. Lydia taught our campers how to wood burn, work leather, tie-dye, and how to tie friendship bracelets (a favorite activity in Lower Chipeta!). We loved watching them try new skills like throwing pottery or making boats in the woodshop, and saw their imaginations grow by leaps and bounds!

Fearless riflery counselor, **Alexis Johnson**, created so many sharpshooters in Lower Chipeta. Eighteen campers received their Prone Specialist Patches first term and seven received their Prone Specialists Patches second term. **Sadie Diaz** received her Young Specialist Patch, **Mackenzie Hughes** earned her Level I pin, **Hannah Makk** received her Level II pin, and **Chloe Six** received both her Level I and Level II pins!

**Clare Coffman** and **May Murphey** led an amazing sports program: the campers tried everything from Spikeball and rainbow tag to Bootcamp with



Jeb (the Haiyaha Assistant Director). With all the fun and challenging activities our campers tried this summer, we are confident they will rise to every occasion and continue with grace and resilience.

Our campers also got to try their hand at the climbing wall and technical climbing at Christmas Tree Rock. The following campers learned climbing skills, techniques, and safety protocols to earn their Spider Patch: **Maggie Codr, Sarah Coleman, Anna Dozier, Sophie Elmakis, Sally Gillikin, Janie Gravette, Veronica Herman, Bea Holman, Mackenzie Hughes, Penelope Hull, Kyla Israel, Eva Lavallee, Vivion Loughlin, Hannah Makk, Sadie McClung, Eloise Morton, Elspeth Patten, Story Rogers, Lily Schwartzreich, Cleo Trigg, Bre Watkins, Tess Doebele, Alice Engelbrink, Chloe Six, Rosie Sullivan, and Margo Zimmermann.**

Every night, our campers spent the evening together in our lodge, joining our campfire counselor, **Kate Fahey**, in fun activities, mindful moments, and singalongs. Some campfire favorites were lip sync karaoke battles, spa night, counselor pageant night, and the dance parties, of course! All Camp brought all of the Cheley units together for some fun songs and skits, with first term campers performing "Driver's License" and second term campers performing a "Tangled" mash-up.



Campers who tried various programs like horseback riding, hiking, outcamping, riflery, crafts, climbing, and sports had the opportunity to earn their Circle of Stars Patch. The following campers received this patch: **Maggie Codr, Sarah Coleman, Maddie Couch, Eva Dempsey, Cadence Dorr, Sophie Elmakis, Janie Gravette, Bea Holman, Amelia Johnston, Aurelia Kaplan, Lily Krattenamker, Eva Lavallee, Vivion Loughlin, Claire Manhart, Sadie McClung, Emma Morson, Victoria Mulholland, Elspeth Patten, Story Rogers, Lily Schwartzreich, Perrin Simons, Chloe Six, Ellie Smith, Bre Watkins, Autumn Leech, Belfield Zaniello, Charlotte Wadsworth, Claire Miller, Claire Walker, Curry Cutshaw, Eliza Bliss, Ella Timko, Ellie Hanson, Emme Clore, Hallie Cone, Hannah Holbrook, Julia Hall, Karoline Freitag, Kassie Stanec, Lucie Amonett, Isa Cruz, Martha Klebe, Mary Strom, Morgan Schwartzstein, Nola Gross, Sarah Nguyen, Scottie Stanec, Sophie Roza, Talbot Van Ness, and Tess Doebele.**

Finally, we would like to congratulate all of our campers for living up to the Codes of Living that they created together this summer. The Code of Living is unique to Cheley and is one of the many reasons why camp continues to have a lasting



impact even after the summer has ended. We ask our campers, as a whole unit, to create a set of values and character traits that they want to live by while they are here together. The Silver Coup is given to campers who are chosen by their peers and their counselors as those who lived up to the Code of Living and exceeded expectations. Congratulations to **Nora Codr, Sally Gillikin, Sadie McClung, Eloise Morton, Perrin Simons, Bret Watkins, Kassie Stanec, Talbot Van Ness, Chloe Six, Mila Craig, Alice Engelbrink, Campbell Walter, Rosie Sullivan, and Scottie Stanec** for receiving this honor.

We miss our campers dearly and will always cherish the moments we spent together in the mountains. We hope that they will carry the Code of Living, the fast friendships, and all the lessons learned along the way into the world with them, and feel grateful that they were able to spend an incredible summer with us here. With love and gratitude.





# LOWER SKI HI

Eddie Martinez, *Director*

Isabella Leeker, *Assistant Director*

**The crisp winter air at Cheley is abundant with many echoes of camp songs, memories, friendships, and adventures. Though Lower Ski Hi seems empty right now, we know it is not. The beauty and joy of our friendships and experiences will continually live on in our hearts and the spirit of Lower Ski Hi.**

We were so fortunate that you chose to share your camper with us and trust us. We are grateful. It's easy to recall the ubiquitous laughter and energy that abounded here not too long ago. Many of the program areas focused on the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and that's what we are reflecting on right now:

## 01. Plan Ahead and Prepare

The staff of Lower Ski Hi planned and were so prepared for all of the amazing campers that we had during our 100th summer. The hikes and rides and outcamps were ready for fun. All of our in-camp programs were prepared for the arrival of almost 120 campers! Who wasn't ready to take a break from home and school and greet the mountains? And all of you arrived prepared with your essential equipment and proper mindset ready to tackle each daily adventure and program.

## 02. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Nothing is more durable than the Cheley Spirit. Everyone arrived knowing (and some not knowing) that the foundation they were landing on was solid. One hundred years of Fun+ was evident once everyone let in the Cheley Spirit.

## 03. Dispose of Waste Properly

What was in our lives that we needed to get rid of? Fear? Isolation? Screen time? All of that "waste" was gone once our Lower Ski Hi brothers arrived on property. We wasted no time enjoying the things that had not been in our lives the past year and a half. It was refreshing and joyous to create the Code of Living and show that we needed to agree to certain things now that we were living together as a new community. The young men of first term decided that these qualities were the ones that set the standard: Brotherhood, which was overarching, responsible, grateful, encouraging, and inclusive. Second term decided that Lower Ski Hi needed to be supportive, kind, fun, responsible, helpful, and selfless. And who were we, the staff, to argue with any of these decisions? We read through the dozens of traits that Apache, Comanche, Navajo, Omaha, and Winnebago came up with, narrowing it down to the common ones.



## Dates for 2022

### 01. First Term

June 14th to July 10th

### 02. Second Term

July 12th to August 7th

### 03. Quarter B4

August 8th to August 13th

### 04. Family Camp

August 8th to August 13th

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## 04. Leave What You Find

We must admit that we didn't do a great job with this one... we found life-long friendships. None of those were left here. The memories, lessons, friendships, and bonds that we found and created with campers and staff certainly were not left here.

Our wranglers were the best cowboys and cowgirls in the land. **Chase Manhart, Maggie Burns, and Morgan Perree** led Lower Ski Hi through a fantastic horsemanship program. During first term, **Ryan Amstutz, Reid Bardin, Gus Battle, Ike Davidson, Tyler Dembo, Gray Maloney, Rory Neren, Trip Roberts, Rhodes Verplank, and Zeke Wolf** all buckled down and learned and demonstrated a ton of information to show they were worthy of receiving their Riding Patch. Second term, the Riding Patch recipients were **Joaquin Bours, Warner Hardin, Sykes Lamensdorf, and Earnest Seale**.

**Drake DiAngelo** led our riflery team to a victorious tournament against Lower Chipeta with a skilled team of young men. And we had many campers who earned multiple riflery patches and pins.

**Michael Gaessler and Logan Henry**, our hiking counselors never rested, and how could they with so many campers wanting to be on the amazing hikes! When they weren't on the trail, they were helping campers work on their patches. The following had the dedication to work and earn their Chipmunk Patch aka Hiking Patch: **Eddie Codr, Nicholas Sailer, Brandon Scott, Sutton Zimmerman, Nikolas Hogrewe, and Ely Uettwiller**. And then there was **Tommy Wasserman** aka "Trailhead Tommy" who hiked more than our counselors over the course of the summer. Our first term early breakfast (EB) hike to Flattop and Hallett was a huge success, with the second term EB to was equally amazing.

**Bodhi Kier**, our crafts counselor, helped campers find endless creativity in Blackfeet. We certainly hope this was not left here and that your crafts projects are displayed in your house or bedroom. **Dane Bloom**, Lower Ski Hi's campfire counselor, found hilarious and musical talent for campfires (re: "Boom Chicka Boom!").

**Dean Starrs and Seb Griffin** found an endless supply of energy as they headed up sports which included archery, climbing, challenge course, high ropes, Frisbee golf, fishing, stand-up paddleboarding, random acts of kindness, Gaga ball, knockout, ping pong, basketball, capture the flag, sharks and minnows, and more! The campers did not leave that amazing energy here. Some of the campers had so much energy they earned their Spider Patch in climbing: **Gus Battle, Beck Bordelon, Rourke McClelland, Will Olson, Zachary Siegal, Shepard Simons, Landen Strauss, Rhodes Verplank, Grant Gonzales, Robert Johnson, Nathan Lissner, Ash Montgomery, Jeramy Moore, Jackson Remley, Axel Solander, Michael Sullivan, and Grant Wachtman**.

## 05. Minimize Campfire Impact

Our outcamping counselors, **Harry Loida and Teddy Ceresia**, led an amazing program that so many enjoyed. Some dedicated themselves to the experience and worked to earn their Outcamping Patch. Congratulations to **Luke Brown, Owen Brown, Marvel Ingram, B Luz, Lawson Mills, and Michael Sullivan**. We can still taste the amazing outcamping meals and desserts including Choco Tacos, S'mores, and cheesecake cooled in the river. All the outcampers learned the basics of cooking over an open fire to help minimize the impact of a cooking fire.

## 06. Respect Wildlife

The wildest life in Lower Ski Hi was, you guessed it, the campers and counselors! Speaking of wildlife, some of our campers decided to try everything that Lower Ski Hi had to offer. That's just wild! These wilderness explorers earned their Circle of Stars Patch first term: **Reid Barton, Will Barvitski, Beck Bordelon, Blake Duncan, Joseph Edinger, Carson Gutierrez, Martin Hill, Zeke Kalush, Elliot Leighton, Rourke McClelland, Gray Maloney, William Olson, Trip Roberts, William Shimamoto, Marshall Stapp, Landen Strauss, and Rhodes Verplank**. And these campers earned it second term: **Adrian Bours, Jose Bours, Harrison Brown, Morrison Bump, Rocco Calandruccio, Christian Carbonaro, Tucker Carlin, Louis Deutsch, Wesley Holmes, Cooper Miles, Jeramy Moore, Alexander Nasra, Joseph Rechis, Jacob Rosenbaum, Aiden Roza, Erik Solander, Luke Stamatis, Andrew Steeg, George Stoops, Michael Sullivan, Thomas Trueblood, Thomas Van Ness, Grant Wachtman, and William Wegner**.





## 07. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

The best example of showing consideration for others was living up to our Code of Living. First term had five shining examples of campers who exemplified the Code of Living. **Ike Davidson, Shepard Simons, Eddie Codr, Lawson Mills, and Zachary Siegal** received their Silver Coup. At the end of second term, **Sykes Lamensdorf, Mac Luz, Ash Montgomery, Jeremy Moore, Jackson Remley, Axel Solander, and Jack Lathrop** received their Coup.

These Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and the Code of Living helped us all summer. What helped us, even more, was our dedication to having Fun+ every single day. From the moment the bell rang each morning followed by reveille on the trumpet, we knew we were in for a fun adventure. Not that we were without our challenges. We had some of those, and we, together, worked through them. Our unity, brotherhood, inclusiveness, and support for each other led us to a stronger outcome. We created more meaningful memories and friendships.

As you light your Friendship Candles during the holidays, think about your fun cabin time, Play Day, winning Rocky the Rock for cabin inspection, treats, the friendly CLTS we had down in our unit for a week, our daily program of hikes/rides/outcamps/sports/riflery/crafts, heading up the hill three times a day for meals, sign-ups, chapel, vespers, campfires, the great conversations you had in the shower line, the Blue Kerchief ceremony, Recognition Night, the excitement you felt on arrival day and the bittersweetness you felt on departure day. So many memories packed into twenty-seven short days at Cheley.!

The stillness of Lower Ski Hi right now is only temporary. The Tonka trucks and army men are quietly in hibernation. The Gaga ball pit and knockout court are not creating a dust

storm. No Frisbees or footballs are flying through the air. The lively Clubhouse has no movement – no shuffleboard disks sliding, no foosball slamming into the goal, no ping or pong from the ping pong table, and no one is currently reigning as “King of the Court.” But that will all change soon. Summer will arrive before you know it, and Lower Ski Hi will be abounding with happy campers and tremendous energy once again. Lower Ski Hi, we love you, and we’ll all be true. We can’t wait for you to return to Cheley.



## About Leave No Trace

*The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace provide an easily understood framework of minimum impact practices for anyone visiting the outdoors. Although Leave No Trace has its roots in backcountry settings, the Principles have been adapted so that they can be applied anywhere – from remote wilderness areas, to local parks and even in your own backyard. They also apply to almost every recreational activity. Each Principle covers a specific topic and provides detailed information for minimizing impacts.*

*The Seven Principles are well established and widely known, but they are not static. The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics continually examines, evaluates and reshapes the Principles. The Center’s Education Department conducts research – including publishing scholarly articles in independent journals – to ensure that the Principles are up to date with the latest insights from biologists, land managers, and other leaders in outdoor education.*

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Happiness  
is an  
inside job.

# CHIPETA

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**Although summer has come to a close, the catchy All Camp Campfire songs and endless laughter still echo in our minds. The smell of warm campfires and ponderosa pines, the taste of fresh s'mores, and the picture-perfect portraits of watercolor sunsets will forever remain imprinted in our memories.**

What stands out the most, though, are the times of challenge and subsequent perseverance, the first sparks of new friendships, and the heaps of love given and received throughout the term. Chipeta campers radiated positive energy wherever they went, from the tops of the mountains they hiked, to beneath the surface of the reservoir and river they splashed in. The impact of the four short weeks spent at Cheley will certainly carry on for years to come.

Our outcamping counselors, **Sara Littekin** and **Kate Seelert**, took many campers out into the great outdoors this summer. There were days filled with yummy food, lots of games, storytelling, and gaga-ball, and nights spent under the starlit sky. No matter the location **Brianna Blair, Kate Boveri, Lila Grenney, Milly Isgrig, Amara Maloof, Carrie Meyer, Isa Rosenblum, and Laney Sims** all enjoyed spending some time outside on at least two outcamps this summer. Congratulations to those who received their Outcamping Patches, **Sanaya Lakdawalla** and **Harper Carnahan**!

**Kelly Fiedler** and **Cecile Roche**, our hiking counselors, trekked many miles through Rocky Mountain National Park, and Indian Peaks Wilderness reaching destinations such as Mount Ida, Ypsilon Lake, and Meeker Mountain! With each step, they embodied their program mission of adventure, determination, and unity. We congratulate the Hiking Patch recipients: **Charlotte Gardiner, Annelise Sailer, Aurelia Shaitelman, Julianna Vogt, Trilby Schmidt, Madeline Sellke, Phoebe Zaniello, and Claudia Zimmermann**! Additionally, we applaud all hikers who sacrificed sleep for mountain peaks on our Early Breakfast (EBs)



hikes! Wonderful job, **Georgia Arnett, Kate Boveri, Matilda Carlarne, Sunny Christensen, Charlotte Gardiner, Winnie Harbold, Koruna Ingram, Avery Kaplan, Annelise Sailer, Aurelia Shaitelman, Mariah Soby, Bridger Kripke, Sonja Mengshol, Kate Raley, Julianne Vogt, Olivia Allen, Charlie Ballenger, Lauren Coury, Kate Craine, Izzy Cunningham, Kendall Holmes, Lily McCoy, Axelle Mengin, Layna Roza, Madeline Sellke, Finley Timko, Summer Mansfield,**

**Christine Martin, Anya Vogel, Phoebe Zaniello, Claudia Zimmermann, Alexandria Bashara, Alessandra Cahill, Charlotte Medler, and Trilby Schmidt!**

Getting creative, **Leah Yaker**, was able to help our camper create masterpieces in the Chipeta craft shop, Sir Amicks' ceramics studio, and the woodworking shop! We would like to recognize our campers dedicated to the arts: **Holly Beltramini, Chloe Bishop, Zahra Davachi, Annabel Dresie, Mallory Jarrell, Evelyn Moritz, Mary Jane Murphy, Margaret Perkins, Zoe Pryor, Kate Scott, and Lyla Thomas** all participated in more than two full day's worth of crafts. Additionally, we would like to recognize our craftiest crafters, **Charlie Ballenger, Margaret Fair, and Zoe Pryor**, for spending the most days in crafts!

Our horseback riding counselors, **Alie Fehl, Caroline Polak, and Emelia Arnheim**, traveled many trails and guided lessons in our riding rings. Their program mission statement includes flexibility, collaboration, mindfulness, and adventure! These traits were carried through their trail rides, ring rides, and overnight trips. The overnight trips to Pierson Meadow were the highlight of the program where the campers took care of their horses, cooked over a fire, and slept in their tents. We are proud of **Allison Amstutz, Madeleine Bennett, Hazel Bertron, Charlotte Bonnell, Parker Bouc, Emme Clark, Sabrina Duntun, Loyland Furey, Siena Garaffa, Mary Merrill, Lila Laton, Kate Leibman, Nicole MacFarlane, Anna-Kate Mauffray, Emily McIntosh, Grace Morgan, Riley Morris, Mary Jane Murphy, Kate Raley, Clara**



**Rogers, Jordan Sharp, Mariah Soby, Ruth Walgreen, Holly Beltramini, Harper Carnahan, Emme Garlinghouse, Kendall Holmes, Hannah Jordan, Molly Maiocco, Kaitlyn Potts, Isabella Shillman, Hannah Steele, Finley Timko, Sophie Weiss, Kayla Weller, Alexi Baeza, Fer Bours, Lucia Del Haya, Lexi Donohue, Riley Fenton, Gabriela Fernandez Gonzalez Salmon, Ruby Kalkbrenner, Cata**



**Littrell, Madeleine Mentz, Molly Mounce, Sofia Sandoval, Alexandra Spoto, and Sydney Turner** for completing safe and successful overnight horseback trips. Moreover, congratulations to the Riding Patch recipients! These campers were able to complete requirements that spanned the topics of horseback riding and proper horse care. We are proud of you: **Emerson Clark, Emmy Conrey, Nicole MacFarlane, Grace Morgan, Riley Morris, Mariah Soby, Riley Fenton, Emme Garlinghouse, Cata Littrell, Molly Mounce, Alexandra Spoto, and Sydney Turner.**

Take a deep breath and shoot! Our riflery counselor, **Ellie Marler**, and our sports counselor, **Calla Castro**, led and supported our campers in various activities this summer. Whether it was shooting at the range, teaching them ballroom dancing, or creating brackets for various yard games, they enjoyed every second! In riflery, we would like to recognize: **Allison Amstutz (Level 1), Alexi Baeza, Charlie Ballenger, Alexandria Bashara, Madeleine Bennet, Brianna Blair,**



**Alessandra Cahill, Abby Carbonneau, Francesca Carlin, Harper Carnahan, Anne Coady, Ally Danehy, Clare Dillig, Sabrina Dunton (Level 1), Gabriela Fernandez Gonzalez Salmon, Matilda Hull (Level 1), Kate Leibman, Molly Maiocco, Summer Mansfield, Emily**

**McIntosh, Lucia Penick, Isa Rosenblum, Eugenia Saenz, Kate Scott, Madeline Sellke, Laney Sims, Charlie Smith, Ellie Struse, Avery Thorpe and Audrey Viita (Level 1)** for earning their Prone Specialist Patches. In addition, we would like to recognize: **Allison Amstutz, Madeleine Bennett, Charlotte Bennet, Sabrina Dunton (Level 1), Kinley Kripke, Molly Maiocco, Madeline Sellke, and Charlie Smith** for earning their Kneeling Specialist Patches. Finally, we would like to recognize **Sabrina Dunton** once again for earning her Standing Specialist Patch.

Additionally, we would like to recognize the following campers for their outstanding achievements in archery:

- White Arrow: **Charlie Ballenger, Holly Beltramini, Chloe Bishop, Sydney Bonfield, Harper Carnahan, Emmy Conrey, Izzy Cunningham, Amelia Dickerson, Margaret Fair, Claire French, Emme Garlinghouse, Lila Grenney, Anna Halverson, Claire Hargett, Ellis Hutchens, Milly Isgrig, Mallory Jarrell, Hannah Jordan, Kinley Kripke, Sanaya Lakdawalla, Nicole MacFarlane, Molly Maiocco, Schuyler McShea,**

**Sonja Mengshol, Megan Myers, Margaret Perkins, Zoe Pryor, Kate Raley, Evelyn Ratliff, Gabby Rose, Kate Scott, Isabella Shillman, Violet Sparks, Hannah Steele, Liliana Tower, Sydney Turner, Ruth Walgreen, Kayla Weller, and Claudia Zimmermann.**

- White and Black Arrows: **Sage Aiken, Brianna Blair, Charlotte Bonnell, Francesca Carlin, Sabrina Dunton, Matilda Hull, Annie Mollan, Kaitlyn Potts, Aurelia Shaitelman, and Ellie Struse.**
- White, Black, and Blue Arrows: **Allison Amstutz, Abby Carbonneau, Zahra Davachi, Loyland Furey, and Sequoia Holzmänn.**
- White, Black, Blue, Red, and Gold Arrows: **Emma Bailey.**

**Meredith Antley and Sophie Morris** found themselves on the backcountry trails with heavy packs, big hearts, and many Chipetans to destinations across the parks! Their program set a mission to find the joy in the adventure, pride themselves in their perseverance, and continuously conserve the trail they trek on, the land they sleep on, and the view from below the summits. First term, they passed through many seasons of weather and enjoyed snowfall at Parika Lake. The four-day trip to Fourth of July Mines was full of adventure as **Sage Aiken, Emma Bailey, Parker Bouc, Emme Clark, Loyland Furey, Harper Grooms, and Olivia Vanden Heuvel** hiked to Caribou Lake, hosted a backcountry talent show, and ate lots of quinoa! Second term, they saw moose at Aspen Meadows and Red Dirt Lake. On the four-day trip, **Alexandria Bashara, Summer Mansfield, Christine Martin, Charlotte Medler, Lucia Penick, Trilby Schmidt, Avery Thorpe, Anya Vogel, and Phoebe Zaniello** moved campsites every day passing through Bob & Betty Lakes, Devil's Thumb, and Jasper Lake where they hosted a square dance and traversed the Continental Divide Trail. Congratulations to the Backpacking Patch recipients: **Loyland Furey, Harper Grooms, Sequoia Holzmänn, Sonja Mengshol, Christine Martin, Avery Thorpe, and Phoebe Zaniello.**

Two activities that our campers can't seem to get enough of are rafting and stand-up paddleboarding! The following campers took on the daunting challenge of paddling down the level three rapids of the Poudre River or paddling through Union Reservoir more than twice: **Sage Aiken, Laney Bonnell, Francesca Carlin, Lauren Coury, Lucia Del Haya, Annabel Dresie, Gabriela Ferrari, Claire French, Anna Halverson,**



**Bridger Kripke, Christine Martin, Elizabeth Masraff, Lily McCoy, Emily McIntosh, Mary Merrill, Riley Morris, Mary Jane Murphy, Margaret Perkins, Zoe Pryor, Evelyn Ratliff, Helen Rinehart, Clara Rogers, Madeline Sellke, Jordan Sharp, Laney Sims, Charlie Smith, Lyla Thomas, Avery Thorpe, Liliana Tower, Olivia Vanden Heuvel, Anya Vogel, and Ruth Walgreen.**

One of the special recognitions we offer here at Cheley is the On the Trail Patch. Campers are recognized for this patch by spending fourteen days or more outside of camp. Activities



that qualify as "out of camp" include trail rides, hiking, backpacking, outcamping, technical climbing, rafting, and paddleboarding. We would like to acknowledge the following campers for earning their On the Trail Patches and taking full advantage of beautiful Colorado: **Olivia Allen, Matilda Carlarne, Clare Dillig, Charlotte Gardiner, Lila Laton, Sonja Mengshol, Riley Morris, Kate**

**Raley, Annelise Sailer, Trilby Schmidt, Madeline Sellke, Aurelia Shaitelman, Finley Timko, Olivia Vanden Heuvel, Julianne Vogt, Phoebe Zaniello, Anya Vogel, Charlotte Medler, and Claudia Zimmermann.**

Another special recognition here in Chipeta is the Pinecone Patch. This patch recognizes campers who not only participated in a variety of programs but also helped out around the unit. The tasks include: completing at least five hikes, four rides, two overnight activities, and one day of crafts or woodworking. Next, they must move up one rank in riflery, move up one rank in archery, participate in rafting, technical climbing, indoor climbing, and/or catch two fish. Lastly, they must complete two of the following: help with a cookout, help with vespers, help with chapel, and/or help with a campfire program. Each of these campers got to know every counselor on every program while making a meaningful

impact in the unit. Congratulations to: **Fernanda Bours, Alessandra Cahill, Emme Clark, Gabriela Fernandez Gonzalez Salmon, Loyland Furey, Lila Grenney, Kendall Holmes, Sequoia Holzmman, Lila Laton, Kate Leibman, Eugenia Saenz, Olivia Vanden Heuvel, and Ruth Walgreen.**

At the beginning of the term, Chipeta campers brainstormed and voted on six words/phrases they valued and wanted to embody in their actions every day; spice, acceptance, respect, PMA, unity, and goodwill. Then, near the end of the term, Chipeta voted for the campers they thought best represented these traits. The votes are in; **Ava Kennedy, Ellis Hutchens, Sabrina Dunton, Charlotte Gardiner, Koruna Ingram, and Sunny Christensen** received their Silver Spurs. We are so proud of these campers for not only living up to their Code of Living but also for being great role models.

Throughout term two, campers embodied acceptance, exuberance, siblinghood, tenacity, free-spirited, and empathy. The campers then voted on who they thought best embodied these traits. Those campers include **Charlie Ballenger, Finley Timko, Evie Moritz, Phoebe Zaniello, Violet Sparks, and Eugenia Saenz.**

Even though snow is now falling and the night air is crisp, we hope that each and every Chipetan will continue to strive to become their best selves by honoring their Code of Living in their home and school lives. We wish the absolute best for our campers on their journeys and are excited and hopeful to see them all return for another amazing summer!



#### Our Partners



*We are all making  
good, making trouble,  
or making excuses.*



# SKI HI

Zack Mintz, *Director*

Liam Wallace, *Assistant Director*

**As our hundredth summer comes to a close, we cherish memories formed high above the Estes Valley. We brothers of Ski Hi laughed, cried, and yelled for joy throughout what for all of us was a glorious experience of being back together again.**

What stands out most are times of digging deep to discover just how far we can push ourselves and step out of our comfort zones. Whether those moments came on the trail, up a rock climb, or even going up to a new friend and introducing yourself, they demonstrate a commitment to being present and discovering what it truly means to be your best self. These triumphs are worthy of recognition, and their impacts will be felt throughout our extensive community and each camper's home circle for years to come.

Our hiking counselors, **Nick Ronza** and **Ollie Penner**, led trips all over the park, including Fairchild Mountain, Pawnee



and Toll in the Indian Peaks, and Longs Peak. They focused on instilling the Leave No Trace Seven Principles and an appreciation for the journey rather than the final destination. Under their leadership, a group of skillful and determined hikers emerged, each recognized with their Hiking Patch. We congratulate these hikers from first term: **Riggs Bean, Walker Miley, Charlie Ehlert, Finley**

**Watt, Andrew Vicino, Joe Koppman, Tommy Sanders, Schuler Hurst, Max Bean, William Raggio, Aiden Aiken, Gavin Aiken, Jimmy Martin, and Heath Wintergerst.** We congratulate the following hikers from second term: **Cole Pezza, Liam Huntzinger, Ted Miller, Cedar Timpany, John Trueblood, Jay Greene, Cade Ryan, Cameron McShea, Jake Miller, Shaw Brown, Jack Reynolds, and Lawson Roesch.**

Our horseback riding counselor, **Henry Huston**, ran an equestrian program wherein his groups frequented beautiful destinations, including Homestead Meadows, Pierson Park, and Twin Sisters, as well as skill-based rides in the ring. Under his leadership, Ski Hi learned how to care for a horse, maintain safety on the trail, and think on their feet. A special congratulations are in order for **Asa Gangjee, William Gerken, West Merrill, Colter Sherry, Cayden Six, Tyler**

**Veon, and Nathan Werle** for earning their Riding Patches!

Steady...aim...fire! Our excellent riflery counselor, **William Schneiders**, developed many expert shooters on both the riflery and archery ranges. These programs were among our most popular this summer, and it's evident looking at campers' accomplishments that all their hard work, determination, and concentration paid off immensely. For riflery first term, we would like to recognize **Gavin Aiken, Griffin Bostock** (Level 2), **Hamish Brogan, Wills Christensen, Tomas del Valle, Diego Diaz, Lenox Finkelstein, Rocco Garaffa, Tyler Griffin** (Level 2), **William Horton** (Level 1), **Charlie Hughes, Joe Koppman, Liam Lillard, West Merrill** (Level 4), **Miles Miller** (Level 2), **Aiden Morris** (Level 2), **Oliver Murphy, Trevor Perkins** (Level 1), **Will Ressel, Whit Schoeffler, Colter Sherry** (Level 1), **Cyrus Shoghi, Quincy Sweet, Tyler Veon, Luke Viita, Nathan Werle** (Level 1), and **Heath Wintergerst** for earning their Prone Specialist Patches. Furthermore, we would like to warmly recognize **West Merrill** (Level 1) and **Aiden Morris** for earning their Kneeling Specialist and Standing Specialist Patches! For riflery second term, we would like to recognize **Jose Bours, Dexter Butler, Alex Christopher** (Level 2), **August Denton, Sam Frankmore, Wesley Gonzales, Jay Greene, Patrick Guerrini, Konrad Hardin, Alejandro Harris, Ari Hogrewe** (Level 2), **Mack Hudson** (Level 2), **Caden Jones, Wyatt Jorgensen, Tomas Manzano, Dylan McNamara, Seamus McNamara, Cameron McShea** (Level 2), **Jake Miller** (Level 1), **Ted Miller** (Level 1), **Ben Olshansky, Jack Plankinton** (Level 2), **Ethan Raymond** (Level 1), **Henry Reis, Justin Schwartzreich, John Beck Seale, Grayson Stauffer** (Level 1), **Cedar Timpany, John Trueblood, Ethan Vaughn, Owen Woolsey, and Daniel Yoffe** for earning their Prone Specialist Patches. Furthermore, we must commend **Alex Christopher, Cameron McShea, Ted Miller, Jack Plankinton, and Grayson Stauffer** for earning their Kneeling Specialist Patches! Lastly, a special congratulations to **Alex Christopher** and **Cameron McShea** for earning their Standing Specialist Patches!

In archery land first term, **Ellery Downing, Lenox Finkelstein, Asa Gangjee, William Horton, Cameron Six, and Nathan Werle** shot for the stars, all achieving their Black Arrows. Right on target, **Jackson Aden, Griffin**

*Today is the tomorrow  
you thought about  
yesterday!*



**Bostock, Ben Edwards, Rocco Garaffa, Charlie Hughes, Joe Koppman, Liam Lillard, Miles Miller, Trevor Perkins, Colter Sherry, Cayden Six, and Scotland Skinner** all reached their Blue Arrows. With precision and poise, **Tyler Griffin, Caden Israel, West Merrill, Whit Schoeffler, and Oliver Stookey** all excelled in earning their Red Arrows. Finally, **Wills Christensen** was our unit's top marksman, earning our highest possible award for archery excellence, the Gold Arrow. Second term, **Dexter Butler, Alex Christopher, William Cutshaw, Sam Frankmore, Wesley Gonzales, Jay Greene, Patrick Guerrini, Alex Hampton, Alejandro Harris, Ari Hogrewe, Mack Hudson, Wyatt Jorgensen, Tomas Manzano, Cameron McShea, Jack Plankinton, Henry Reis, Lawson Roesch, Keelen Routh, Cade Ryan, Cameron Six, Finn Thompson, John Trueblood, Ethan Vaughn, Riley Walker, Jonah Watts, Walker Wegman, Owen Woolsey, and Daniel Yoffe** were masterful, all achieving their Black Arrows. Right on target, **Dexter Butler, Sam Frankmore, Wesley Gonzales, Jay Greene, Ari Hogrewe, Mack Hudson, Wyatt Jorgensen, Cameron McShea, Henry Reis, Lawson Roesch, Cade Ryan, Cameron Six, Ethan Vaughn, and Daniel Yoffe** all reached their Blue Arrows. With discipline and skill, **Ari Hogrewe, Wyatt Jorgensen, Henry Reis, Lawson Roesch, and Owen Woolsey** earned their Red Arrows. Congrats to all who stepped out on the range this summer!



*A smile says the same thing in every language.*

Backpacking extraordinaires, **Quinn Benson and Garrett Ward**, led many a Ski-Hi brother out into the wilderness with heavy packs and full hearts. They crossed rivers, dipped toes in lakes, and pushed one another to become stronger and feel right at home wherever they chose to lie down for the night. In this program area, we must recognize **Riggs Bean, Ben Edwards, Schuler Hurst, Sam Kinjo, Joe Koppman, Gonzalo Ruiz Maza, Quincy Sweet, and Finley Watt** for achieving their Backpacking Patches first term. Furthermore, **Shaw Brown, Wesley Danielson, Jay Greene, Patrick Guerrini, Beckett Kidd, Jake Miller, Gus Nelson, Cole Pezza, Jack Reynolds, Lawson Roesch, Justin Schwartzreich, and Joaquin Shields-Sanchez** worked diligently to achieve their Backpacking Patches second term.

The On the Trail Patch recognizes campers who spend a large portion of their time out of camp, maximizing opportunities to get out and explore the Rocky Mountains. To receive their On the Trail Patch, campers must spend fourteen days participating in specific programs such as trail riding, hiking, backpacking, outcamping, outdoor technical climbing, rafting, and paddleboarding. We recognize the following campers for their commitment to making the most of opportunities in the Estes Valley and pushing themselves to



see all it has to offer: **Max Bean, Riggs Bean, Charlie Ehlert, Asa Gangjee, Schuler Hurst, Joe Koppman, Walker Miley, William Raggio, Gonzalo Ruiz Maza, Tommy Sanders, Cyrus Shoghi, Finley Watt, and Nolan Zerboni** from first term. From second term, we commend **Shaw Brown, Jay Greene, Alister Hollenshead, Liam Huntzinger, Caden Jones, Beckett Kidd, Tomas Manzano, Jake Miller, Gus Nelson, Cole Pezza, Jack Reynolds, Justin Schwartzreich, Joaquin Shields-Sanchez, and Cedar Timpany**.

A truly dynamic duo, **Kyle Spanton and Ethan Vaneman**, linked up with just about every counselor in the unit to provide unique and fulfilling experiences and provide assistance wherever it was needed. They brought perspective and friendship to each area they visited and helped camp run as smoothly as possible by lending a helping hand, no matter the task. We greatly appreciated Kyle and Ethan for their abilities to connect with campers when they needed support and bring the energy at opportune moments, such as out rafting the raging rapids of the Poudre River or keeping the pace on early breakfast hikes way out in the backcountry.

In addition, campfire counselor, **Tate Parker**, organized fun and impactful evening activities for both campers and staff. Some fan favorites across the summer include Mario Kart (a colossal game of balloon stomping), Shark Tank which required creative ingenuity, Hunger Games (tag with a twist), and All Camp Campfire, where our unit dedicated our skits to acknowledging the support staff for their hard work. These energetic campfires were interspersed with meaningful activities like Code of Living Night, Vespers, and Touch of Warmth, all culminating with our final recognition night. Together, these





programs meant the fun never ended post-dinner. They slowly molded our unit into a strong collective that enabled every child to develop into a thoughtful, charismatic individual.

Given out by the campfire counselor, the Pinecone Patch recognizes campers that strive to experience a multitude of both in-camp and out-of-camp activities. To receive their Pinecone Patch, campers are required to complete at least five hikes, four rides, two overnight activities, and one day of crafts or woodworking. Additionally, they must check off two



things from the following list: move up one rank in riflery, move up one rank in archery, participate in rafting, participate in technical climbing, participate in indoor climbing, and/or catch two fish. Lastly, campers are to complete two of the following: help with a cookout, help with vespers, help with chapel, and/or help with a campfire program. As evident from these requirements, completing this patch is no easy task and requires a keen sense of organization and determination; thus, we are overjoyed to recognize **Ben Edwards, Charlie Eggen, Caden Israel, Greyson Skroce, and Nolan Zerboni** from first term, and **Konrad Hardin and Lawson Roesch** from second term!

Our outcamping program was very lucky to have **Emil Chaia** and **Matthew Adam** steering the ship. This dynamic and charismatic duo led campers in building fires, shelters, and catching some much-needed rest and relaxation. They sought to instill discipline and resiliency into all those who ventured out into the woods under their tutelage. Campers acquired cooking and wilderness skills and grew self-sufficient in making their meals and caring and cleaning for themselves, one another, and their campsite as a whole. This area was another one of our most popular this summer, and many campers returned from a night spent out under the stars having grown into competent and charismatic backcountry leaders. **Hamish Brogan** from first term, and **Jouquin Shields-Sanchez** and **Cameron Six** from second term, distinguished themselves as the Outcampers of the Year, as they were rockstars in every facet of the program!

A core tenet of the Cheley Experience is that each term, the unit comes together to form a foundation of principles called the Code of Living. The Code is a mutually agreed-upon declaration of how campers wish to conduct themselves and treat one another across the term. It is more than just a list of

rules, as campers strive to live up to the character traits they determine at the start of the summer in every way possible thereafter. Each camper and staff member sign this code to receive their Blue Kerchief, a physical manifestation of this agreement. Wearing your Blue Kerchief (BK) is a representation of one's ongoing commitment to and success in living up to the Code of Living, and it is donned at special events such as Chapel, Banquet, and select campfires. As the term wraps up, campers and staff come together once again to decide who best lived up to the Code in the preceding weeks. Each vote, and cumulatively, they come to an anonymous consensus, and these campers receive their Silver Spurs as a recognition of having best exemplified what it means to be a brother of Ski Hi. The individuals who received their Silver Spurs this summer distinguished themselves as leaders and model campers throughout everything they did at camp from its inception. It is an immense honor to recognize **Hamish Brogan, Charlie Ehlert, and Jimmy Martin** from first term, and **Joaquin Shields-Sanchez, Jay Greene, Jake Miller, Cameron McShea, Shaw Brown, and Gus Nelson** from second term as recipients of their Silver Spurs.

This summer was truly special and surpassed all expectations! To our campers, we would like to extend our gratitude to all of you who played and grew alongside us. We loved getting to know you! Though we miss you dearly, we know you're out making the world a better place since you've brought a piece of Ski Hi home with you. To your amazing families, thank you immensely for trusting us with your children



and allowing us to experience these beautiful mountains together. We are forever thankful. Though the leaves are now changing color and we're reaching for our warmer layers, we sleep soundly knowing that each Ski Hi camper is continuing to strive to live up to their Code of Living in all shapes and forms. We wish you all a fantastic school year. Thank you for an amazing summer, and we can't wait to see you all again!

*Triumph is adding  
"umph" to try.*



# SENIOR CHIPETA

Meg Rash, *Director*

Ariel Wagner-Randall, *Assistant Director*

**As we are settling back into our regular lives, camp is covered in yellow leaves and the summit of Longs Peak, just visible from the Senior Chipeta lodge, is covered in a dusting of snow. The summer has officially ended and it is time for us to say our last goodbyes of this season.**

The songs around the campfire, the stories shared on the trails, the bullseyes and the missed targets, the time spent in hammocks around the unit, and the never-ending laughter have come to a close. Although we are miles and oceans apart, the community of Senior Chipeta, just like a friendship bracelet, is tied together with hundreds of knots of friendship and love.

We are putting to rest a summer that may well have been the most impactful yet. Our mission reads that we “build lasting character and resiliency of young people.” This summer we focused on spending time in person and reconnecting with people. We all were able to witness the resiliency of our campers as they disconnected from the virtual world and had to navigate back to being together in such close quarters.

Every day we woke up and greeted the day with intention. There were different challenges unique to each program, where we asked our campers to push themselves, step up to be leaders, and take ownership of their day and their attitude. For instance, campers learned the meaning of “peace be the journey” when they were forced to turn around a couple of hundred feet from the summit of a peak due to approaching weather, having to build fires on outcamps while it is raining, having to care for a horse on overnight excursions, and navigating steep and technical descents on a mountain bike. With each new program and new memories were made that will last a lifetime. While the challenges of each program varied, our daily goal of being purposeful, fostering empathy, and learning to respect the people and the environment who surround us remained the same.

Hikers, led by **Annabel Clark** and **Lanie Flint**, tackled Thatchtop, Alice and Tanima, Snowdrift, Meeker, and many other beautiful destinations. This summer our hikers crossed snowy fields and boulder fields not only to make summits but to empower campers on the trail through challenges, teamwork, and perseverance. To balance out the mountains, our hikers ventured to Spectacle Lakes, Blue Lake, and Pool of Jade. The hiking program offered the opportunity to gain more knowledge in wilderness skills, flora and fauna identification, and map orienteering by pursuing a hiking patch. These campers earned their Hiking Patch: **Carolyn Dunlap, Rose Fieldman, Anna Gardiner, Maile Kaplan, Poppy Merrill, Annie O’Neill, Perry Schreck, and Bella Kalkbrenner.**

There were some campers that day excursions into the backcountry were not enough for and opted to sleep in the shadows of tall mountains and underneath the stars. Led by **Margot Bickler, Paige Cassidy, and Jill Gipson**, the backpacks included trips to Michigan Lakes, the Never



Summers, and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. The Senior Chipeta backpacking program aimed to create self-confidence by being physically, emotionally, and mentally safe. The trips ranged from two, three, and five-day expeditions in the wilderness. These campers earned their Backpacking Patch: **Emily Gregg, Leah Wood, Natalie Sulester, Leah Wood, and Alli Williams.**

The mountain bikers chose to challenge themselves on trails around Estes Park, the pump track at Stanley Park, and the single-track trail called Devil’s Backbone down in Loveland. Led by **Lily Lederer** and **Morgan Withers**, the mountain bikers pushed themselves on day rides and two and three day overnight trips. This summer the mountain bikers instilled confidence and reminded the campers to be present in the moment, all while building endurance. Certain campers earned their Mountain Biking Patch through learning bike mechanics, having confidence on the trails, basic first aid, and even leading the group. These campers earned their Mountain Biking Patch: **Molly Dembo, Celia Gregg, Anna Simon, Maddie Spangler, Alette Hanhhansen, Molly Dembo, Bailes Malone, Hollis Toomey, Tessa Wilson, Marina Fayfield, Mina Doebele, Reagan Ellsworth, and Amelia Klemme.**





The wranglers, **Katie Belle Perkins, Rachel Jaeger, and Keegan Lewis**, led trail rides to Chasm Junction, Storm Pass, and Twin Sisters; and two, three, and four-day overnight trips to Outpost Corral and Gypsy Grounds. In the horsemanship program, the opportunity to learn allows for fulfillment at the end of each ride. With fulfilled campers, the hope was to create an environment of unity, respect, and strength. The campers mastered the basics of horsemanship and grew in confidence, knowledge, and poise. These campers earned their Riding Patch: **Olivia Boncelet, Riley Griffin, Sadie Parker, Isabella Pendergrass, Cora Price, Ava Sutton, Ava Scharf, Emmelise Warren, Harper Orr, Janowyn Street, Zara Bannister, Leeza Aramians, and Issie Barrett. Audrey Lobb** was recognized with her Trail Hand, a special recognition honoring a camper's horsemanship knowledge and skills, positive and consistent character, and leadership qualities and potential.



Some of the best memories from camp are times spent beneath the stars and laughing around the campfire. Led by **Taylor Ross**, our outcamps to Rockstock, Pierson Forest, and Gypsy Grounds provided a space for reflection, to make deeper connections, and eat some delicious food cooked over a fire. Outcamping values creativity

and fun in the wilderness. The campers who expanded their knowledge in outcamping learned how to build a shelter, cook over an open fire, and other wilderness survival skills. These campers earned their Outcamping Patch: **Jillian Tabak, Esmé Dirks, and Reagan Ellsworth.**

Sometimes a single-minded pursuit is too constrictive for

campers whose interests and hearts wander a little more widely. These young campers needed a variety of programs and their curiosity for new adventure led them out of camp. These campers earned their On the Trail Patch: **Celia Gregg, Bri Allegra, Leeza Aramians, Issie Barrett, Regan Ellsworth, Natasha Gangji, Lizzie Harding, Harper Orr, Greer Patten, and Nalani Yulee.**

Some challenges happened here at camp that required a certain amount of focus. Led by **Michelle Knapp**, the campers worked on spoon rings, woodwork, macrame, and ceramics. Through the crafts program, campers learned about creativity, discovery, and self-expression. Led by **Jodee d'Avignon**, the campers learned that steady hands lead to precision on the riflery range. **Gabbie Warburton** received her Gold Arrow in archery for her excellent marksmanship with a bow and arrow.

At the end of long and hard days our campfire counselor, **Erin Bingaman**, led us in our evening programming. We would recount our day's adventures, come together as a unit, and bond over our shared excitement and exhaustion. She led us in campfires like Senior Prom, Counselor Impersonation Night, and Lip Sync Battle.

Thank you to our Campers in Leadership Training (CILTs) this summer: **Frances Street, Annie O'Neill, Maddie Schatzman, Elizabeth Holcombe, Paige Alcott, Molly Morgan, Lex Dembo, Sara Hamilton, Lizzie Harding, Kelly Gill, Sammie Floyd, Grace Selke, Mandie Flint, Ruby Brown, Phoebe Schneider, Carolyn Lobb, Francesca Pezza, Ellie Rutledge, and Ainsley McKay.** This summer they

*Oversleeping will  
never make your  
dreams come true.*



worked on developing their leadership skills and stepping up as role models to the rest of the campers.

Every single term each summer creates a living document of values that uniquely defines that unit; called the Code of Living. These values are what we aspire to and hold ourselves accountable to this summer and beyond after the summer ends. The Gold Key recognition is a tangible representation of the Code of Living and is a testament to those values. First term Gold Key recipients were: **Annie O'Neill, Kate Gillikin, Bailes Malone, and Hollis Toomey.** Second term Gold Key recipients were: **Elana Greiner, Audrey Lobb, Jordan Marshall, Eliza Thorpe, Lizzie Harding, Ellie Rutledge, and Harper Orr.** On recognition night, we encourage these recipients to remember that this is not the destination, but part of the journey to continue to uphold the Code of Living.

Taps is fading in the distance as the final unit circle has ended. May the joy of reconnecting, the lessons we've learned, the challenges we've overcome, and the friendships we've made sustain us until our next summer together.

# HAIYAHA

Keaton Collins, *Director*

Jeb Kendrick, *Assistant Director*

**As the winter chill sweeps across the nation, we at Cheley can't help but fondly look back on the countless memories and experiences that we all shared here at the top of the hill just a few months ago. The sense of brotherhood and camaraderie can still be felt lingering in the air, the walls, and the empty beds of Powder River, Front Range, Teddy Roosevelt, and KC to this day.**

The incredible summer that the Iron Men of Haiyaha contributed to will forever be remembered as future campers gaze upon the names on the walls within Totem Teepee with '21 marked next to each of them wondering, "What was the 100th year of camp like? What values did these men choose to live by during their time here? What great feats have they gone on to accomplish since they stood right here looking at the names of the former Iron Men of Haiyaha etched into these walls?"



*The man who says "it can't be done" is likely to be interrupted by someone doing it.*

With this in mind, it would be a disservice not to mention our stellar campfire counselor, **Jake Morey**, who carried the weight of our unit on his shoulders every night as he went above and beyond the expectations of a typical campfire counselor to provide some of the most meaningful and memorable nights that this unit has ever had the privilege of being a part of. His steadfast commitment to the standards of excellence associated with Haiyaha inspired campers and counselors, alike, as we all came together in Totem Teepee each night to sing songs like "Lean on Me", "Night Rider's Lament", and "The Gambler" until the walls shook and our voices cracked. Without his infectious energy and perpetual creativity on program, the Iron Men of Haiyaha may have never gotten to experience the full magic of the Cheley.

Our traditions and culture are intricately intertwined with the history of the land that our century-old camp is graciously built upon. Throughout the ages, our beautiful valley has been home to many peoples from many places who all had to work with what they had to survive. We at Cheley strive to instill these ideals of sustainability, intentionality, and necessity within every camper who comes through our arches every summer. Part of our connection to "the old ways" is our archery and riflery programs. Each of these programming options highlights the importance of patience and persistence as those who choose to take part in it are forced to be in complete control of their mind and bodies, more specifically their eyes and their heartbeats, as they let loose arrows and bullets downrange towards their target. Though many participated in these programs, only the sharpest of shooters

were able to earn their Arrows and Riflery Pins. Many young men committed themselves and their summers to making the biggest life changes with the smallest mechanical adjustments, and for that, they will be recognized. We congratulate **Mario Bonetti, Wyatt Cunningham, Payson Gutjahr, Mac Roberts, Joey Struse, Ryan Toomey, Aidan Veselka**, and **Ethan Warren** on receiving their Gold Arrow; **Kyle Neece, Ben Schubach**, and **Riley Stein** on receiving their Prone Level 4; and **Laurens Boswinkel, Harry Brown, Kyle Neece, Joey Ripp**, and **Riley Stein** on receiving their Kneeling Specialist in riflery. Furthermore, our unit has been engaged in a friendly annual riflery competition with our sister unit, Senior Chipeta, for decades. In this competition, each unit chooses their six best shots and sends them to the range to go head-to-head in a point-based shootout. This year, the Iron Men of Haiyaha were ever-so-slightly bested by the Titanium Women of Senior Chipeta, but regardless they deserve recognition for going to battle with the weight of the entire unit of their shoulders and remaining humble and gracious even in defeat. Our handpicked riflemen for first term were **Noah Adams, Laurens Boswinkel, Nathan Movizzo, Ben Schubach, Riley Stein**, and **Milo Mutter**, with **Aidan Veselka** as the alternate. Second term, we had **Harry Brown, Alexander Mathes, Kyle Neece, Nick Roza**, and **Andre Steer** represent the unit in the shoot out.

Just as the Teepee can remain structurally sound and everlastingly proud, the Haiyaha men who chose to test their worth against the unpredictable elements and terrain of the High Rockies via our backpacking program are the true embodiment of Iron Men. Over high mountains and through swampy marshlands, these young men tested their metal against the most extreme conditions and environments that Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness had to offer. Although, a few campers, guided





by their fearless leaders, **Ben Zavell** and **Calvin Jiricko**, chose to go the extra mile as they completed the rigorous requirements needed to earn their Backpacking Patch. This process took them from being mere program participants to true outdoorsmen and stewards of our beautiful natural places not only here in northern Colorado but throughout the globe. They are as follows; (FIRST TERM) **Sam Furmaniak**, **Ryan Ritacco**, and **William Spare**; (SECOND TERM) **Joshua Ballenger**, **Louis Chave**, **Gavin Ferrell**, **Keller McCoy**, **Toby Street**, and **Maci Zaniello**.



Although these young men showed true grit as they boldly engaged with the great outdoors in their purest form, they were not the only ones to do so. Our hikers, led by **Kyle Blumenthal**, **Adam Thielk**, and **Austin Ross**, were some of the most fearless and dedicated campers in the unit. Again and again, they woke early and rose to the occasion as some were able to squeeze in just over 100 miles on the trail during their time here at camp. These feats are not common and must be fought for by tooth and nail, which is exactly what these young men did in their journey to the summit. Even more astoundingly, a few chose to take it a step (or even a mile) further and completed the regimen to acquire their Hiking Patch. They are as follows; (FIRST TERM) **Christopher Lampe** and **Henry Simon**; (SECOND TERM) **Louis Chave**.

Alas, we at Cheley Camps cannot use the word fearless without referring to those who choose to mount up and hit the trail on horseback. This summer's horseback riding program was easily one of the most memorable of the last 100 years. Even though the campers and our wrangler, **Jack Bonnell**, woke up before sunrise every day, they consistently exhibited true leadership and humility as they descended to the barns to muck the stables and tack their steeds before breakfast. Throughout the summer, their integrity, community, and hard work could be seen each day as they came up the hill with dirt and grime on their boots and jeans and a big smile on each of their faces. Besides successfully riding to destinations well-above tree line such as Chasm Lake and Storm Pass, they were also able to uphold The Code while remaining safe and respectful of one another as well as the horses, equipment, and environment during overnight expeditions throughout Larimer County. Though the miles on horseback were long and the days were even longer, each of the young men who earned their Riding Patch rose early and finished when the job was done; not when they grew tired.

They are as follows; (FIRST TERM) **Grant Fuller**, **Alexander Gillikin**, and **Carson Hone**; (SECOND TERM) **Mac Gray** and **Will Sessions**.

Long days and longer miles are admirable, and also applicable to the experiences of campers who partook in our mountain biking program. Our downhill daredevils, guided by our sports counselors, **Conner Zamora** and **Thomas diZerega**, pushed themselves up steep trails and around sharp turns as they carved each of their legacies into the rugged terrain that surrounds our beautiful home here at the top of the hill. Besides the obvious technical intricacies that are synonymous with cross-country mountain biking, these young men took it upon themselves to learn the ins and outs of the program such as bike maintenance, map reading, emergency response, and trail maintenance. With this, we hope that each of them will go forward in each of their communities at home and feel prepared to tackle obstacles that dare stand in their way. We would like to recognize **Maci Zaniello** as our sole Mountain Biking Patch recipient.

To choose to venture out of camp and engage with the great outdoors at its most wild is one thing, but to do so for more than half of your time here at camp is an incredible feat that is something to be proud of long after you leave Cheley. Throughout their time here, a select few young men spent more than two weeks out of camp eating peanut butter, salsa, pepperoni, jelly, and cheese sandwiches on the sides of trails, lakes, and mountains. These Iron Men of Haiyaha pushed themselves and each other out of their comfort zone to be able to take in as much of what the Rocky Mountains had to offer as possible. For this, we would like to congratulate **Benjamin Arthurs**, **Evan Broom**, **William Dobson**, **Alessandro Fonz**, **Christopher Lampe**, **Ryan Ritacco**, **Henry Simon**, **William Spare**, **Andrew Stefka**, **Andreas Vigil**, **Lucas Vigil**, **Gavin Ferrell**, **Jorge Harris**, **Thomas Leewens-Horsey**, **Dylan Nevarez**, **Michael Phillips**, **Jefferson Ratliff**, **Leo Robison**, and **Parker Vullings** for earning their On The Trail Patch.



Let it be known that without the incredible selflessness of our 'flex' counselors **Drew Rappold** (our crafts specialist) and **Joe Hutchison** (our outcamping specialist) our unit would not have been able to thrive the way we did throughout the first term of the summer. These staff members put aside their pride and did whatever needed to be done on any given

day. There are very few programs that were not enriched by these two integrating their positive attitudes, cheesy dad jokes, and hackysacks to the mix. From crafts to stand-up paddleboarding to camp improvement, these counselors went above and beyond what was asked of them, and for that their efforts deserve to be commended.

On that note, we would like to share how incredibly thankful and honored we are to have had our wonderful CILTs in the unit this summer. These extraordinary young men gave of themselves in the form of their time, their energy, and their sleep to ensure that the traditions and values of Haiyaha were upheld to their highest standards. Every day, our bold campers in leadership training came together and brainstormed on how they would provide an even better camp experience for the Iron Men of Haiyaha than they received in past years at camp. Besides an incredibly humorous and original All-Camp skit, this group was able to foster a sense of brotherhood and were able to remain true to Cheley's set values of safety and respect as well as to the Code in which they and the unit set for themselves. We are forever grateful for our awesome CILTs of 2021 and so excited to see what the future holds for each of them as we KNOW that they are destined for great things! They were as follows; **Luca Chaia, Jack Scarborough, Jack Wright, Carter Griffin, Sam Furmaniak, Luke Gardner, Ben Levine, and Quentin Sublett** (FIRST TERM) and **Oliver Denton, Ryan Hill, Sam Holder, Joel Johnson, Thomas Leewens-Horsey, Jake Madtson, Aidan Patten, Michael Phillips, Jefferson Ratliff, Joey Ripp, Harry Robison, Ethan Street, and Dillon Yother** (SECOND TERM).

Finally, the citizens of Haiyaha came together on our final night and recognized campers who embodied the Code by Living and breathing it each day during their time here at the top of the hill. These young men exemplified what it means to be an Iron Man and what it looks like to uphold the values and beliefs of our community even when it seemed impossible. For going the extra mile, bearing another's load, lending an extra hand, and leading by example, these men were acknowledged as being deserving of the Golden Key, the highest honor given by Haiyaha. This acknowledgment signifies that these

campers will forever be remembered as members of this community that not only upheld the Code but lived by it through and through. After being selected by their peers to receive this great award, these men carved their names into the walls of Totem Teepee where they will remain for eternity as reminders of the choices that must be made for the betterment of



ourselves and our communities. They will forever be as follows; **Jack Wright, Jack Scarborough, Luca Chaia, Calvin Wilson, Andrew Stefka, Ethan Street, David Craine, and Sam Holder.**

It was incredibly comforting and reassuring to know that the families that have been sending their young men to Cheley for generations trusted us absolutely as they sent their campers our way for our 100th summer of Fun+ here in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. Even more meaningful were the families whose campers had never stepped foot on our sanctified Haiyaha soil that entrusted us to keep them safe and teach them how to walk as tall as the towering pines that surround our home. This gift was not accepted lightly. We will forever be thankful as each of you blessed us with the opportunity to enrich these boys' life by helping them better understand and appreciate themselves and the world around them.

*The surest way to  
get somewhere... is to  
know where you  
are going.*



## Summer 2021 Recap

In 2021, we had campers from seven countries and 44 states, plus Washington, DC and the Armed Forces Pacific! The eight countries included Colombia, France, Israel, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, and the United Kingdom with the most campers coming from France. We also had staff from two countries (Mexico and the United Kingdom) and 40 states!

The six states we did not have represented by campers this summer were Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and West Virginia. In total, we had 438 campers from Colorado, 235 from Texas, 82 from California, and 60 from Illinois. Help us see if we can have all 50 states, plus Washington DC, and as many countries as possible represented in 2022!

During Summer Camp, our twelve most popular cities for campers to come from were Denver, Dallas, Austin, Boulder, Houston, Fort Collins, San Antonio, Los Angeles, Park City, NYC, Washington DC, Chicago. We can't wait to see where everyone comes from next summer!



# GIRLS' TRAIL'S END

Abby Page, *Director*

Amanda McKnight, *Assistant Director*

Gail Albers, *Assistant Director*

**As the cool air creeps into the day, bringing on winter in the Rockies, it's hard for us to believe that another summer has come and gone. The 100th summer for Cheley Colorado Camps was indeed an amazing one out at Girls' Trail's End. In a year where we needed camp more than anything, we flourished!**

Greetings to you all from the Ranch at the End of the Trail! It was so much fun for all of us when the masks that had been required for COVID got to come off and we got to see the bright smiles of our campers and staff. While it may have taken a day or two for us all to adjust to being at camp instead of at home, everyone seemed to jump into program and just pick up where they left off or jumped in with both feet to experience their first adventure at GTE!

Since the past 15 months or so had been so tough on all of us, we took some time at the beginning of each term to pause and reflect on all that had happened and prepare ourselves to move forward to make this year's experience at GTE the very best it could be. We set goals for ourselves, we laughed, got acquainted with one another, and even with ourselves. As our history at Cheley tells us, Frank Cheley truly believed that "great things happen when youth and mountains meet..." and this summer proved to be no different!

Whether they were climbing peaks, riding horses, sleeping under the stars, or just hanging out in camp with friends there was such a sense of joy knowing that we were all at camp! While our programs may have varied a bit one of the overall goals was to instill self-confidence, resiliency and to challenge our girls to step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves. Everyone had the opportunity to spend time in our beautiful National Park and enjoy that sense of awe that surrounded them daily.



*The best attitude to  
have in one's daily  
life is a Keep-  
At-It-Ude.*

Many of our campers chose to challenge themselves on the trail this year. Led by our hiking staff of **Annie Price, Taylor Phillips**, and HBO **Ellie Bloom**, GTE had the opportunity to summit many beautiful peaks including Chief's Head, Meeker, Flattop, Hallet, and Otis, Mt. Ida, Thatchtop, and Longs Peak to name a few. They also visited a variety of beautiful lakes such as Spectacle, Blue, Finch Helene. As they challenged themselves several were able to earn their Junior Hiking Patch: **Raina Jaeggli, Cecilia Loughlin, Evelyn Martens, Rand Neren, Riley Philips**, and **Katherine Walsh**. Earning their Senior Hiking Patches were **Ellie McCollum, Ava Moritz**, and **Fiona O'Toole**.



For those who wanted to spend a little more time out on the trail and under the stars, they spent several nights out with our backpacking counselors, **Morgan Amonett** and **Maria Leuzinger**. Trips were anywhere from one night overnight to a five-day trip each term into the wilderness. They went to destinations such as Finch Lake, Baker Gulch to Bowen Gulch, Michigan Lakes, Battle Mountain, summiting many peaks along the way. **Brodie Rodemacher, Fiona O'Toole**, and **Monika Shaffer** all achieved their Senior Backpacking Patch.

We had a lot of campers who decided this would be the summer to try mountain biking, led by our wonderful staff of **Taylor Foky** and **Marcy Senti**, they challenged themselves mentally and physically as they took to the trails around Estes, for both day trips and overnight trips. While no one achieved their mountain bike patch, they learned a lot as they rode to destinations such as Pierson Park, Stanley Park, Hermit Park, and even the Devil's Backbone!

As always, outcamping was a big hit at GTE. Led by **Lilly Brills**, and **Emily Lupoi**, we went to destinations such as Meadow Outpost, Rock Stock, TE Crossing, and Outpost Corral. Outcamping is a wonderful time for everyone to step back, relax, read, tell stories around the campfire, and eat wonderful food! This summer both **Hannah Millkey** and **Asha Nayak**



received their Junior Outcamping Patches.

One of our biggest programs this summer was our horseback riding program. Led by the amazing wrangler trio of **Bel Edstrom, Pepper McCulloch, and Alyssa Fregelette**, they were busy! Whether it was mucking stalls, tacking horses for the day's adventure, or packing for an overnight horse pack, there was always noise to be heard from the barns. We did day trips to places like Bulwark Ridge, Piper's Meadow, Signal Mountain, and Crosier Mountain, as well as overnight trips to True Gulch, Donner Pass, and the three-day pack trip to Deserted Village. It was always fun to hear of their adventures when they came back from the barns. The following GTE campers challenged themselves a bit more than just riding by learning emergency procedures, parts of the horse and tack, and various other things by completing their Junior Riding Patches. They are **Campbell Ardrey, Kira Bardin, Madison Bonnee, Eastlyn Hoffman, Ruth Flacke, Lillian Petitt, and Amelia Simpfendorfer**. Earning their Senior Riding Patches this summer were **Morgan Jones, Kendall Newsome, and Monika Shaffer**.

Many of our campers weren't interested in being tied down to a single program, so they took the time to do a little bit of everything. They took full advantage of all camp had to offer, and spent at least fifteen days out of camp, which is over half a term! The following campers received their On The Trail Patch for venturing out and experiencing camp; **Kaitlyn Baker, Madison Bonnee, Lila Creasy, Raina Jaeggli, Avery Kane-Barclay, Cecilia Loughlin, Hannah Millkey, Ruby Montoya, Rand Neren, Riley Phillips, Elise Roerich, Trilby Schmidt, Tatum Thomason, Georgia Triplett, Katherine Walsh, Shayna Zavell, Natiya Barrett, Lucy Champa, Julia Fisher, Sophie Lathrop, Kendall Newsome, Fiona O'Toole, Malena Riefe, Brodie Rodemacher, Monika Shaffer, Willa Vogen and Grace Wollard**.



Meanwhile back at the Ranch, many campers spent time under the watchful eyes of **Sonya Carrizales and Amy Jane Morrisett** working on their skills in archery and riflery and earning all kinds of recognitions from White Arrows in archery to Standing Specialist in riflery. Our most outstanding archer this summer, **Gia Luna**, received her Gold Arrow this year. We also had the creative side of the girls come out under the watchful eye of **Katy Nixon**, as they ventured into our craft shop, ceramics shop, and wood shop with some wonderfully

creative pieces of art!

In the end, what truly differentiates Cheley is our unwavering belief in the Code of Living. It is created each term by each unit, including the values to which we aspire and to which we hold ourselves accountable. This summer **Karuna Kotak, Asha Nayak, Riley Phillips, Natiya Barrett, Molly Kolachov, and Carly Lissner** received their Driver of the Covered Wagon. **Hunter David, Katie Walsh, Raina Jaeggli, Tatum Thomason, Ava Goldson, Fiona O'Toole, Madeline Wadsworth, and Shayna Zavell** received their Top Hands! Way to live out our code!



Beyond the activities, the laughter, the singing, we couldn't have done camp without our amazing nurses, **Lara Kalush, and Janelle Heilmann (Jelly)**! They provided a little extra TLC when we needed it and helped to keep us all healthy. Last but certainly not least would be our amazing cook, **Laurie Emmer**, and our wonderful fill-in **Tory Collins**. They fed us incredible, nourishing food to keep our bodies and our spirits strong for the adventures of each day!

As we take our final walk through the wagon yard, know that our hearts are with you as you go forward this year, and that more than anything, We Wish You Enough!

*The secret of  
happiness is not  
in doing what you  
like but liking what  
you do.*



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# BOYS' TRAIL'S END

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**As Signal's sun begins to set sooner, the North Fork's song becomes quieter and the campers go on their separate journeys home, summer has long ended. Though we may be scattered miles apart from one another the memories, friendships and love shared here at Boys' Trail's End hold us together as well as the generations of campers that have come before us.**

Throughout the history of Cheley it has been our mission to "build the lasting character and resiliency of young people, creating unique life experiences in a challenging and nurturing natural environment," and this past summer was no different. Although each program offered has its own set of unique challenges and characteristics they all focus on this one mission, and no matter the case, as Frank H. Cheley said, "great things happen when youth and mountains meet."

This summer the campers of Boys' Trail's End woke up early to peak mountains, rode fearlessly on horseback, built campfires, biked countless miles, and backpacked through Rocky Mountain National Park and beyond. On each of these programs, as campers were challenged beyond what they thought possible, they created lifelong friendships, pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, and built memories to last a lifetime.



sleeping bags. Led by **Noah Cowperthwaite** and **Jack Calvery**, our backpacking program this summer went on several trips to various locations including, but not limited to, Sandbeach Lake, Ruby Lake, Michigan Lakes, Jasper Lakes, and Watanga Lake and peaked countless mountains along the way. During first term, both **Owen Zimmerman** and **Oliver Topping** earned their Junior Backpacking Patches while **Andrew Barnett** and **Cooper Phillips** earned their Senior Backpacking Patches. During second term, we also had two campers earn their Senior Patches, **Kellan Oster** and **Valentine Parrella**.



Several campers this summer chose to challenge themselves on the trail. Led by **Grayson Phillips** and **Chandler Evans** campers hiked to incredible destinations such as Blue Lake, Ypsilon Lake, Sarabun Snowfield, and Lake of Glass and peaked several difficult mountains such as Audubon, Paiute, Pagoda, and Snowdrift. To further

challenge themselves, **Jackson Cheley**, **Oliver Topping**, **Josh Wolff**, and **Owen Zimmerman** earned their Junior Hiking Patch first term while **Jack Stamatis** earned his during second term. Additionally, **Alex Aronov**, **Bashwyn Fitch**, **Jack Hammer Hodge**, **Cooper Phillips**, **Ryan Schoolman**, and **Mason Stranahan** went further still and earned their Senior Hiking Patches during first term and **Cooper Brackett**, **Henry Rosenblum**, **Dylan Meyer**, **Kellan Oster**, **Valentine Parrella**, and **Carter Bartel** earned theirs during second term.

Some campers wanted even more time on the trail and to enjoy sleeping beneath the stars in the comfort of their

While some campers wandered the trails, others explored the roads and hills of Estes, overcoming challenges both physically and mentally on mountain bike rides. Led by **Peyton Correll** and **Chance Zimmerman**, they rode to destinations such as Stanley Park, Pierson Forest, Devil's Backbone, and Hermit Park. Campers raced down hills and worked their way up to them as they enjoyed both day rides and overnight trips. During first term we had two campers earn their Mountain Biking Patch, **Kirby Danglade** and **Chance Zimmerman** and several campers earn theirs during second term including **Eddie Wegner**, **Colin Ryan**, **Tanner Snyder**, **Thomas Perkins**, **Carter Bartel**, **Dawson Reller**, **Leo Montero**, and **Jack Hammer Hodge**.

We also cannot forget about the incredible horseback riding program led by **Dane Lee** and **Gabe Rueter**, where campers went on trail rides to Piper's Meadow, Lost Lake, and Signal Mountain, overnights



to True Gulch and Deserted Village, and riding lessons that grew campers' skill and knowledge no matter what level rider they were. At BTE this summer we had several campers earn their Junior Riding Patches, **Hayden Ardrey**, **Chase Comiskey**, **Creighton Garcia**, and **John Spangler** during first term and **Jack Dodge** and **Brody Miller** during second term. There were also a few campers who took on the challenge of earning their Senior Riding Patches, **Ryan Schoolman** during first term and **Reese Littrell** and **David Van Wingerden** during second term.



Campers also had the opportunity this summer to reflect and connect around the campfire. Led by **Harry Hardcastle** our outcampers ventured to TE Crossing, Gypsy Grounds, Meadow Outpost, and Rockstock where they enjoyed good food, good company, and the serenity of nature. Many campers enjoyed the opportunity to step outside

of the sometimes-chaotic environment in camp and take time for themselves in a smaller and quieter space. Throughout the summer we had one camper earn their Senior Outcamping Patch during first term, **Van Krattenmaker**, and three campers earn their Outcamping Patches during second term: **Finn McGeeghan** and **Duncan Campbell**, received their Junior Patches while **Edward Rinehart** received his Senior Patch.

Many campers this summer could not be tied down by one program and instead let adventure and curiosity lead the way. In recognition of the campers who explored all the opportunities camp has to offer, **Kirby Danglade**, **Tripton Hazlett**, **Charlie Mapes**, and **Josh Wolff** earned their Junior On The Trail Patch. During second term we also had several campers earn their Junior Patches, those campers include **Marcel Arnold**, **Jack Dodge**, **Charlie Hurd**, **Cole Shapiro**, **Arthur Kaplan**, **Paul Broadway**, **Brody Miller**, and **Benjamin Noesen**. We also had one camper during second term who earned his Senior On The Trail Patch, congratulations **Jack Hammer Hodge**.

Last but not least, the activities that take both focus and determination led respectively by **Triston Gogol** and **Russ Mathers**, the campers of BTE created works of art and grew in skill and patience during crafts and riflery this summer. As program would finish and each camper returned to the unit **Brogan Ludwig** led the unit in games, songs, and more as we shared our evenings all together in the glorious BTE lodge. Additionally, we had one camper earn their Pinecone Patch during first term, which requires campers to not only try every activity Cheley has to offer but to help assist during special events such as chapel and campfires. Congratulations to **Evan Baker** for earning your Pinecone Patch.

We had the privilege of presenting a rare recognition this

summer: the Gold Spurs. When Cheley began, Frank Cheley established the Gold Spurs to be given to campers who devoted themselves to earning nearly every recognition offered in the senior units. Gold Spurs cannot be earned in one year-it's a process that requires intense focus and a drive to achieve. To receive the Gold Spurs, campers must earn their Hiking, Riding, Backpacking, Mountain Biking, and Outcamping Patch, demonstrate proficiency in riflery and archery, create two gift worthy crafts projects, and write a letter to the Cheley family about their journey toward achieving the Spurs. We were happy to present **Chance Zimmerman** with his Gold Spurs during first term and **Thomas Perkins** with his during second term!



While all of the programs and activities at Cheley are incredible what has always set us apart is the Code of Living. The Code is a set of traits, selected by the campers at the start of each term that the campers strive to live by. In honor of the code, we have the Top Hand and Driver recognitions, which acknowledge those of the BTE community who have committed themselves to the code and who were selected by their peers as being true examples within the unit. The Driver recipients of first term were **Jackson Cheley**, **Owen Zimmerman**, and **Kirby Danglade**. Second term Drivers included: **Duncan Campbell** and **Jack Stamatis**. First term Top Hand recipients were **Cooper Phillips** and **Jack Hammer Hodge**. Second term Top Hand recipients included: **Hunt Cone**, **Alex Sharpe**, **Conrad Reller**, **Reese Littrell**, **Cooper Brackett**, and **Cade Oster**. While their peers have recognized these young men, it is by no means the end of their journey but rather a continuation and reminder to keep these traits with them and to bring them beyond the realm of Cheley.

It was an incredible summer here at the ranch at the end of the trail, and while the wagon yard still echoes of laughter and the courtyard of taps, our memories and friendships will sustain us until we are brought back together once more.





# The Pack Rat

## Campers in Leadership Training

Denver, Oct. 2021



### Announcing the CILTs for Summer 2022

#### T1 Senior Chipeta

Sara Burke, Anna Gardiner,  
Kate Gillikin, Maile Kaplan,  
Bailes Malone, Poppy  
Merrill, Emmelise Warren,  
Leah Wood

#### T2 Senior Chipeta

Arianna Graham-Gurland,  
Samantha Jorgensen, Rosalie  
Libby, Audrey Lobb, Annie  
Sallick, Kalena Shults

#### T1 Haiyaha

Andrew Sullivan, Calvin  
Wilson

#### T2 Haiyaha

Jonah Craine, Reed Gorman,  
Jorge Harris, Fletcher Ratliff,  
William Sessions

#### T1 Girls' Trail's End

Kaitlyn Baker, Hunter David,  
Raina Jaeggli, Isabelle  
Laton, Rand Neren, Tatum  
Thomason, Katie Walsh,  
Shayna Zavell

#### T2 Girls' Trail's End

Payton Morrison

#### T1 Boys' Trail's End

Hunter Haney, Jack Hammer  
Hodge, Patrick McMahon,  
Ryan Schoolman

#### T2 Boys' Trail's End

Carter Bartel, Cooper  
Brackett, Valentine Parrella



#### Letter

#### *Dear Summer '21 CILTs,*

As we celebrate and reflect on a successful summer, we watch in amazement at the inspiring, compassionate, resilient young individuals you have become.

Despite the odds, we had no doubt that each of you would succeed in the CILT program. Way to aim high in all you do! I am so very proud of each of you for an incredible summer.

Keep developing your passion and igniting your dreams. We hope to see you on staff in the future and look forward to seeing what your future holds. Remember to keep in touch!

“*Congratulations!*”

Dylan Lederer  
CILT Coordinator

We are so excited to officially announce the CILTs for the Summer of 2022!

Last summer, we had over fifty campers apply for the CILT program. We are humbled by the fact that we have this many campers who are still dedicated to attending camp during their junior and senior years of high school. This is always a very challenging decision as we have watched so many of the applicants grow up at camp. CILTs will spend time in a leadership orientation and consistent follow-up, will exchange to a different unit for a week, and will receive support from Dylan Lederer, the Boys'/Girls' Camp Directors, and their assistant directors. In addition, they are asked to do some work during the spring in preparation for their CILT summer at Cheley. The above 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. Congratulations to all of our CILTs! See you in the summer.

# The Pack Rat

## Around the Campfire

...with Cheley friends

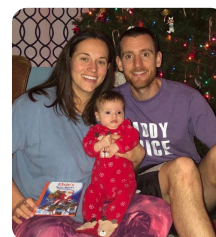


### Future Campers

**Jackson McNeil** (camper 2006–2008) and his wife, Kendall, welcomed their son, Theo Jackson, into the world on July 18, 2021. T.J. is the grandson of **Reagan Roper McNeil** (camper and staff) and great-grandson of **Susan Campbell Roper** (camper and staff). They can't wait for him to be old enough to enjoy the magic of Cheley!



**Ben Kahn** (camper 1999–2006, staff 2009–2010) and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their daughter, Lilly, into their family on April 14, 2020. They are excited for Lilly to attend Cheley!



**Michele Most** (staff 2010–2013) and her husband, **Tom Henderson** (staff 2009–2013), welcomed their daughter, Elsie, into their family on October 15, 2019.



### In Passing

**Charlotte Krigar** (staff 1988–1992) passed away on February 1, 2020. She worked in Ski Hi Kitchen and in the office. She loved her time at Cheley and will be missed.

**Charlie "Chuck" Schaaf** (camper 1940–1942) passed away on April 28, 2020 in Seattle, WA at age 91. He loved the outdoors & climbing mountains – things he learned at Cheley. He received his 4th Degree Mountaineer, Red Kerchief and Gold Spurs. After Cheley, he climbed the Matterhorn and Zinalrothorn in 1948. His daughters Margo, Robin, Amy, and Julie–Annabel loved their Cheley experiences, thanks to their dad.

**Charles Austin Ray** (Student Council Leadership staff) passed away on May 8th, 2020 in Muncie, IN. Charlie was very passionate about helping young adults find their path in life. He worked as an advisor and presenter for Student Council Leadership events at Cheley and often sponsored students.

**Virginia Cooper Barnes** (staff) passed away on July 22, 2020 at the age of 95. Her camp name was "Pony" and her family worked at Cheley with "Chief," "Busy Bee," and "Pinto." She went on to direct camps in California and touched the lives of many campers and staff through the years.

**Edward "Mac" Corley** (staff 2015–2019) passed away on February 11, 2021 in Charleston, IL. Mac is survived by his wife Barbara. Their favorite destination was Estes Park, CO where they spent their summers. Mac had a passion for his volunteer work with Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp where he spent many years.

**Margaret Joan "Jody" Crossman Wonn** (camper 1935–1945) passed away on April 4, 2021 in Albuquerque, NM. She was an artist and an accountant, and her husband, Ray, was also a camper (1930–1935).

**Kelsey Knapp Hickok** (camper 1974–1983, CILT 1983) passed away in June 2021. Her Cheley adventures began in 1966 at 9 months old with her parents Dorothy and Scott Knapp who were both staff. While in Lower Chipeta, Chipeta, and GTE, she especially enjoyed cinnamon rolls, riding, and hiking. She was honored to be chosen as a CILT in 1983 and spent one summer as a counselor. Kelsey is survived by her mother, Dorothy "D" Weiland, who remains grateful for the joy and adventures that she and Kelsey experienced at Cheley.

**Will Holmes** (camper 2021) passed away on November 22, 2021 in Bandera County, TX. Will was a first-time camper at Cheley and was a wonderful part of the community. His smile, sense of humor, and heart were cherished assets to Haiyaha.

### Wedding Bells

**Pamela Kling Brownlow** (staff 1983–1984, 1999) married Lee Brownlow on October 7, 2021. Pam worked in Munch Inn and Lower Chipeta. She recently retired after 30+ years as an educator, and is loving married and retired life!