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The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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Do You Add Value?

I recently gave this summer's incoming CILTs an assignment to take an influential leader in their community to lunch. With that assignment, I decided that I needed to make a regular effort to have lunch with leaders in the community because I always walk away from conversations with new inspiration. This past week, I was fortunate to have lunch with Kerry Plemmons, a business school professor at University of Denver. I walked away from the lunch with two key ideas.

First of all, Kerry talked about his constant thirst for knowledge. Even after many years of success in business as an entrepreneur and executive with Starbucks, Kerry still has a desire to learn. He talked about the importance as a professor to be up to date on current issues, and the fact that one needs to keep reading. This past year has been one of learning for me. There have been more than a few times that I have felt like "the dumbest person in the room." During one of these experiences, I thought to myself, "I need to try and be the dumbest guy in the room more often." What a great way to learn. It can be a bit difficult on the ego but results in some wonderful experiences.



Toward the end of our lunch together, I asked Kerry, "What is the most important thing you would tell a group of young aspiring leaders?" After a few minutes of ideas, Kerry said, "add value". "Add value to every relationship. That value can come in many different ways", said Plemmons. Kerry went on to say that if people realize that you add value and can be counted on to uphold your end of the relationship, they will continue to rely on you.

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Trigger Bill says...

*Home is the place where
the great are small
and the small are great.*





Conceit is a form of
"I" strain.



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Enrollment Update

As we prepare to celebrate our 92nd Season, we are excited to share that our enrollment numbers are ahead of last year. We have campers from 45 states and 14 foreign countries including Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Brazil, Turkey, Singapore, and others. As of the printing of the Packrat, we are full for First Term Haiyaha and Lower Chipeta and Second Term in Lower Ski Hi, Ski Hi, Haiyaha, Lower Chipeta, and Senior Chipeta, and GTE. Some of our other units are close to capacity as well. With that said, we do still have space in some of our units and even some of the full units may change. Please contact us soon if you know anyone who would benefit from the Cheley Experience. Email office@cheley.com or call us (after May 26) at 970-586-4244.

Donate Your Used Items

If you have camp items that you can no longer use, please bring them to camp on opening day. We often have families that are looking for slightly used riding or hiking boots, rain jackets, or other camp items. We would love to pass them along to these families.

Boy Scout Merit Badges at Cheley

This year we are pleased to offer campers who are in the Boy Scouts the opportunity to work on merit badges while at camp in seven areas: hiking, horsemanship, leatherworking, wilderness survival, shotgun shooting, cycling, and wood carving. Interested campers need to attain the approval of their scoutmaster and bring the blue merit badge card with them to camp.

Do You Add Value?

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What a great piece of advice. Whether it is a mentor/mentee relationship, a friendship, or a serious personal relationship, all parties have to add value for the relationship to remain positive and strong. Even at one and three years old, Harrison and Jackson add so much value to my life. The excitement from Jackson when I walk in the house from work is all I need to forget about the stresses of work. Erika and I also work hard to add value for each other.

As I walked away from lunch, I thought, what a great goal in life. If I can add value to all of the relationships in my life, it will help me be a better friend, a better manager, a better camp director, a better father, and a better husband.

– Jeff Cheley

Important 2012 Dates

- May 29:** Cheley Business office moves from Denver to Estes Park
- May 16:** Pre-Camp Work Crew begins
- May 28:** Riding Counselors and Barn Crew Arrive
- May 29:** Transportation Crew Arrives
- May 31:** Directors and Assistant Directors Arrive
- June 1-2:** Wilderness First Aid Training
- June 3:** All staff arrive for Staff Training
- June 13:** First Term campers arrive
- July 9:** First Term campers depart
- July 9-11:** Mid-Term trip
- July 11:** Second Term campers arrive
- August 6:** Second Term campers depart
- August 7-12:** Family Camp
- August 7-12:** Air Force Reserves Leadership Camp
- August 13-20:** Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp

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Introducing Samantha Cheley Klebe

Brooke, Kurt, Ellie and Kate are excited to introduce the newest addition to their family. Samantha Cheley Klebe arrived a bit early on St. Patrick's Day, weighing 5 lbs., 19 oz. and 19 inches long. Big sisters have been very helpful and everyone is excited for our summer at camp.



We continue to experience the joys, the challenges, the laughter and the hair pulling moments of raising children. We are grateful to be in good company as we continue on this journey of parenthood with our wonderful Cheley camp families.

Mark Your Calendars for 2013

Applications and/or information for enrolling in Cheley for 2013 will be emailed after the third week of camp. Online enrollment will be activated before final weekend of each term. If you are coming to our Horse Show or Final Weekend, you can enroll then as well. We enroll on a first-come, first-serve basis, and we have had units fill during our Final Weekend. Please do not assume that because a particular unit was slow to fill up one year, that it is always the case. We hate telling returning families that they are on a wait list, so please enroll early. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Our dates for the summer of 2013 are listed below. Please mark these dates on your 2013 calendar:
First Term: June 19th - July 15th
Second Term: July 17th - August 12th
Family Camp: August 13th - 18th

Getting Mail at Camp

For all business mail:

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 YOUR CAMP UNIT (Lower Ski Hi,
 Lower Chipeta, Ski Hi, Chipeta,
 Haiyaha, Senior Chipeta)
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Trail's End campers and staff:

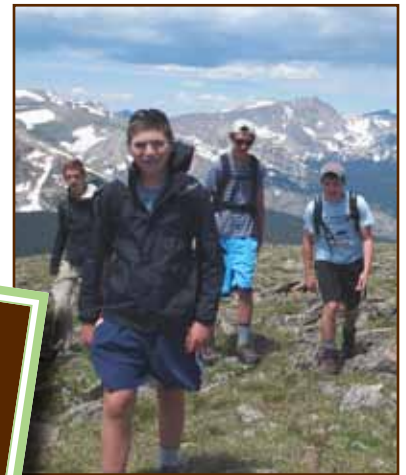
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 BOYS' TRAIL'S END RANCH
 BOX 380
 GLEN HAVEN, CO 80532

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Note: **do not use "Cheley Colorado Camps"** for Trail's End addresses as it takes several days longer for delivery.



Good judgment
 often comes from
 experience gained
 through poor judgment.



Check Out the
 Cheley Online
 Store

Go to www.cheley.com/store to purchase the latest T-shirts, Sweatshirts, hats, and other items from the Cheley Camp Store. The online store is a great way to help you prepare for the summer packing list or to purchase items for fellow alumni as gifts.



No matter how high a person rises, he needs something to look up to.

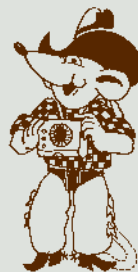
Online Forms

Kudos to all of the parents who have completed their forms for this summer. We appreciate your help. Recognitions to the first ten camper families to have completed their forms. **Anna Curry, Lindsey Daniels, Ivy Goldson, Sierra Johnson, Dane Lee, Juliette Moore, Dan Penoyer, Nicholas & Tucker Schultz, and Graham Tyson.** Way to go!!

Most of the needed forms are available online. If you haven't completed your forms for this summer, please complete them by June 1st. If you didn't receive the login information, go to www.cheley.com/session/new and click on the password reminder link to get your login information. You can also call our office – or email office@cheley.com for assistance. We need to have all of the forms complete by JUNE 1st at the latest to prepare for the summer.

Update Your Info

We enjoy keeping in touch with all of our alumni so we want to make sure we have your current contact info. If you have moved or our info is incorrect, please email us at office@cheley.com or call us at 303-377-3616. We also love to hear from you with news and events for the next Pack Rat.



Cheley Campers Get to Ride Specialized Bikes This Summer

Cheley Camps is proud to announce that we will be riding new Specialized mountain bikes this summer. We have 35 new bikes that will be awaiting the arrival of the campers for our mountain biking program. We will be using the Hardrock Disc 29 and the Hardrock Disc.

Our plan is to use them for the summer and then sell them to campers and our community at the end of the summer. This program helps us provide quality bikes for the campers use each summer. Specialized continues to improve their reputation in the cycling community and Cheley is honored to offer their bikes in our mountain biking program.



The John Austin Cheley Foundation — Looking for a few good men and women

The John Austin Cheley Foundation is looking for a few qualified people to join their efforts. At 23 years old, the foundation is looking for people to help them reach their mission to "secure the benefits of a summer mountain camp experience for children whose family resources are not adequate to cover the costs." If you have an interest in joining the John Austin Cheley Foundation, please contact Debbie Leibold at 303-972-6505 or debleibold@gmail.com. To learn more about the John Austin Cheley Foundation, check out www.cheleyfoundation.org.





Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

1930s

Lesley Davison Perrin (1939-1941) grew up in Boulder, CO, but now lives in New York City. Lesley went to Cheley for 3 years, as did her brother, Peter Davison. Currently she is a songwriter for cabaret, TV, and theater.

1940s

Richard Schultz (1948-1949) sent us this update on his life: "Hello Cheley. I'm a retired plastic surgeon who practiced in Chicago and at The University of Illinois, now living six months in Montecito, CA, and the other six summer months in Northport, MI. At 85, I still sail and write my memoirs in the winter. Best regards!"

Mary Woelfel Poole (1948-1950) reflected, "A trip down memory lane and a talk about Longs Peak brought happy memories and a desire to know if the camp still existed. A pity that there are not such camps for children here in England."

1950s

William Butler (1950-1953) wrote us this memory of long ago: "The only buildings between Cheley and the east side of Prospect Mountain (when I was a camper) were part of Fish Creek Ranch. The Route 66 entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park entered the park at the lower end of Moraine Park. (Things have changed "a bit" since then.) I lived in Rhode Island until 1997 when I retired to Durango, CO and moved into my current home in Oct. 2011. I still have three paintings by John Kirsch (an artist who had a studio

just to the east of the RMNP) and fond memories of hiking in RMNP.

1970s

John Bailey (1976-1977) was promoted in August 2011 to the position of Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL.

1980s

Rowan (Susan) Flamm (1986-1987) wrote us, "I finally have something worthy of updating. On Dec. 10, 2011 I was awarded by Ph.D. in Psychology. Eight year journey but it's finally over. Glad to see Cheley continues to grow and progress. I keep in touch through the website and newsletters."

Allison Speed Crosswell (1985-1992) writes, "I would love to hear from any old camp friends! I am married to Miller Crosswell and have two boys, Miller (4.5) and Philip (almost 3). We are expecting baby #3 in May."

Todd Fronce (1986-1991) gave us this update: "After twenty-plus years of teaching and coaching sports, I am enjoying my first year as a Middle School Counselor. I am married with two daughters, Sarah age 4 and Abby age 2."

Alison Schroers Stanton (1980-1981) wrote us this, "My husband, youngest daughter, and I finally moved back to Colorado, having been gone 18 years. So good to be back and be able to go to the mountains, especially Estes Park, whenever the mood strikes, which is often!"



*It's only the people
with PUSH
who have a PULL.*



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*The dictionary
is the only place
where you will find
success before work.*



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1990s

Benji Harris (1995-2002 and 2003-2005) gave us this update: "I'm still chasing the music dream! I've formed a country trio in Nashville called Scarletta. We've signed with Average Joe's Records and have just released our debut album! You can download the music on iTunes and become a fan of the band at www.scarlettamusic.com."

Kristin Knight Pace (1996-2001) sent us this update: "Hi everyone! Just wanted to let y'all know that Andy Pace and I got married in our living room in Denali Park, AK on January 7. We are building a cabin by hand this summer on our property here and continue to create our dream of running our own sled dog kennel. I also had the opportunity to run in my first sled dog race this winter, the Sheep Mountain 150 (150 miles). Thanks to Cheley for giving me the foundation to live an adventurous life and maintain meaningful relationships."

Judson Laipply (1996) got engaged to Erin Dulaney on November 18th, 2011 and set a wedding date for June of 2013. Judson also achieved, or was awarded, a Guinness World Record for "Most Likes on YouTube" for his "Evolution of Dance" video. Double congrats, Judson!

Kate Schaefer (1999-2010) We got this update from a proud father: "My daughter was a camper and staff member from 1999 through 2010 and has now moved beyond summers at her beloved Cheley. She graduated from the University of Tulsa last May and was selected from some 13,000 applicants as an intern at Southwest Airlines where she was quickly offered a position as a Financial Budget Analyst. She now calls Dallas her home but Cheley remains one of those precious homes of the heart."

2000s

Chelsea Chapman Weekly (2000-2005 and 2012) "News: Jon Weekly and I are celebrating our one year Anniversary. We have a new dog named Winchester. And this summer is my first year as a Cheley staff member. Life is great."

IN PASSING

Malcolm (Curly) Anderson (1980s)
Malcolm was killed in a motorcycle accident, Thursday morning, January 11th, 2012, in Phoenix. He would have been 43 in February. Curly received his Gold Key, presented by Jack Cheley. He loved Cheley and being a part of the Cheley Family. Curly was a "donor", and helped over 26 people. He leaves behind his wife Amy, and two children, Lauren and Cody, his dad, Ferrell, and his brother, Chris Anderson.

Dean McCormick (1940s) passed away March 24, 2012. Dean spent many summers as a camper and a counselor at Cheley, and met Mary, his wife of 50 years, at camp. Dean spent his career as an executive in the transportation industry and served in Orange County, California, as a trustee on the Orange County Department of Education School Board, and was active on a litany of boards, foundations and committees including having served as a board member and president of the John Austin Cheley Foundation.

FUTURE CAMPERS

George Bennett (1968-1971), his wife Catherine and daughter Madeleine welcomed James George Bingham Bennett on December 6, 2011.

Cody (Jerden) Reyes (1993-1996 and 1998-2000) and her husband Tony welcomed Taliana Olivia Reyes on June 10th, 2011. Taliana joins big sister Madelyn, age 3. Cody lives in Oak Park, IL and can be reached at cody.e.reyes@gmail.com



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Our 92nd Season

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History Snippet



“More than YOU, your child needs liberty and freedom and release from your “smothering.” More than food or school or clothes, he needs EMANCIPATION – to be put upon his own resources – to learn to adjust happily to a group of his kind, to make his way, to earn recognition; to be a person; to find himself in relation to a very complex and over-organized world. ”

— A quote from the 1935 Cheley Camp Brochure
by Frank Cheley