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# The Cheley **PACK RAT**

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## MAKING THE WORLD "A BETTER PLACE"

The other day I read an article on "Ten lessons learned on being a 'balanced dad.'" As a new father, I am always looking at ways to balance work, family, exercise, marriage, and personal time. The author of the article, Jeff Prouty, had some wonderful ideas about building a family. He talked about teaching your children how to plant and grow tomatoes (there will be a tremendous learning experience about "nurturing"). He also talked about his method of allowance. At the beginning of each month in an envelope, he would give his children their allowance with a note that asked: "How do you intend to save, spend, and share this month's allowance?" This led into his next point about inspiring your children to think about their role in the world. How can they make the world a better place?

I have been fortunate to be involved with some wonderful organizations focused on giving back to the community and supporting others. Over the past year, I have been watching the difference between the mentality of the contributor and the contributee. People who are contributing to the betterment of society and giving to others seem to develop a stronger self-image, a stronger sense of purpose and a responsibility for their future. As I have watched those who are the beneficiary of support, it seems to me that so many times there is a sense of entitlement, a sense of embarrassment, or a lack of responsibility. The person giving the support walks away feeling more empowered and alive than the person receiving the support. As Sir Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Are you contributing to your family, your school, or your community in an effort to make it better? Or are you waiting for others to contribute and do all the work? This can happen as you help around the house, assist those in need, and get involved at school or work. Imagine a world where all people were focused on what they could do for others rather than what others could do for them.

... Jeff Cheley

### Trigger Bill says...



Too much of the world is run on the theory that you don't need road manners if you are a five ton truck.



*The real problem concerning your leisure is how to keep other people from using it*



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## Enrollment Desk Update

As we prepare to celebrate our 90th Season, we are excited to share that enrollment numbers are even with last year at this time. We have campers from 41 states and 10 foreign countries.

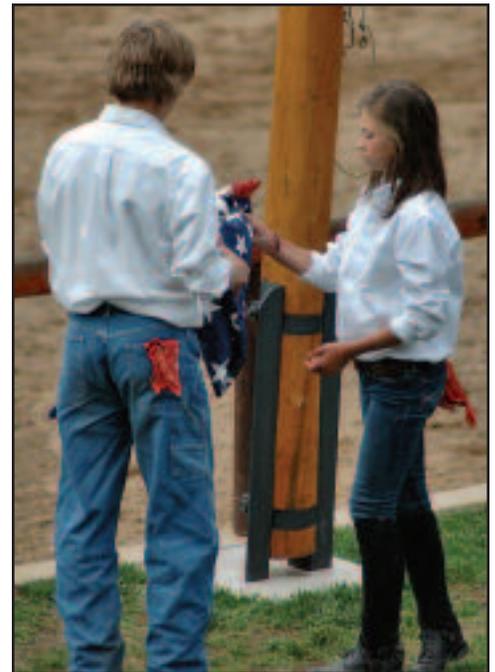
We do have room for any age camper both first and second term. Some of our units are close to capacity so please contact us soon if you know anyone who would benefit from the Cheley Experience. Email [office@cheley.com](mailto:office@cheley.com) or call us (after May 14) at 970-586-4244.

## LEADERS FOR LIFE

Leaders for Life will celebrate its second year at Cheley this summer from August 10th to August 15th. Last summer, over 40 campers spent five days exploring their leadership potential and developing their skills to impact their own community. Activities included creating a vision for the future, living in the moment, communicating for success, life balance, breaking through fears, and much more.

We enjoyed watching the changes that occurred for the campers during their short stay at Cheley. **Teresa Huggins**, the leader of the program, has a gift of helping teens to discover their potential.

There are still spots available for the program this summer. Check out [www.CheleyLeadershipCamps.com](http://www.CheleyLeadershipCamps.com) for more information.



## 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.

## Important 2010 Dates

- May 14:** Cheley Business office moves from Denver to Estes Park
- May 19:** Pre-Camp Work Crew begins
- May 31:** Riding Counselors and Barn Crew Arrive
- June 1:** Transportation Crew Arrives
- June 3:** Directors and Assistant Directors Arrive
- June 4-5:** Wilderness First Aid Training
- June 6:** All staff arrive for Staff Training
- June 16:** First term campers arrive
- July 12:** First term campers depart
- July 12-14:** Mid-term trip
- July 14:** Second term campers arrive
- August 9:** Second term campers depart
- August 10-15:** Family Camp
- August 16-23:** Cheley/Children's Hospital Burn Camp
- September 3-6:** Ninetieth Reunion

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## 2010 Staff

We are very excited about the staff for this summer. **Paul, Alyse** and **Angie** have been hard at work preparing for a wonderful summer.

This summer we have 110 returning staff and 19 staff who were campers at Cheley who will be on staff for their first year. There will also be 60 staff members who are new to Cheley Camps bringing new ideas and enthusiasm for youth development.

The staff is constantly changing so if you know any qualified individuals, have them contact us.

After May 14th, they should call the Estes Park office at 970-586-4244 or email Paul@cheley.com.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2011

Applications and/or information for enrolling in Cheley for 2011 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 2011 are below. Please mark these dates on your **2011** calendar:

**First Term June 15th - July 11th**  
**Second Term July 13th - August 8th**

## GETTING MAIL AT CAMP!

### For all business mail:

CHELEY COLORADO CAMPS  
 (for UPS) 3960 Fish Creek Road  
 P O Box 1170  
 ESTES PARK, CO 80517-1170  
 Telephone: 970-586-4244

### Land O' Peaks campers and staff:

YOUR NAME  
 YOUR CAMP UNIT (Lower Ski Hi,  
 Lower Chipeta, Ski Hi, Chipeta,  
 Haiyaha, Senior Chipeta)  
 CHELEY COLORADO CAMPS  
 P O Box 1170  
 ESTES PARK, CO 80517-1170

### Trail's End campers and staff:

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

YOUR NAME  
 GIRLS' TRAIL'S END RANCH  
 BOX 370  
 GLEN HAVEN, CO 80532

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



Talent is knowing  
 what to do ...  
 "Tact" is knowing  
 how to do it.



Follow Cheley Camps on Twitter. Just search **cheleycamps** (one word) on [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) to follow us. We promise we will not tell you when we are going to get a cup of coffee or when we are heading to lunch. From time to time, we have some fun news to share. During the summer, there is constant Fun Plus that we can "tweet" about to share with all of you.



## The Gratitude List

My wife **Erika** had a wonderful idea when our son **Jackson** was born. Every night before we put him to bed, we do our "Gratitude List". We talk about what we are thankful for and what is wonderful in our life. Now, as a one year old, he is not sharing his gratitude yet, but it has become a tradition for us to talk about how lucky we are. Each night, we look back over the day and our life and share our list. Most nights, it includes our fam-

ily, our friends, our blessing to have a wonderful son, our opportunity to watch him grow up, our appreciation of having jobs to go to every day, and other daily blessings.

It has become a wonderful reminder amid the stress and busyness of life that we are very fortunate. We are excited to continue the tradition as Jackson gets older and can contribute to our conversation. Great idea Erika!  
 -Jeff

What this country needs  
 – in fact what the  
 whole world needs –  
 is to settle up and  
 settle down

## ONLINE FORMS Thank You!

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. **Jack Schnieders, Sterling & Amanda Soper, Jay Sidhu, Dimitri Culpepper, Alexis Kadey, Reid Christianson, Jacques Decalo Sarah Kozlowski, Jennifer Evans.** 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 at the latest. If you didn't receive the login information, go to [www.cheley.com/session/new](http://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](mailto:office@cheley.com) for assistance. We are always open to feedback on our new procedures if you have frustrations or ideas on how we can improve. **We need to have all of the forms complete by JUNE 1st at the latest to prepare for the summer.**

### Heidi Belle Cheley

Many of you know and love Don and Carole's sweet 12 year old Golden Retriever, Heidi Belle, who is always around camp. This spring, Heidi was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in her left front humerus. She had the leg removed and is getting around well on three legs now. Heidi loves camp, and all the kids and staff. Just one day after the surgery she looked great. Just like our campers, she has been learning resiliency over the years at camp. Please give her a pat on the head this summer!

### Golf at the 90th Reunion

**Andy Kinzer** is organizing a golf tournament to kick off the 90th Reunion this summer. The tournament will be on Sept 3, 2010 in Estes Park and will start at 10 AM with the 1st tee time. We have 24 slots at this time. (I think we can get more.) There will be coffee and donuts in the parking lot before, so plan to arrive by 9:30. If you want to be grouped with certain people, let me know.

Tournament cost will be \$65.00. This is for green fees, cart and prizes. If you have questions about please let me know. Phone 970 856-4210, Cell 303 325-4127 or Email: [akinz@netzero.net](mailto:akinz@netzero.net).

## Congrats to Chris and Amber Rahn

The year round team has another member, Trinity Grace Rahn. She was born March 12th in Estes Park and weighed in at 7 lbs. 1oz. and was 18 3/4 inches long along with a crazy, full head of hair.



**Amber** reports, "We are enjoying the adventure that each new day brings with her. She's growing so quickly already and her little personality is emerging. Each new smile just melts our hearts. Trinity has been enjoying meeting the horses here on the ranch and she is looking forward to seeing everyone at camp this summer!"

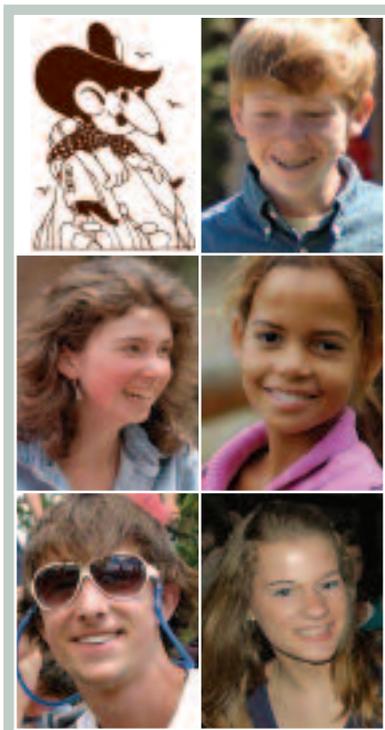
## National Recognition

Congratulations to **Carole Cheley** who received the AIC Speedy Altman Award from the Association of Independent Camps at the AIC/ACA National conference in Denver this past February. Carole follows father-in-law, **Jack Cheley** (1983) and husband **Don Cheley** (1990) as an honoree. **Jeff Cheley** was the Program Chair for the AIC Conference planning an excellent selection of sessions for other Independent Camp Professionals attending the conference.

## Facilities Update

One of the distinct differences between Cheley Colorado Camps and many other summer camps is the quality and historical significance of our various structures that are steeped in tradition. Each year, our site and facility staff spends the off-season maintaining and improving the integrity of our property. This winter, they were busy re-plumbing Chipeta Kitchen, renovating the BTE boathouse, installing new doors in Chipeta Lodge, repairing all the drips, drafts, and leaks that occur during the year, and restoring some old staff housing.

In addition, they have been busy with fire and beetle mitigation, annual vehicle maintenance, ranch management, and their annual list of requests. All of this while accomplishing days of thankless snow plowing. Oh, and Mike has been busy with our new and improved waste management and recycling system. They can't wait to show you what they did over the winter.





# Around the Campfire

## ... with Cheley Friends

### 1950s

**Mark Jewell** (1958-1960) wrote us a lovely letter full of fond memories. He wrote, "Coming from the flatlands of Kansas, I must admit that the rugged outdoor experience of Camp Cheley was an extremely valuable life event. The lessons that I learned in self-reliance from **Jack and Sis Cheley, Ernie Altick** and my camp counselors complemented the spiritual and family values that I learned from my parents."

**James Petrie** (1956) writes that he retired in 1977, and although he lives in Tucson, Colorado still has a lot of appeal. He has many fond memories of Cheley and occasionally gets out his color slides and goes through them.

**Jane "PeeWee" Pabst** (1957-1960) is retired and living in Austin, TX. She spent three summers in Lower Chipeta and earned her red kerchief.

### 1960s

**John O'Callaghan "Missi-sip"** (1966) writes us to say, "My summer experience at Boys' Trail's End in 1966 created some of my most favorite memories. My plan for the 1967 summer was to return for more, but a motorcycle accident changed all that. Back at Miss. State that summer I met my future life-mate. The rest is history. Today...retired after 30+ years in the criminal justice system...a 10 year old grandson...and the good memories beyond Cheley keep accumulating. Life is good."

**Pam Biram Cooper "Little doo doo"** (1968-1971) writes that she draws on her experience at Cheley when she takes people on trail rides in Northern Wisconsin commenting that she cherishes the time she had at Cheley.

**Frank Sesno** (1968-1971) Cheley camper and former CNN correspondent, is now director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University and will lead conversations among journalists on emerging forms of



news, digital information sources and "the role of a free press in a digital democracy." Contributors include old-schoolers Ann Curry (NBC), Sam Donaldson (ABC) and Clarence Page (Chicago Tribune). See Frank on the weekly public TV series, "The Future of News" which debuted March 26 on KBDI Channel 12 in Denver.

### 1970s

**Neal Stolpe** (1978-1979) is a university professor teaching in Chile. He writes, "When I wonder just what is 'it' that makes camp a special place, I find that it is 'validation as a person'; be it a camper or a counselor. Many of those experiences as a counselor served to prepare me for my present station in life. I teach soil conservation, and also try to give the students an ethical sense of the conservation of natural resources. Many young people here also have the nature deficit syndrome which was mentioned in the **PACK RAT**."

**Bill Lang "Boulder Bill"** (1977-1981) says he gained his love for the mountains at Cheley both during the summer and winter. "I would consider my time at Cheley Camp as the best character building experience in my life."

**Kim Polis Martin** (1976-1980) is currently living in Indonesia with her family and is hoping to make it back to the 90th Cheley reunion —continued on page 8

*Caution is a most valuable asset in fishing – especially if you are the fish*

### Show Your Cheley Spirit

We have created a 90 Seasons charm to commemorate our 90th Summer at Cheley. Last summer, we offered a Cheley



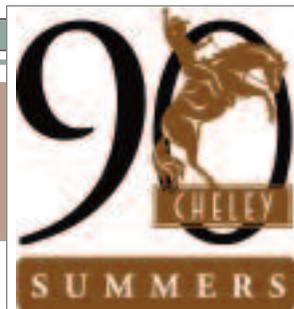
charm that was very popular (we still have those) and this year we are adding a TE charm. If you are interested is purchasing a charm before



camp, please call the office or email [jeffcheley@cheley.com](mailto:jeffcheley@cheley.com). The charms are \$30 including shipping. Please specify if you want the **oval** Cheley charm, the **square** 90 Seasons charm, or the **TE** charm.



## “NINETY SUMMERS” REUNION SEPTEMBER 3-6, 2010



We are so grateful to be celebrating our “Ninety Summers” reunion on September 3-6, 2010. Since you have been such a big part of the spirit of Cheley, please come and celebrate with us. It will be a fun-packed weekend of singing, good food, camp activities, catching up with friends and revisiting your camper days. The schedule is listed below to give you a better idea of what the weekend will entail. A registration blank can be found on page 7. Specific information and **online registration is available at [www.cheley.com](http://www.cheley.com)**. *If you were here in the twenties the registration fee is on us!*

We are so honored to be carrying on Frank’s dream, and we hope you all can join us in the celebration.

### Friday, September 3rd, 2010

1:00 pm Volunteer Meeting in Chipeta Lodge  
3:00-5:45 pm Registration in Chipeta Lodge.  
3:00-6:00 pm Museum open.  
5:00-6:00 pm Boy’s Store open.  
6:00 pm Dinner followed by singing in Ski Hi Dining Room.  
7:30 pm Registration will continue in Chipeta Lodge.  
7:30 pm Choir practice at the Chapel.  
8:00 pm Square Dance in the Cheley Dome.  
9:30 pm Slide Show in the Chapel. Unit Songs and Taps.

### Saturday, September 4th, 2010

7:00 am Early Breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room. for those going on Spearhead hike.  
8:00 am Breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room.  
9:00-11:30 am Registration continues in Chipeta Lodge.  
8:45-11:00 am Boy’s Store open.  
9:00- 5:00 Museum open.  
9:00- 5:00 Old Cheley movies available in Chipeta Lodge  
9:00 am **Hiking** to Spearhead, Black Lake, Chasm Lake, Bridal Veil Falls, Lake Isabelle, and more.  
**Climbing** on Christmas Tree Rock.  
**All day ride** to Pierson Meadow.  
**Half day ride** to Gypsy Grounds  
**2 hour ranch explore rides** throughout the day.  
**Fishing** all day at the Cheley pond.

12:00 pm Bulk Lunch in the Pavilion.  
1:15 pm PM Climbing meet in Front of Senior Chipeta Lodge.  
1:30 pm Half day ride to the Gypsy Grounds meet at the Barns.  
5:30 pm Trigger Bill Barbecue on the Ranch.  
8:30 pm After dinner gatherings in Senior Chipeta Lodge and Totem Teepee.

### Sunday, September 5th, 2010

8:00 am Buffet breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room.  
9:00-10:45 am Registration open in Chipeta Lodge.  
9:00-10:45 am Boy’s Store Open.  
9:30 am Choir practice in the Chapel.  
11:00 am Chapel.  
12:30 Lunch at Woods Kitchen.  
1:30-5:00 Open afternoon- Enjoy yourselves.  
1:30-3:00 Climbing Wall open.  
1:30-3:00 BTE and GTE tours meet in front of Ski Hi Lodge.  
6:00 pm Dinner in Ski Hi Dining Room.  
7:30 pm Vespers in the Chapel, Friendship candles, Unit Songs and Taps.

### Monday, September 6th, 2010

7:30 am Continental breakfast in Ski Hi Dining Room and goodbye until we meet again.

**Register by using the form on facing page – or go online at [www.cheley.com](http://www.cheley.com)**

## Ninety Summers: Frank & Eva ... Jack & Sis ... Don & Carole

Over the past 90 years, Cheley has been supported and nurtured by some amazing individuals. From Transportation Crew, to Nurses, Directors, Cooks and Counselors, the talent is humbling.

We always view **Frank H. Cheley** as the true visionary and dreamer that built this amazing place when others thought he was crazy for doing so. **Jack Cheley** had the business sense to ensure it continued successfully, and his wife **Sis Cheley** believed so passionately that the quality of everything counted. **Don** and **Carole Cheley** have not only put everything they have into caring for Cheley Camps but

have been instrumental to the entire camping industry.

Frank and Jack were taken too suddenly and too soon from this earth and were not acknowledged for their lifelong commitment to camp. We would like to recognize the amazing third generation of leaders while they are here.

**We are putting together a special recognition of Don and Carole.** Please take the time to remember a special story or memory you have of them. If you have any pictures or stories, please send anything and everything my way. [brookecheley@cheley.com](mailto:brookecheley@cheley.com) or Brooke Cheley-Klebe, PO Box 6525, Denver, CO 80206.

**REGISTRATION FORM ... "NINETY SUMMERS" REUNION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Name \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years as Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Years as Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_ **ALL communication for reunion will come via email.**

Additional Registrants from your family or group

Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____
Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____
Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____
Name _____	Age _____	Tag Name _____	T-shirt Size _____

**HOUSING**

Please mark your preference for housing (full registrant only):

\_\_\_\_\_ Ski Hi (for families wishing to have males on the lower floor, females on the upper floor) \_\_\_\_\_ Chipeta (females only)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Haiyaha (males only) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Chipeta (females only)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Tent Only (BYOT)

Housing requests (we'll try!): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sleeping bag rental at \$10.00 (or bring your own). Number or rental bags needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEEES**

Full registration: \$250 for 13 and up (includes program, 8 meals, lodging, T-shirt, poster. *\$200 for 12 and under*  
 Partial registration: \$200 for 13 and up (includes 8 meals, T-shirt, poster; lodging on your own in town. *\$100 for 12 and under*  
 Saturday Registration: \$125 for Adults (includes program, 3 meals, T-shirt, poster). *\$75 for 12 and under.*  
**Saturday Barbecue: Sponsored by the John Austin Cheley Foundation.**  
 Sunday registration: \$75 for 13 and up (includes program, 2 meals, T-shirt, poster). *\$40 for 12 and under*

I would like to attend the barbecue \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ I will be dining elsewhere \_\_\_\_\_

Visa, MC, Amex/ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check number \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

To volunteer please indicate your preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd). We will make assignments and have an orientation. Full-time 8-meal kitchen (cook or dishwasher) or full-time barn will receive a free registration.

_____ Full time kitchen helper & dishes	_____ Climbing Wall Coordinator	_____ Piano Player
_____ Full time dishes (8 meals)	_____ Fishing	_____ Song Leader
_____ Full-time cook (8 meals)	_____ Riflery Leader	_____ Bugler
_____ Munch Inn (outcamp kitchen)	_____ Campfire Leader	_____ Choir Director
_____ Cookout Server	_____ Wrangler	_____ Hospitality
_____ Trans	_____ Hike Leader	_____ Parking Assistant
_____ Medical Staff (RN, Dr./EMT)	_____ Meal Grace Leader	_____ Registration
_____ Full-time Barn Area	_____ Chapel Speaker/reader	_____ Store
_____ Photographer	_____ Vespers Reader	_____ Other

What would make this weekend the best possible for you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return with payment to: Cheley Colorado Camps, PO Box 1170, Estes Park, CO 80517**  
 You can also enroll online at [www.cheley.com](http://www.cheley.com)

*A dull person  
is one with  
too much polish*

## Around the Campfire ... with Cheley Friends

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and see a bunch of old friends.

**Christine "Chrissy" Casson Bagshaw** (1978-1983) attended a prep school in Boston, MA, then went to college in West Virginia and graduated with an Education degree. She's been teaching for 16 years and is married to an electrician and has an adorable little boy. She would love to hear from other fellow campers from Lower Chipeta or GTE.

**Dwight Fischer** (1978-1981) A former Food Dude wrote in to report that he and his family have moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia for him to take a job at Dalhousie University as Asst. VP for Technology. Says he, "When it works, it's great. When it doesn't, well, I just tell stories like around the campfire." His daughters, 16 and 20, both live in Halifax as well.

### 1980s

**Wendy Thorpe Zimmerman** (1986-2002) wrote to tell us, "We are pleased to announce that we became a family of 5 with the arrival of Charles Douglas on August 4th, 2009. Big sisters Eliza (3.5 years) and Avery (2 years) sure love their little brother!"

**Mark Horsman** (1985-1991) brought us up to date on his life, and wrote that he designed and built a new home on 18 acres of forest, and is retired from teaching. He still runs extra-curricula at school in an outdoor adventure club, leadership training and a mentoring program for middle school students. He just returned from an 11 day mission trip to Thailand.

**Deb Miner** (staff 1979-1980) wrote to tell us about her business I Get Around. They make books and products that encourage children from young ages to be curious, creative, and connected to the world around them. Check them out at [www.i-get-around.com](http://www.i-get-around.com)

### 1990s

**Kristin Knight** (1996-2005) writes to tell us that she's living in Denali National Park, AK running sled dogs for the winter. "Life for me has been one grand adventure after another, and I still have Cheley to thank for nurturing my adventurous spirit."

**Chad Nichols** (1994-1998) wrote in to



report that he's back in Colorado after four years in NYC. He's in his second year at DU Law School and couldn't be happier to get back to Colorado and back in touch with Cheley Camps.

**Marcus Burdick** (1996-1997) married his high school girlfriend, Jamie, on January 16, 2010. Marcus wrote that Cheley remains one of his greatest all-time memories and a cornerstone in his life. As his life evolves and he's faced with new challenges, he looks back at Cheley with a smile and tells himself, "If you made it through the Keyhole of Long's Peak at 10, this ought to be a cake walk."

**Karen Gingerich Snortland** (1996) Moved to Colorado from Utah in 2008 and now lives in Thornton and works for the City of Lafayette at the Bob L. Burger Recreation Center as the General Programs Supervisor. She's married to Jayson and has two kids Grace (7) and Gavin (2.5).

**Rebecca Echols** (1993-2004) writes, "Michael and I are eagerly awaiting the change of seasons here in the far north. I have been working as a nurse at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. I learn new things everyday and can't wait to hit the trails soon."

**Steven Glover** (1990) is currently teaching 5-12 band and 7-12 vocal at Peabody-Burns USD 398, is married to Donna with children Johnathan, age 6, and Jefferson, age 4.

### 2000s

**Jed Ballard** (2004) will be starting at the Medical College of Georgia this June. Jed has been traveling through various states and enjoying hunting, hiking, skiing, rock climbing and generally enjoying the beauty of the great outdoors.

**Alex Rowe** (2005-2008) had his art featured on a mural in the English wing at Salpointe Catholic High School.



## WEDDING BELLS

**Sarah Hyde Schmiedeler** (1982-1984 & 1988-1991) married Bryan Schmiedeler on May 23, 2009. They honeymooned at an Eco Lodge on the Osa Peninsula of Costa Rica. Hiking in the rain forest brought back fond memories of Cheley. Sarah works in the Education Department of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City and has two children, Ben (13) and Caroline (10).

**Lindsay Ann Mydans** (1991-1995) is going to marry her college sweetheart, Dryden Dunsmore on October 9, 2010 in the mountains of Colorado. They met at CU Boulder where Lindsay received a degree from the School of Journalism, and Dryden received a degree in Psychology on full scholarship as a linebacker for the Buffs. They currently reside in north Boulder where she is in marketing and public relation, and Dryden is in commercial real estate. Says Lindsay, "Cheley is honestly some of the fondest memories in my life. If/when we have children, it has already been decided that they must go to Cheley. Thank you for changing my life for the better. I will never forget the summers I spent at Cheley."

**Chelsea Chapman** (2000-2005) announced, "I am engaged! I am soon to be Mrs. Jonathan Weekly. You don't need to call me Jon, Chelsea's still fine." Chelsea just transferred to CSU as a Chemistry and Psychology Major and says it's great to have the Rockies as her backyard year round now.

**Chris Jones** (1995-1997) was married on October 3rd, 2009 to April Perkins.

**Vanessa Torres Lautenbach** (1988) is getting married this coming June, in Corfu, Greece.

**Paige Wolfe** (1995-1997 & 2007) got married on January 16, 2010 to Brian Westley Capell. They are living in Lafayette, LA; she is a pre-K teacher, and he is a lawyer

## FUTURE CAMPERS

**Erin Lane Rogers Neff** (1990-1993) declares, "I'm a mom! I can't wait for my daughter, Pippa, to experience Cheley!"

**Corey (Woods) Scott** (Camper for 8 years) welcomes to her family, along

with husband Kevin Scott, their first child: Brandon Wayne Scott, born January 6th, 2010.

**Jocelyn Goodwin** (1989-1994 & 1998) and her husband, Jimmy Gonzales, welcomed their first child, son Wesley, in March. They live in Windsor, Colorado. This news was brought to us by a proud grandpa, **Bill Goodwin** (camper 1943-1953).

## IN PASSING

**Dr. Clayton Mammel**, aka "KK", was on Frank Cheley's staff back in the 30s. He worked at BTE on the present GTE site as a Kitchen Steward. After peeling potatoes for the boys and staff, he went on to medical school and became a noted surgeon in Denver. He never forgot his camp roots, sharing stories with the Cheley family of his fun days at camp. In his retirement years, KK volunteered for RMNP at the Long's Peak ranger station and kept an eye on the Cheley vans and hikers going up Long's. KK died peacefully at age 89 this April. He left us all a legacy of camp history, fascinating stories and memories from Frank and Eva's era. Our blessings go to his wife EG, daughter Kay, and his extended family.

**James Hutchinson** (1970s) passed away October 2009. His best buddy at Cheley, **Corey Joekel**, wrote us of his passing and reminded us that James received his Silver Spurs in 1971 and Gold Key in 1974. James loved the Colorado mountains, and trading stories and good laughs of his time at Cheley.

**Wilma Price** passed away on January 28, 2009.

**Zilpha Curtin** (Camper -1947-50; Staff - Chipeta Counselor 1954-55) passed away on January 13, 2010. Zilpha enjoyed summers at Cheley Camps first as a camper and later as a riflery and archery counselor. Her favorite activities were mountain climbing, horseback riding, horsepack and backpack out-camping in Rocky Mountain National Park.

**Bob Wilkin** (1942-1944) passed away in July of 2009. He was a BTE camper and loved Cheley dearly. He often spoke of Cheley with his grandson, **Andrew**, who also had the opportunity to go to BTE.

*It is correctly said that two thirds of promotion is motion.*



**Administrative and Support Staff****YEAR ROUND TEAM**

Don Cheley	Elise Hamlin
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Brooke Cheley Klebe	Michael Henderson
Steve Enyeart	Ed Holman
Kevin Hendrix	Susan Holman
Ruthann Holle	Adam Jass
Angie Kadey	Sheila Jeffery
Alyse Kenser	Camille Jerden
Betty Schacht	Jeanne Jerden
Chris Schrader	Bill Kalbac
Mike Supinski	Lindsay Kerns
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Hattie Buikema	Caitlin McGonagle
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**Trail's End Ranch for Boys**

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Colin Devlin	John Shea
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**Our 90th Season****Land O' Peaks Ranch Girls' Camps***GIRLS' CAMP DIRECTOR – ANN MCCOLLUM***SENIOR CHIPETA**

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Jessica Edwards	Veronica Roths

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**SKI HI**

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	Jacob Waltermire

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Jesse Carpenter	Philip O'Brien
Andrew Green	Chris Rice
Forest Hoff	Harrison Shure
Brendan Kadey	Myles Zimmerman



# FORMER CAMPERS AND STAFF

We'd like to be able to keep in touch – but we can only if you keep us up-to-date with your address and other information. Please take a minute now to send us an update – you can mail this form, or better yet, send us an email with the information (office@cheley.com) And – we also want to hear from you with news for the next PACK RAT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname at camp: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please **UPDATE** my record with the latest address and information as indicated above. *All former campers or staff members (with current addresses) automatically receive two Alumni Pack Rats each year.*
- I would like to **SUBSCRIBE** as an active new member of Cheley Friends – enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. Members of the Cheley Friends Alumni Group *receive all issues of the Pack Rat, a copy of the Alumni Directory which lists all known alumni, as well as other important information and additional benefits – yearly dues are \$15 per year per address, a lifetime subscription is just \$150 per address.*

## NEWS!

**FOR THE PACK RAT** - Here's what's been happening in my life recently...

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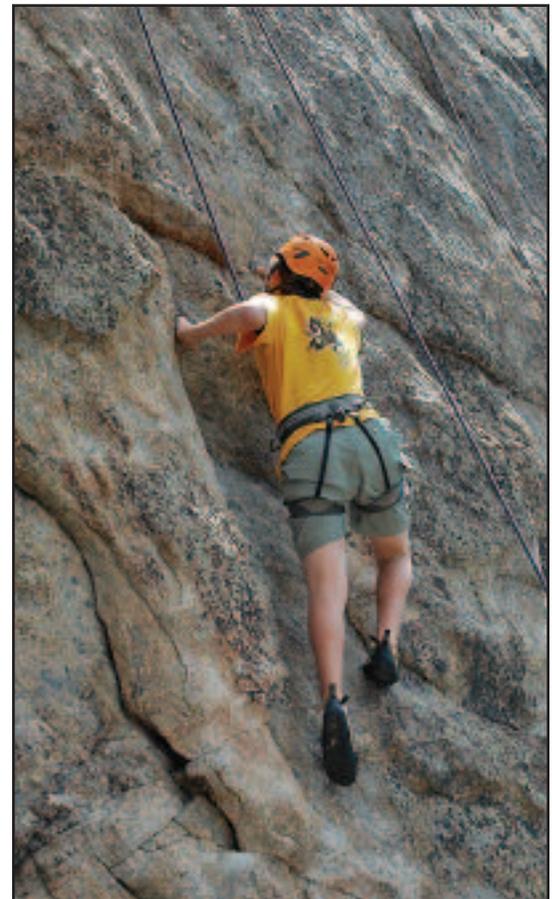
## THE JOHN AUSTIN CHELEY FOUNDATION

The John Austin Cheley Foundation was founded in 1989 after the passing of my grandfather. Each year, they have succeeded in growing their mission, "To secure the benefits of a summer mountain camp experience for children whose family resources are not adequate to cover the costs." Each summer, we witness the benefits of a summer camp experience, and we hear about the lasting benefits throughout the year from current campers and campers from long ago.



This past summer, we made a commitment to our staff that we would match every dollar they donated. Each Cheley Family Member (Don & Carole Cheley, Jeff & Erika Cheley, Kurt and Brooke Cheley Klebe), and Microsoft Corporation agreed to match the staff's donations. We also had a camp family and his employer agree to match the first \$2,000.

The staff (most of them college students or recent graduates) donated over \$4,300 out of their summer paychecks. Donations ranged from \$10 to \$250. This netted a total donation to the Cheley Foundation of over \$25,000. That means five more campers will enjoy the benefits of a camp experience this summer. We plan to continue the program this summer. If you or your company is interested in matching part or all of the staff's contributions, please contact Jeff Cheley at jeffcheley@cheley.com or 303-570-9661.





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### WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

*A Personal Word to Parents  
 from the Director of the  
 Cheley Colorado Camps,  
 Estes, Rocky Mountain National Park*

There is no gainsaying the fact that our children are victims of a machine age. Nationally, we think and deal in masses. Masses invariably mean scheduling and regimentation in spite of us. Furthermore, by the very nature of our times, our youth are to an amazing extent, especially during vacation periods, adultized, which means a very high degree of superficiality, which in turn results in an easy-going softness.

The greatest problem before the American parent today is the everywhere-apparent softness of youth. Too much house, too much sitting, too much passive amusement instead of vigorous recreation; too much food, too much heat. Youth - yes, from our very best homes everywhere, lack fiber. They are over-protected and consequently largely dependent, unresourceful, indecisive, and from overwhelming evidence find it very difficult to effectively meet and deal with a none-too-kind or considerate and very highly com-

petitive society of which they must soon become a part. Our love for them and concern about them leads us to over-shelter and to thoroughly condition them with a type of behavior pattern that literally "cripples."

Because of these facts, which are worthy of your serious contemplation, vacation time should, without fail, bring complete change from ordinary home and school routine and schedule. Youth hungers for adventure and legitimate thrill; for new experiences out and away from parental control; in new country with new friends. A dependable private summer camp is the answer.

All progressive educators are enthusiastic about the contribution of the better private summer camps from the educational and developmental standpoints, because in-camps like ours, it is possible to give to give growing youth the opportunity for free, exuberant self-expression that crowded school rooms and loaded school schedules make impossible. Camp life meets individual needs through interesting activities, and brings health and happiness as a by-product.

Our purpose and pleasure is to make boyhood and girlhood happier, more sturdy and self-reliant and more able to adequately and wisely deal with leisure now and in the future.