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Reporting from the beautiful Red Creek Valley...and beyond!

From the Director's Chair...

Greetings campers. First snowfall today. It didn't accumulate but it has me thinking about four of my favorite sticks - my two skis and my two poles. So I give you in this Dispatch my.....

Ode To The Stick

A stick is an excellent thing.  
 If you find the perfect one.  
 It's a scepter for a king.  
 A stick is an excellent thing.

It's a magic wand. It's yours to fling.  
 To strum a fence. To draw the sun.  
 A stick is an excellent thing.  
 If you find the perfect one.

- Marilyn Singer -

A sword, a staff, a pencil, a club, a tennis racket, a match, a bat, a pole, a drumstick, a shovel, a spear, a rifle, a tent pole, a paint brush, a spatula, a paddle, a broom, a fishing pole, a sling shot, a bow, a wand....

Why such reverence for a stick? **Because a stick is a hand on the real tangible world; a 5 sense experience adding feel, taste, and smell to the sights and sounds of the virtual world that we increasingly find ourselves in;** a developmental tool; a quiet in the storm; a direct link to the imagination, rather than a link to a world already imagined by someone else. A stick is anything you want it to be.



Two years ago I was presenting one of our many slideshows and on a roll explaining what we do at CSC and why we do it. I was in the middle of describing our choice based system and how it evolves every year to provide endless opportunity for staff to create interesting and valuable programming and our campers to explore new areas of experience. On screen was a mid-action shot of an intense game of Quidditch and I had begun to explain some of the more creative man-

ifestations of our programmatic approach. At that moment, a parent of a prospective camper asked me a question. "What tangibles will my son take away from your program? What awards could he receive and by what metric would his accomplishments be measured?" It's a common question that I answer in different ways depending on how it is asked and what I perceive to be the concern by the parent. In this case I was looking at this picture of two girls running with the brooms they had just made between their legs and with a wink in my eye I said that, more often than not, he would come home with some form of stick. More seriously, I then described the idea and the value of free play, of creating a game with your own small group, the rules to play by, and the implements to play with. I explained that CSC is not a program with all the toys already in place. We have a few but even then we try to alter the typical approach. And our focus is more on providing the framework in which, as a group, we can take a stick and a rock and re-imagine the world through the games we create.

When I was the Spruce Coordinator I once gave each person on our 4-day Waterfall Backpack a very important item to carry (read: useless). It was kind of a tradition I had taken from two friends of mine who were a little older and had been staff before me. On the third day of the trip our camp was set up and we had some time before dinner so I asked them to come up with a game that used all of



Can you believe that it's already time to start making plans for next summer? Enrollment is open on our website. Sign up soon to reserve your spot for a Summer of Significance in 2015!

Summer 2015 Dates:  
 Silver Saddle, Silver Spruce,  
 Outpost, and Pathfinding:

First term: June 11 - July 9  
 Second term: July 13 - August 10

Homestead:

First term: June 11 - June 24  
 Second term: June 26 - July 9  
 Third term: July 13 - July 26  
 Fourth term: July 28 - August 10

Sibling Discount: 5% is applied to every younger sibling.  
 Early Bird Discount: 5% is applied if enrolled and paid in full by Jan 15th.



Join us for a  
 Reunion  
 Weekend!  
 August 13-16,  
 2015

It's coming friends and neighbors and it's going to be big!!! In 2015 Colvig Silver Camps will have been making magic for 45 summers and we can't think of a better way to celebrate than by making some more. Whether it's been a few months, years, or decades since you have been back to camp, we would like to invite you to return to the Red Creek Valley for our 45th summer reunion celebration to reconnect with some of your most favorite people, places, and memories in the whole world. We think it's just about time for you to return to CSC to get your camp on. If you were never able to actually be a camper - maybe you were of the parental persuasion - well that is an even better reason to join us so you can experience camp firsthand.

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# Chatting With The Office Crew...

## 6T Minutes



Greetings Folks!

I can't believe that more than two months have already passed since camp ended. It truly seems like yesterday that we were building a house in art barn field for Stinky Pete's Special Day – it's still standing by the way – or watching the ancient Egyptians take over camp for Erik's Special Day – man those costumes were good! And for all you first term campers, let's not forget The Last Airbender Day and or hanging out with Timon and Pumba on Lion King Day. There are some amazing memories from this last summer, and I am sure each of you has a wonderful story to tell whether it be from one of the spectacular special days, a terrific trip, or a fantastic free choice. I want to thank our amazing staff team this year for making it all possible, and recognize them for the creativity, perseverance and integrity they portrayed throughout the entire summer.

It has been a little while since our last newsletter, so I thought I'd catch you up on my off-season activities since last year. Last August, I took a trip in our own backyard. I went out for four days to the heart of the San Juans to climb some peaks I have wanted to climb ever since I moved to Durango.

I started at the Purgatory Flats trailhead, made my way to Ruby Lake to climb Pigeon Peak and Turret Peak, and then I popped over to Chicago Basin to climb Sunlight Peak. I hiked out of Needle Creek to Mountain View Crest and got picked up on Lime Creek Mesa, but not before getting hailed on for a solid thirty minutes. It was wonderful to get out and once again enjoy the gorgeous and unpredictable Weminuche Wilderness like you all do during the summer months. That September, I was able to go back to my hometown of St. Louis for a week. I had not been home during the summer since before I moved out here and had a great time despite the humidity. I went with some family to my relative's lake cabin at the Lake of the Ozarks and did some boating and water skiing. I also went to my first Cardinals game in almost five years and they won! Then we had an amazing weekend at LouFest in Forest Park seeing some amazing performances by Wilco, Alabama Shakes, and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros! Just a few days after my return I headed out on a seventeen-day road trip with a friend of mine from Slovenia who was determined to see as much of the American west as possible. We started in Durango and went to Moab, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon, Red Rocks Canyon and Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park, and San Francisco, and then drove down the central coast of California to Los Angeles. Luckily we made it just before the government shutdown, and were able to see all these beautiful places. My highlights from the trip were boating at Lake Powell, climbing in Red Rocks Canyon, hiking the cables of Half Dome in Yosemite, and then driving Highway 1 from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

I have also had wonderful opportunities this most recent fall to get out and do some more exploring. In August, I went to Winter Park, CO (absolutely gorgeous!) to celebrate the wedding of camp alumni Anne Schoellerman and her husband Daniel Cagney (picture in alumni section). The wedding was beautiful and all us camp folks had a really great time together. A week later, I met up with the Colorado Trail group for a re-supply drop outside of Creede. We all climbed San Luis Peak together. In mid-September I traveled north to the great city of Denver with my sister Caroline, whom you all met this past summer, and we picked up our brother, Bryan, at the airport. We went to Riot Fest, seeing bands like New Found Glory, The Flaming Lips and Weezer, who played their 1994 Blue album from front to back! The next evening we went to Red Rocks to see Grace Potter & The Nocturnals headlining Red Rocks for their first time, an absolutely amazing show. If you ever get a chance to see Grace Potter perform, I highly recommend you go! After that show, we drove into the mountains to camp, and get ready to climb Mt. Bierstadt the next morning. The mountain provided no views that day as we trekked through an endless bank of fog. Caroline headed back to Durango, and my brother and I climbed 5 more fourteeners together – Democrat, Cameron, Lincoln, Princeton, and Huron. My last adventure of the fall was traveling back to St. Louis to see my all-time favorite artist, Ryan Adams, perform at the Peabody Opera House! The final adventure of the year will come in a few weeks when I fly to Kauai to hike the Kalalau Trail with my cousins, a trip I am very excited about!

In between our adventures of the slower fall season that allow us to re-cooperate from the busy summer, we find time to not only enjoy the last bit of summer-like weather in Durango but also begin preparing for what will eventually become the summer of 2015. People often ask me, "What do you do?" I tell them, "I work at a summer camp year-round!" There response is typically, "But what do you do in the winter?" To which us year-round summer camp staffers typically reply, "Get ready". And so we do. We wrap up last season, and prepare for the season to come. My time is spent revising the hiring process, looking at nearly 35,000 photographs to select the best ones for the calendar and the slideshow. Then I start hiring in January! In between accomplishing my routine responsibilities like building the new slideshow, thanking all the staff, and putting the hiking permits in order, I take the time to tackle my list of things I want to improve upon for the next summer. I take walks around camp for inspiration and look at all the ideas and comments presented by campers and staff. Then the administrative staff get together and brainstorm to come up with great program additions and updates. I can't wait for you all to return next summer and once again be a part of another memorable summer.

I hope you are having a wondrous school year and fall season. We can't wait to get things started as we prep for the summer of 2015. I am currently in the process of choosing the winners of the summer photo contest, the best 13 photos that will make up the 2015 Calendar that will arrive at your doorstep before the year's end. Best wishes to all. I will leave you with a classic joke...What are the strongest days of the week?...Saturday and Sunday. Every other day is a weekday...hehe.

Happy trails, Tyler

## Jamie's Journal

Good Morning!

Well ok, maybe it's not morning for all of you right now, but the mornings are my favorite part of the workday at the office in the off-season. "Why?" you may ask. Let me explain.

This summer will be my sixth summer as the office manager at camp and my 17th summer at CSC. I came into this current position bringing with me a lot of my personal history with this beautiful place. As many of you know, my dad, Jim Vorwald, also had the opportunity to work as the office manager many years ago among his many other jobs here at CSC. Having been a part of camp he knows what keeps us motivated in the off-season. So every time I see him he asks, "How many enrollments came in the mail today?" The mail arrival was what we all used to look forward to with great anticipation to see who was going to be joining us this summer.

It's always exciting when we get a new summer enrollment whether it be from a camper we already know and love, or a new prospect we may have met at a recent slideshow or spoken with on the phone and can't wait to meet. More and more we are hearing from our alumni who now have their own children that they want to pass on the precious camp experience to. No matter who it is, getting a camper enrollment is a big deal and lots of fun.



Three years ago we made a big change in the office. We moved from paper mailings and handwritten enrollments that kept track of in an official summer notebook to a more modern online process with a full information management system. I am happy to say that I think this has been a great investment for us and there is so much more potential we have yet to explore with this system. The best part is that with the new CampInTouch system we don't have to wait for the mail to arrive everyday!

Which brings me back to my favorite part of the day, the mornings. Not only do I have the best window view of any office EVER (how can you beat watching the seasons change tucked beneath the meadows of Rob's Ridge?), in addition, after I get a good view of the morning sun waking up the valley, I get to sit down at my desk and open up CampInTouch. Once I'm logged in I am greeted with a little pink bubble announcing the new enrollments! That's how I start my day. Enrollments are already coming in this year as families start to make their summer 2015 plans! Have I seen your name yet? We are so excited to see so many eager campers ready for another magical summer in the Red Creek Valley and we eagerly await your number in the pink bubble!

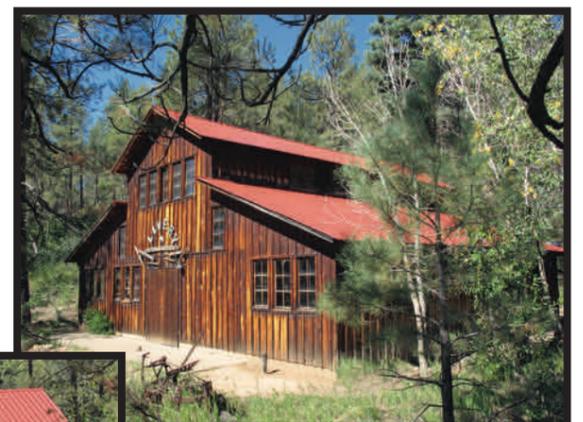
We look forward to your arrival in just a few... well 6 or 7, short months, but we've got a lot to do here in the office to get ready this holiday season so I must bid you goodbye for now. I just checked, my little pink bubble is showing two new campers ready for summer. I'll get them enrolled just after I enjoy my coffee on the porch and watch the elk gather in the fields over on the ridge.

Keep in Touch! ~Jamie~

## Cassidy's Corner

Hello friends.

As many of you know I, Cassidy Colvig, am the Site Manager here at camp, joining the administration staff back in 2012. That's me in my second car below. As you can imagine, taking care of the site consists of all kinds of daily fixes and maintenance issues involving every physical part of camp from the Cottonwood trees to the plumbing. And those things definitely keep me busy. But the other part of my job is coming up with and creating fun innovations and new additions to our site as well. Of course rebuilding the lake, which you can read about in this newsletter, is one of our greatest recent accomplishments. But this off-season we are also replacing many of the roofs around camp. All of Homestead and Outpost, The Witch Doctor, The Spruce Washhouse, Tyler and Evan's houses, and the Cabin-over the creek are completed. We still have the chicken shed, Upper Saddle, the Art Barn, and most importantly, the Lodge to go. We have put new stairs on the Outpost Bunkhouse and the Haberdashery (thanks to James and Bruiser). And we are planning to install built in bunks in Spruce and rebuild the Saddle bunks this winter. Of course, there is no way I could do all of this alone. I am lucky enough to have, as a partner in crime, former AC and expedition coordinator, Tyler "Bruiser" Patrick (below), who has recently joined the year-round crew here at camp to help me accomplish our goals. Welcome Bruiser! That's enough office for me. Time for me to get outside and get Red Creek dirty!



**New Roofs!**  
The Livery has a fresh look

## The John Austin Cheley Foundation

In 2001 Colvig Silver Camps had the great privilege of becoming one of the recipient camps for the Foundation's campers and creating the Craig I. Colvig Fund with the JAC Foundation in honor of the late founder of Colvig Silver Camps. Since then we have hosted more than 100 Foundation campers, had the CIC fund become funded as a full endowment for 1 camper to attend CSC every year, had 3 more CSC endowments created by the Ater family, the Weidmann family, and the friends and family of Rob Perkins, and we have had 4 alumni serve on the Foundation's board. If you are unfamiliar, the JACF is a charitable 501 (c)(3) foundation established in 1989 that sends children to extended stay summer camps with an outdoor focus whose family resources are not adequate to cover the costs. Alan Ater, a CSC alum and current Foundation board member wrote in a previous newsletter...

"With the above endowments and the fact that I along with Chris Bovard, Owen Perkins and Sam Frostman have chosen to devote significant time and effort working with the JACF over the past years, you can be assured that the work we are doing is for a great cause. You can also count on the fact that having CSC "family" so involved in the Foundation guarantees that the vision of what a CSC experience provides to young people is always at the forefront of our thinking. If you are a former camper, parent, or grandparent of a camper, I feel confident that you share our belief that what we are doing is important in helping young people prosper and thrive in this challenging world. Besides encouraging you to support the JACF financially by donating to the CIC Fund, I especially want to extend a genuine welcome to anyone who wants to get involved in the work of the Foundation. As an almost entirely volunteer group, it is vitally important that we have passionate and talented people involved from all six of the JACF associate camps to help the Foundation grow and prosper. The work we do is so valuable and we can't do it alone. We need folks who can get involved by serving on committees and the Board of the Foundation, lending us a hand with the professional talents they have (fundraising, IT, legal, financial, organizational expertise, etc). We also need help finding eligible campers and if you have any ideas in that regard please let the Foundation know. They sent 100 campers to camps last summer, 22 excellent campers to CSC alone. If you think you might want to help or have questions about what it means to get involved, please visit the JACF website, [www.cheleyfoundation.org](http://www.cheleyfoundation.org), and get in touch with Chris ([cbovard@filgo.net](mailto:cbovard@filgo.net)) or me directly ([saater@yahoo.com](mailto:saater@yahoo.com))."

### John Austin Cheley Foundation Celebrates 25 Years!

Below is a description of the Foundation's 25th Anniversary Gala held this September that raised over \$230,000 in one evening.



Going to camp for the first time elicits a lot of emotion. It's a tingle of excitement. It's a happy nervousness. It's blissful amazement when you arrive. The John Austin Cheley Foundation's "Starry Nights" Gala at Denver Botanic Gardens took its attendees back to that feeling. As a celebration of the organization's 25th anniversary – and its first major fundraiser – the occasion drew people together from across the country, all with the common connection of love for camp and the difference it can make in a person's life.

"We've never done anything like this," said Trustee Chair Debbie Leibold, a six-summer camper herself, who then helped her own children pack for camp. For 24 years the Foundation was entirely volunteer-driven. They'd never even held a fundraiser.

Executive Director Buffie Berger sat on the board for three years before she took the reins as Executive Director just last year. Talking from the podium as relaxed as if it were a campfire circle, she showed off her new stylish, handmade boots bought from Presenting Sponsor Cinch. She then expressed her heartfelt awe for the evening. "I am blown away. We are outdoors, under the stars, in nature. It's the perfect venue. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who came," said Buffie. She shared how when she first connected with Event Chair Will LaBahn, she cautiously hoped they'd have at least 150 attendees. More than 400 people came. The two hugged and smiled at it all. "Isn't this incredible?" asked Will with gratitude as great as Mount Massive. Buffie also gave kudos to Event Co-Chair Amy Blevins. "As you can imagine, doing something like this takes a huge amount of work. Amy did it. And she did it from California. Not only did she agree to help, but she was helping from another state. She's incredible."

Tandy Wood came from Overland Park, Kansas for the celebration. She reflected on how she first went to camp in Colorado in 1948 when she was 9 years old. She took the train from Missouri to Colorado and, although shaking in her boots, as soon as camp was over she wanted to go back. She returned every summer for five years. She sent her children to camp and now sends her grandchildren. "It changed my life. I knew it even at that early age. It gave me a strong set of values. It's still a part of me," said the sparkling 76-year-old.

Current campers Emelia Arnheim, Margo Bickler and Megan Smith all spoke enthusiastically about their experience at camp, "It's amazing. It's the best place on Earth. The people are great. You get to try so many things like horse back riding, hiking, climbing, archery, ceramics . . ." and then Emelia ended her list because she ran out of breath. But it was clear she wanted to say more.

Actor Jason Ritter, son of late actor John Ritter and actress Nancy Morgan, proved the perfect emcee. His sentimental recollections of camp were funny and poignant. He talked about how he learned to shave at camp, as well as how he won an award for citizenship that shapes the choices he makes today.

The mission of the John Austin Cheley Foundation is to fund need-based camperships for high potential youth. These youth then are able to attend extended-stay wilderness summer camps that have a proven track record of positively impacting youth development. More than 800 camperships have been awarded since inception to campers from 31 states and one foreign country to attend one of the six Associate Camps located in Colorado, Maine Minnesota and Arizona.

It was indeed a glorious starry night for a big bunch of wide-eyed campers. And everyone left looking forward to coming back next year, just as they did every summer.

### Colorado Gives Day! December 9, 2014

What a day to give to the Craig I. Colvig Fund, an endowed campership fund within the John Austin Cheley Foundation. The Community First Foundation and FirstBank have partnered to create a \$1 Million Incentive Fund that will proportionally increase the value of every dollar donated. Just go to [cheleyfoundation.org](http://cheleyfoundation.org) on December 9th, click on the Colorado Gives link, and specify the CIC fund as the recipient in the special instructions box. If you have an inspirational camp story to get people excited (who doesn't?) the Foundation is asking for those stories on their website to "Channel Your Inner Camp". Our advance thanks go out to anyone who would like to share the CSC experience with the world by helping in any way.

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the random items they had: a cribbage board, a high heel shoe, a toilet seat, a paddle, a curved whiffle ball thrower, a Nerf basketball, a rolling pin, a bike pedal and crank, a toy parachute, and a small African drum. I don't recall any of the rules of the game they created but I do remember 30 minutes of intense creativity and negotiation and another hour of hilarious fun.

I didn't know if I had answered the father's question to his liking never having delved into that topic to that depth before in the middle of a show. I suspected that I had not and that he was thinking more along the lines of a resume or transcript building experience, a valid concern in the harsher climates of today's developmental world. I have revisited this idea often and have since realized that in our program we are looking to develop the skills that are harder to define in a single line of a resume but that are infinitely more valuable. Continuing my business-oriented analogy, we are looking to develop the answers to those interview questions that define much more about your success than the resume line item. "Do you think a leader should be feared or liked?" "Tell me 10 ways to use a pencil other than writing." "If you could choose one superhero power, what would it be and why?" "What are three positive character traits you don't have?" "What do you ultimately want to become?" "How would you go about establishing your credibility quickly with the team?" "Tell me about a time where you had to deal with conflict." "Have you ever been on a team where someone was not pulling their own weight? How did you handle it?" "Give me an example of a time that you felt you went above and beyond the call of duty." We endeavor to help campers and staff develop a good enough sense of themselves, and their social and physical surroundings to be able to answer these questions with creativity, confidence, and character.

But I did not take it any further at that show. I just continued. And discovered that the next 13 consecutive slides had some form of stick in them. In fact, when I went back to look, 30 of 60 slides describing in-camp activities had sticks in them. From flying to paddling, from building a fire to building an instrument, you can see that the stick plays an important role in camp and I can think of few things better to bring home as a reminder of the character, creativity, accomplishment, and fun of a CSC experience. I will leave you with another poem that describes one of my favorite play activities when I was a Homesteader

#### Sticks

Let's throw sticks in the creek all day.  
Let's not do the things we planned.  
Let's watch sticks flitfloat away.  
Everyone will understand.

Let's watch whirling water flow.  
Let's toss our sticks in over here.  
Let's feel breathing breezes blow.  
The creek is quick and cold and clear.

Let's run across the bridge to see.  
Where are our sticks? Where did they go?  
One stick will win. Whose will it be?  
Only the wind and current know.

Let's throw sticks in the creek all day.  
Let's look down from high dry land.  
Let's watch sticks flitfloat away.  
Let's take turns winning, hand-in-hand.

- Amy Ludwig VanDerwater -

I hope you are making good use of your sticks.... and your imagination. All the best from the RCV, Next issue.....Ode to the Rock. -Clay



## Congratulations to all of our Return Campers in 2014!

### Two Terrific Years:

Keira Boehle, Nicholas Boehle, Samuel Branch, Campbell Brown, Noelle Bryant, Ray Chichester, Ben Christian, Seth Danemann, Caroline Dickson, Charles Dickson, Guido Dominguez, Sadie Dunham, Quinn Dunne-Cartier, Easton English, Madalyn English, Aliza Gama-Goldwater, Paola Garcia, Cole Geiger, John Paul Graham, Analyn Hoffner, Raven Hopgood, Ambra Jacobson, Spencer Jones, Kahea Kamalani, Kianalei Kamalani, Mara Lazar, Peter Lorah, Courtney Magelssen, Jacob Magelssen, Jack Marvel, Eden McClellan, Liv Newman, Sam Newman, Aiden Pacino, Mia Potenza, Natasha Power, Diego Quezada, Braulio Ramirez, Kerith Reilly, Cass Ridders, Daniel San Miguel, Liam Sheridan, Evelyn Shumway, Robert Shumway, Elinor Sisk, Jacob Staelin-Lefsky, May Toll, Alden Turner, Mo Van De Sompel, Neo Watson, Doug Yount, Jake Yount, and Oliver Zigel

### Three Thrilling Years:

Daniel Banks, Cornel Belongie, Malcolm Belongie, JJ Bernhardt, Nina Berhardt, Jacob Bradley, Zach Bradley, Donavon Buckley, Sam Christian, Kayla Colley, Cruz Colvig, Aili Foss, Seamus Garvin, Syndelle Green, Grant Guthrie, Sydney Hardy, Savian Johnson, Alden Kahn, Tyler Kraft, Josef Lazar, Stella Marie-Rose, Susannah Murray, Stacia Nadzieja, Ethan Nadzieja, Michael Padgett, Victoria Pednault-Ashurst, Ethan Pesikoff, Jake Philippon, Kellen Prokopchak, Antonio Quinones, Isabella Quinones, Ella Roberts, Brendan Rocco, Leo Romano, Molly Schlesinger, Maritza Semifero-Rodriguez, Sofia Semifero-Rodriguez, Tristan Silfverskiold, Gustav Sjostrom, Isaac Soifer, and Rebecca Soifer

### Four Fabulous Years:

Abigail Ackers, Griffin Banks, Renee Bruell, Nick D'Agrosa, Aiden deLaunay, Ava Dunn, Aiden Egan, Emily Erlichson, Matthew Erlichson, Andre Glascock, Spencer Glascock, Abby Hendry, Mirren Hendry, Carson Introligator, Sydney Kershaw, Kylie Lundeen, Jocie O'Riley, Jonah Pesikoff, Boden Philippon, Pablo Quezada, Kieran Reilly, Quinn Smith, Zoe Staggs, Lulu Whitmore, Anna Wright, and Giulia Zamboli

### Five Fantastic Years:

Sam Bovard, Aleya Burg, Roland Danemann, Sydney Delacey, Jack Huston, Sam Huston, Logan Kershaw, Maggie Padon, Ellia Pannier, Rowan Pannier, Jade Robbins, Ben Robinson, Max Sinberg, Dietz Whoehle, Sofia Zamboli, and Ian Zigel

### Six Significant Years:

Cameron DeLacey, Cate Hurley, Freddi Linda, Andy Mangnall, Livy Mangnall, Joseph Murray, and Jaden Priebe

### Seven Special Years:

Reid Belanger, Natalie Cohn, Caden Colvig, Bram Lowenstein, and Kate O'Riley

### Eight Exciting Years:

Amy Campbell, Sean Curtis, Thomas Curtis, Logan Fogle, Peter Indovino, and Catherine Padon

### Nine Notable Years:

Sam Linda, Noah Miller, and Ben Young

### Ten Tenacious Years:

Cooper Colvig and Katie Cooper



# Alumination

Keeping up on  
the lives of former  
staff and campers of  
Colvig Silver Camps

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## Hello CSC Alumni!

Here is your opportunity to scout out your old camp friends and bring back those camp memories from so long ago. Thanks to everyone who took the time to call, write, email, or visit us and tell us what and whom you recall from your favorite summers. It is heartwarming to read these messages and see what an impact CSC has made on so many lives. Inevitably, someone's information will be incorrect or outdated, or maybe we forgot to include you in this issue. But there is a simple solution for that: CALL US! EMAIL US! STOP BY! WRITE US A LETTER! VISIT THE ALUMNI SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE! Believe it or not, we do get a little lonely in the valley during the winter and each time we hear from our camp friends our days are brightened!

## The Seventies

**Trisha (Cannady) Montgomery (cmpr 74-76, 79)** now calls Mission Viejo, CA home but remembers that summer when she was one of the first campers to complete two terms of Pathfinding.

**Joe Freimuth (stf 73)** remembers the San Juan River trips and counselor Big Al's broken wrist after a silly stunt that involved a school bus. He says nothing can beat that Colorado fresh air.

**Scott Spector (stf 76-78)** also remembers everything about his own San Juan River trip among many other CSC events. He checked in from DC where he is a real estate developer. He reports a small world story where he was once on a meeting and sitting next to someone who turned to him at some point and said, "You were my counselor." That person turned out to be **David Ferrer (cmpr 73-78)**.

**Michael Fry (cmpr 77-81)** was recently having strange dreams about visiting camp. Apparently he needed to know the names of the Spruce cabins as that seemed to be what was keeping him up. We shared some good memories of camp, talked about some of the minor changes that have occurred since his summers, and helped him fill in the blanks. He did recall 7 of the 9 cabins.

**Allen Gilmer (cmpr 73)** caught up with an old camp friend **Lee Ward (cmpr 71-73)**. They talked about how camp has remained pretty much the same since their time here as campers; the "powerful" memories of the hike to the lodge, the cold lake, the shooting range and capture the flag.

**Barbara Hudson (stf 73-79, 82)** spent time in Africa a few years ago working with an organization called Cross Cultural Solutions and also took time to explore the surrounding areas on her own. It sounds like she had quite the adventure.

**Carolyn Krupp (stf 77,78)** is currently working for the US Forest Service in El Yunque, a tropical rainforest in Puerto Rico. She says she was so fortunate to have experienced an amazing array of outdoor adventures here in the San Juan Mountains with campers.

**Steve Lary (cmpr 76,78)** loves his active outdoor life in Colorado. Some of his camp memories include coronies, the phantom, Cy Silver's legend and Big Al playing guitar while they all sang around the campfire.

**Michaelle (McMahon) Kimes (cmpr 77)** stopped by with her daughter while on a family vacation in Durango. They took a walk through the quiet valley and laughed at old cabin pictures from her summer at camp.

**Josh Pesikoff (cmpr 77)** came across an old picture of himself (bottom right) and Cameron Colvig (bottom middle) when they were campers together in Homestead. Josh's son Jonah just spent his fourth summer at camp because of the impact and memories camp had on both his life and that of his wife **Tracy (Epstein) Pesikoff (cmpr 78-83)**.



## The Eighties

**Jessica (Buck) Rutherford (cmpr 81-85)** has fond memories of a camp biking trip down Red Mountain Pass into Ouray as a camper and was excited to send her daughter Amelia to Homestead in 2013 so she could make her own CSC memories.

**Molly (Buck) Eldridge (cmpr 82,83)** now has 2 boys she is thinking of sending to camp one of these summers. Learning from their mom's mistakes we can help them avoid the blisters as they climb the same Colorado peaks their mom conquered as a camper.

**Beth (Davis) Wilson (cmpr 84-86)** brought her kids Brody and Paige for a visit and a stroll through the valley last year. She will always remember climbing her first 14er one summer at camp.

**Bob Friesen (stf 80-82)** had a chance to visit while on a bike tour through Durango. Some of his favorite camp memories include climbing Sunshine and Redcloud with some Homesteaders, meeting some Peruvian shepherds in California Gulch, and being Cassidy Colvig's first counselor.

**Allen Holland (cmpr 81)** remembers the summer his cabin was the platform below Yellow jacket and Crow was his counselor. He is currently living in Switzerland and occasionally Austin, TX but plans on sending his kids to camp when they get older.

**Stephanie (Lewis) Venery (stf 84,84,87)** said it was great to be back for a visit at CSC last summer and loved seeing it so full of happy campers. She came by with her friend **Karey Rawitscher (cmpr 78-82, stf 85,87)**, who was dropping off her children for their summer in Homestead and Spruce.

**Gwyn (Pakenham) Theodore (cmpr 82-85, stf 86)** found our website and was excited to reconnect with camp. Thanks for staying in touch!

**Kelly (Smith) Jones (cmpr 83)** owns a horse boarding barn where she offers riding lessons in Texas and is thinking of sending her son Ben to camp this summer. She says her time at camp was life changing.

**Chris Tippie (cmpr 82-84)** is excited to have his daughter traipsing around "that camp of Daddy's" one of these summers. His three summers of camp are among the top ten things that shaped who he is today.

## The Nineties

**Matthew Baxter (stf 98,00,01)** got married in 2011 and is sharing all his great stories from being a Homestead Counselor, Art Barn Coordinator and Pathfinding Leader with everyone in California.

**Amanda (Conley) Urquhart (cmpr 89-91)** fondly remembers learning that "God made dirt, so dirt don't hurt" on one of her overnight trips. She still knows GORP, Tang and squeeze cheese ROCK!!. She spent her summers at camp with her brothers Josh and Ben Conley and their cousins Chris and Kathie Ruffatto.

**Ben Locke (stf 95)** lives in Pennsylvania with his wife and 3 kids. He called last year requesting a Fish and Owl Canyon itinerary so he could show his family one of the places he visited on that trip as a counselor like the oasis and the canyon ruins.

**Ivana Lhota (stf 98-99)** retired after teaching for 22 years and has since been traveling the world, acting as a tour guide, working with outdoor groups and exploring. She was hoping to visit while in Colorado for a trip last summer, it didn't quite work out but we would love to see her anytime.

**Elizabeth Quinn (stf 92,93)** is very ready to get the Park City, UT slideshow going again to get a crew coming that will eventually include her 4 year old daughter.

## The Naughts

**Ian "Ice" Campbell (cmpr 03-09 stf 10, 11)** Was writing CSC hyperbole about Spruce while studying at Stanford. "Where are my brothers now? Might we sing again in the gardens, might we talk again, just below the aspen grove on the hill?" Then he made an appearance on staff again this summer as a climbing coordinator.

While we were placing a catalogue order for camp supplies this summer we found ourselves on the phone with **Aaron 'Double A' Smock (stf 03,06-07)** who is now working with an outdoor supply company. It was great to catch up and chat about old times. It's a CSC small world out there!

### Das is mine Top-Nocher



CSC friends **Holli Hipwell (cmpr 01-07, stf 09-13)**, **April Hearne (cmpr 05-07, stf 10-13)**, **Carrie Nicholson (cmpr 98-06, stf 10-12)** and **Scott Hipwell (cmpr 00-08, stf 09-14)** met in Europe for a camp song while Holli was studying abroad.

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**Patrick Fleming (stf 05-09)** had an adventure in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean as part of a 4-man team that almost made it all the way from Africa to Miami in a rowboat with his OAR Northwest crew. Now the crew is onto their next adventure. Starting at the headwaters of the Mississippi, they are headed to New Orleans in rowboats, stopping along the way to do some research, visit schools and share their stories and STEM curriculum in classrooms.

**Brendan Hayes (stf 99-01,03,05)** has been traveling a lot in the past 3 years but still dreams about staying up all night writing the best counselor letters home to parents ever. In fact we still use his letters as an example in our current staff notebooks.

**Matthew 'Manimal' Reitemeier (stf 07-11)** may have been a part of what motivated our 2014 CT crew when he started his quest to conquer the Colorado Trail in 2012 with some friends. Their plan was to hike from Denver to Durango. They didn't quite make their goal to walk into the Red Creek Valley but they are still making the effort to complete the journey in sections.

**Anne Schoellerman (cmpr 94,96-98, stf 06,07)** was joined by many of her CSC friends to celebrate her marriage to Daniel Cagney on August 23, 2014 in beautiful Winter Park, CO. Congratulations Anne and Danny.



pictured: **Pat Fleming (stf 05-09)** **Tyler Dixon (stf 08-now)** **Jesse Kornblum (cmpr 99-01,03-04, stf 05-09)** **Lindsay (James) 'LJ' Nyquist (stf 00-?)** **Eric Nyquist (stf 06,07)** Daniel and **Anne, Peggy Vorwald (cmpr 90-94, stf 03,04,06)**. Also at the wedding but not pictured: **Holli Hipwell, Nancy and Carolyn Hushek**

## Future Homesteaders!!



Noah Andrew Thompson Servin, proud parents **Will Thompson (stf 06-09)** and **Mariel Servin Gonzalez**



Elaine Adair Facknitz, born Feb 21, 2014, proud parents **Lindsay Wiedmann Facknitz (cmpr 89-97, stf 00-02)** and **Jeremy Facknitz**



Benjamin Blake Dworkin, born May 11, 2014, proud parents **Nate Dworkin (cmpr 92-94 stf 00-01)** and **Sarah Dworkin**



Samuel Lee, born September 21, 2013, proud parents **Heather (Riggins) Lee (stf 04-05)** and **Mike Lee (stf 04-05)**



Liam Farquhar, proud parents **Mack Farquhar (cmpr 91-93, stf 00,02)** and **Becky Farquhar**



Caroline Jo Sustar, born June 23, 2014, proud parents **Megan Wiedmann Sustar (cmpr 86-93, stf 96,00-05)** and **Joe Sustar**



Robin Gunn Tharp, proud parents **Elsa (Anderson) Tharp (cmpr 96-04, stf 06-08)** and **Cisco Tharp**



Piper Gordon Saint John, proud parent **Sarah Saint John (stf 96-98)**



Jamie Edward Brennan, proud parents **Anna (Kordysh) Brennan (stf 07-09)** and **Tim Brennan**



Levi Malcom Tuibobba Gersh, proud parents **Andrew Gersh (stf 00-02)** and **Tafflyn Wilschinsky**

## 45 Years in the Red Creek Valley

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We know you are out there itching to come to camp because we hear a request for adult camp or family camp at every slideshow and campfire. Well it's time to put your mountain where your mouth is and make the journey to CSC. Alert the press! This is your chance to de-stress, regress, make a mess, worry less, reassess, your kids impress, your "yawp!" profess, your family bless, no fancy dress, fun to excess, mountain sun your face caress, your youthful joy to repossess. Don't obsess, desire suppress, and/or distress. Just say yes! Take recess! Schedule, finesse! Find egress by express to this address in the wilderness! We must



Join us at the 45th Reunion and you may be able to raid the costume closet, go for a trail ride, or challenge your friends on the monkey bridge.



Rafting the Animas River from Reunion 2010

to the reality behind your camp legends, and generally let it all hang out like you used to; you also get a commemorative t-shirt! Our reunions have evolved into a family camp for many so all ages are welcome for the weekend. We had more than 100 participants at the last reunion from every era of camp and we're expecting even more for our 45th. All the information you will need to register and prepare for this life-as-it-should-be-lived event will be on our website beginning in January. So dust off your trunk and bring it on home to help us celebrate 45 Summers of Significance at CSC!



confess that we digress.

We're planning a full and fun weekend of CSC tradition for anyone associated with camp that will let your whole family be campers together. Not only will you possibly get to sleep in a tree house, play on the Monkey Bridge, slosh up the creek, ride a horse, tie-dye, hike up to Balls Falls or Top Notch, sing a favorite camp song, make a new friend, meet someone you were in camp with 25 years ago, introduce your family





### Happy Homestead

Every morning the sun rose on the little western town of Homestead as it woke up the youngest campers at CSC. They were always quick out of bed, eager to make breakfast, do their daily chores, and get on with the fun. If you were lucky enough to get to play with Homestead this summer you would have witnessed the many hours of laughter and excitement as they enjoyed the always popular Tour de Homestead, played "Capture the Goat", rode the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, and enjoyed two amazing Homestead Days and all days! We can't forget to mention the epic Homestead expeditions, as they hiked to many locations such as Ice Lakes, Crater Lake, and Mule Canyon with everything they needed in their backpacks! This great summer in Homestead is accredited to a creative and dedicated staff including Coordinator "**Stinky**" **Pete Benassi**, Head Counselors, **Maegan McKean**, **Alli Gattari**, **Sam Scott**, and **Brett Krenzelo** as well as our hard working ACs, **Hayden Deakins**, **Sam Brown**, and **Elliot Marshall**. Thank you Homestead 2014!



### Spectacular Silver Saddle

The Saddle ladies had an excellent summer filled with exciting activities, adventurous trips, and even a few dance parties with their friends in Spruce. They turned trash into treasure through various arts and crafts, spent a few days learning what life was like in colonial times, and developed their skills for the Hunger Games Saddle Day. There were many great days spent on the trail too, visiting Twilight peak, exploring Arch Canyon, Utah, climbing up to Ice Lakes, and enjoying the always stunning Highland Mary Lakes with Spruce. This sensational summer in Saddle would not have been possible without the amazing efforts of Coordinator **Xandra Coombs**, Head Counselors **Rachel Miller**, **Kayla McKinney**, **Natasha Krech**, and **Sam Chamberlin** and the always trusty and reliable crew of AC's, **Zoe Schultz**, **Naomi Winard**, and **Nicole Indovino**. Thank you Saddle Staff 2014!

## Thank You, 2014 Staff!!

### Stupendous Silver Spruce

You never know what to expect as each year in Spruce brings something different from our diverse team of staff members. If you were hanging with Spruce this summer, you may have caught them doing some wood working in the shop, working on their Spruce Fort, or shooting the next big Hollywood action film. Out-of-camp was equally awesome, as they traversed Deer Park, explored Arch Canyon, and bagged three 14ers on a 5-day with Saddle. This spectacular Spruce summer was led by Coordinator **Erik Ruben**, Head Counselors **Alex Conway**, **Conor Curtis**, **James Burton**, **Jimmy Carroll**, **Asher Benter**, and **Andrew Belsito**, and an awesome AC staff of **Sam White**, **Noah Larsen**, and **Dan Cummins**. Thank you Spruce Staff 2014!



### Outstanding Outpost

They came and they went, they went and they came. They spent many of their days at camp on the trail, exploring all corners of our region. Outpost had some fantastic in-camp programming this summer as they rehearsed with their garage band, explored the 600 acres of CSC on mountain bikes, and completed a 3-day triathlon activity. Outpost also had some great trips this summer. Some of the campers were able to work again with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative Adopt-a-Peak program, giving them the opportunity to experience some first-hand environmental stewardship. They rafted the Gunnison River, hiked through Grand Gulch, and explored the ever popular Chicago Basin. This is all thanks to an outstanding group of Outpost staff, lead by Coordinator **Mandy Brewerton** and her team of Head Counselors: **Erinn Arbeznik**, **Caroline Dixon**, **Jeff Katz**, **Alex Wagner**, **Asher Benter**, **Ross Silecky**, and **Vanessa Moyle**. Thank you Outpost Staff 2014

**CALLING ALL POTENTIAL STAFF!**

If you are interested in joining us for a Summer of Significance, please check out our website [www.colvigsilvercamps.com](http://www.colvigsilvercamps.com) for a list of available positions and application details.



### Perfect Pathfinding

This summer the Pathfinding program was so popular we had two groups one term! These burly campers came from all over the country and together they summited Jagged Peak as well as the breathtaking Vestal Peak via the Wham Ridge. They rocked their group solos and connected with nature on their individual solos. After their 26 days in the backcountry, they were greeted to a hero's welcome as they hiked back into camp, where the coveted Pathfinding Shirts awaited them. This terrific year of Pathfinding was led by Instructors **Scott Hipwell**, **Erin Schaberg**, **Andrew Belsito**, and **Kasey O'Connor**. Thank you Pathfinding Staff 2014!



### Supercalifragilistic Support Staff

A summer would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the support staff team. They provided support and encouragement to campers and staff alike. They took care of things behind the scenes, including but never limited to: supervising movie nights, making a random store run to ensure a special day would be perfect, or even driving 4 hours to Utah to pick up a trip. It all started in the lodge, with the tasty meals they provided us day in and day out. We can't thank our excellent kitchen staff enough. Thank you to **Nancy Hushek**, **Patty Nadzieja**, **Hilary Cushing-Murray**, **Evan Hening**, **Hank White**, and **Steph Carter**. Thanks to **Rose Price** and **Claire Jones** for making sure everyone was well fed and well equipped on the trail with your excellent work in Expedition. We, of course, have to thank this summer's Witch Doctor for taking care of us all, so thank you **Sandy Medeiros** for keeping us healthy and happy. Thank you so much to our Wranglers, **Jamie Levin** and **Katie Dixon**, for all your passion and skilled work running the CSC horse program. Climbing is always a loved aspect of camp, as campers are encouraged to push pass their comfort levels and accomplish great feats, and no one inspired them better than our Rock Climbing Coordinators **Kelsey McGill** and **Ian Campbell**. Everyone gets to enjoy the amazing photos that are taken daily to show our proud parents what we have been up to at camp, and nobody has made the job of photographer look easier than **Julianna Woolums**. This summer our ABC (Art Barn Coordinator), **Chelsea Robinson**, did a great job inspiring campers with their many creative pursuits and sent them all home with their own custom CSC tie dye shirt. This summer's spectacular Special Days were put together with some extra help of previous CSC staff members **Holli Hipwell**, **David Loveless**, and **Michael Bork**. Thank you to our diligent "Laundress", **Mary Alinda Abernathy** for keeping our clothes clean. Thank you CSC Support Staff 2014!

## We Miss You Cindy!

This month makes it two years since our great friend and camp chef extraordinaire, Cindy Murphy, climbed the last mountain. Every summer for 13 years Cindy would pack up the family car with her three daughters, Kaitlyn, Melissa, and Tricia, say goodbye to her husband, Rob, who so generously gave his blessing, and head back to the mountains of Colorado where she had originally met Jane Colvig. Many of you knew her in one of the many capacities she graced us with around camp – nanny, expedition coordinator, chef, knitting instructor, etc. Many more of you heard about her presence and the excellent camp food that she made with Nancy. And most of you have some sense of the extraordinary effort it takes to fuel our summer adventures. Her commitment to the ideals of camp was unfailing and two things come to mind as examples. The first is the care she took to take time out of the 12-hour days to create relationships with campers either by leading cooking and knitting activities or just in conversation through the serving window. The second is the summer of the forest fire, 2002, when Cindy and Nancy cooked for us out of three different kitchens, prime exemplars of our motto that summer, AIO – Adapt, Improve, and Overcome. We take this opportunity to salute Cindy's life, the wonderful person that she was, and the positive affect she had on thousands of lives at CSC and through her other life endeavors. We include here her obituary as well as notes from two of her best friends, Jane Colvig and Nancy Hushek.

Cindy Murphy was born in Whittier, CA on August 22, 1958 and entered peacefully into her new life with Christ on November 21, 2012 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

Cindy was born to Bob and Pat Hess and was the fourth of six daughters. When Cindy was in high school, her father was transferred to Tulsa, Oklahoma. While attending Tulsa Mason High School she met the love of her life, Rob Murphy. They later wed on November 21, 1981, which marked the beginning of a 31 year adventure that included living on three continents and traveling to 27 countries. These years were filled with innumerable happy memories including family camping trips and enjoying a glass of wine with family and friends. These memories will be forever cherished by her daughters Kaitlyn, Melissa, and Tricia, who aspire to be a fraction of the woman she was.

Cindy went through life with a quiet contentment. She was truly a selfless person and even as her health continued to deteriorate, she was concerned about the welfare of others. The only things that truly mattered to her were faith, family, and friends. She was an admirable woman of faith and love, whose smile, humor, and gentle spirit will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know her. She shared countless "Mom" hugs with campers of Colvig Silver Camps and students of St. Louis Catholic School. She truly loved the students she taught and that love was reciprocal. The echoes of "Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Murphy" will continue to resonate in the halls of St. Louis. She will be remembered especially for her love of children and teaching, with her only regret being that she was unable to teach longer. "My days come and go swifter than the click of knitting needles, and then the yarn runs out – an unfinished life!" (Job 7:6). While Cindy's survivors feel her life was unfinished, the legacy she leaves behind suggests a life lived 1,000 times over.



Memories from Jane Colvig:

Jacy was thrilled in second grade when she came home and shared that she had a new friend and her name was Melissa Murphy...and the love just grew from there. We were blessed with one of those rare and to be highly cherished events in life when entire families just click...like you'd known each other from birth and had just been separated awhile. So, when the Murphy family relocated to Texas after Jacy and Melissa's third grade, it just became a given that Cindy and the three Murphy girls would be spending their summers with us at camp. Cindy's first full summer at CSC she was baby Cooper's Nanny, her second she was coordinating Expedition, and her third she was placed slap dab in the heart of camp where she belonged, next to Nancy in the kitchen. However, to me the highlights of those years were the times Cindy, Nancy and I shared raising our six daughters at CSC. All summer long for many years the Colvig's became home base. We still laugh about Jim's three summer wives, and our six daughters. It was organized chaos, melodrama, love, frustration, growing, tears, family and laughter – life at its best. We will never know the full extent of how much Cindy touched and impacted the lives of the campers, counselors, and staff she knew over her CSC summers. But I will always know how she impacted mine. Her quiet faith, wonderful humor, the way she could quirk up that eyebrow, her momma bear responses when it came to the girls, that deep loyalty to those she loved, her compassion to any who were hurting, her shining innate love of children, the way she would savor a glass wine, her sense of fairness, her creativity, her love of Colorado and the mountains, her all encompassing hugs. We were all blessed to have our lives touched by the beauty of who Cindy was and will always be.



Memories from Nancy Hushek:

I was so excited when I became friends with Cindy. Jane Colvig and Cindy had been friends for a long time. Then I joined them and we had so much fun!!!! Between the three of us we had a family of 6 girls, 3 moms and 1 dad for the summer. Watch out world! Uncle Jim became a saint. We started the Mean, Mad, Mothers Club. Cindy and Jane let me join by default because, obviously, I am not mean enough. We would have meetings in Jacy's tree house and, of course, you know who was always in the doghouse. There were many nights when Cindy and I would walk with the girls to the Colvig house from the Lodge and then walk home. The girls didn't want to walk home so we would sing, laugh, dance, and play the shadow game. Before you knew it we had walked a mile and were home in a flash. I can remember the first summer that Cindy and I got to work together. Clay called me and asked me what I thought about Cindy working with me in the kitchen. I tried not to be too excited and calmly said I thought that would work. I immediately called Cindy. Yipeeeeeee, what a dream job!!!! The best Chef Team!!!! We shared a cabin with a thin wall and at night we would say, "Good night John Boy. Good night Mary Ellen." Just like two campers. Cindy and I had so much fun going to the thrift stores and finding that special treasure. Jane didn't quite understand that but the three of us had an amazing journey together, one we will never forget. Cindy, here's to you, my angel in heaven. I love you and can't wait 'til we are all together again.

## Alumni Memories

from Emily (Dawson) Pannier

A few years ago our family hosted a camp Slide Show with Clay Colvig. I asked if he would mind bringing the photo albums from the time that I went to camp in the early '80's.

In exploring the photo albums I saw several people that I knew, but didn't know they had been to Colvig. I also noticed that although I hadn't remembered names, I definitely recognized the faces of cabin mates. Clay and I even realized that we were in Outpost first term in the same summer!

I found that these albums refreshed my memory of campers and counselors, but I have never forgotten some of the excursions that I took, and the education that they provided!

One memory is of the first day of a five-day backpack, when our trail abruptly disappeared into seemingly endless snow after several hours of hiking. We pitched our tents right there, and our counselors then began to chart a new course for the next four days. The new game plan became "follow the river downhill" and that's when our journey truly BEGAN.

Another was choosing to learn Survival Skills for one of my "Bags". The final element of the "Bag" was to do a solo overnight in the wilderness. Campers were allowed to wear only 5 articles of clothing, and were given 2 matches. I still know how to make a lean-to, eat sap off of trees, and how to make dandelion tea. I could never quite get comfortable with eating live ants. Yet I survived!

Colvig Silver Camps provided me my first opportunity to make major decisions without having parents there to guide me... "Do I go on a five-day backpack excursion or a five-day bike tour?" Wow, what a thrill and a responsibility! Looking at the bigger picture I feel that my camp experiences have influenced who I have become, and I'm positive that fellow campers having had their own unique camp adventures would say just the same. We all know how to adapt in a pinch, think outside of the box, and most importantly... SURVIVE!

Now I am so excited (and a little envious) that my two daughters, Rowan and Ellia, have been coming to camp and I expect that they too have had some of the most amazing experiences that they will log into their long-term memories.

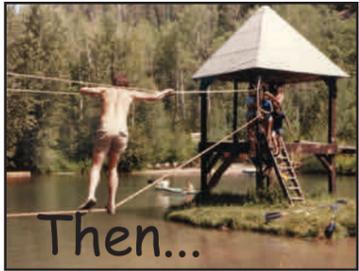


Emily (left) with cabinmates, Saddle 1st Term 1981

Emily (Dawson) Pannier and Bob Pannier, husband Silver Saddle 1981 first term, Outpost 1982 first term

## Thanks to Our Alumni for sending 54 Campers to CSC This Summer!

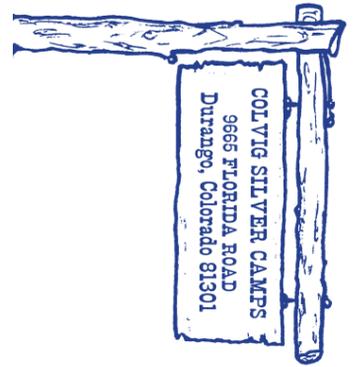
**Glen Ackers (cmpr 86-90)** and his wife Suzanne sent their daughter *Abigail* to Homestead from Savannah, TX; **Don Anderson (cmpr 69-72)** sent his daughter *Maggie* to Homestead, from Lake wood, CO; **(Bari (Anhalt) Erlichson (cmpr 78-83)** and her husband Andrew sent their daughter *Emily* to Outpost and their son *Matthew* to Spruce from Princeton, NJ; **Cydney (Berry) Padon, (cmpr 81-85)** and her husband Matthew sent their daughters *Catherine* and *Maggie* to Outpost and Saddle from Austin, TX; **Chris Bovard (cmpr 74-80, stf 82)** and his wife Allison sent their son *Sam* to Outpost from Dallas, TX; **Megan (Bray) Foss (cmpr 83-88)** and her husband Langdon sent their daughter *Aili* to Homestead from Colorado Springs, CO; **Art Clack (stf 70-73, 82)** and his wife Danni Fogle sent their son *Logan* to Outpost from Mitchell, NE; **Cameron Colvig (cmpr, stf, birth-present)** and his wife Nicole sent their sons *Cooper* and *Caden* to Pathfinding and Outpost from Lincolnshire, IL; **Cassidy Colvig, (cmpr, stf, birth-present)** and his wife Monica sent their daughter *Cruz* to Homestead from Durango, CO; **Mark Danemann, (cmpr 75-77)** sent his sons *Roland* and *Seth* to Spruce and Homestead from Taos, NM; **Ellen (Goldwater) Candelario (cmpr)** sent her daughter *Aliza* to Saddle, from Lakewood, CO; **Christopher Kreider (cmpr 81-84)** sent his son *Jyna* to Homestead, from Boulder, CO; **Emily (Dawson) Pannier, (cmpr 81-82)** and her husband Bob sent their daughter *Ellia* to Outpost from Crested Butte, CO; **Tracy (Epstein) Pesikoff, (cmpr 78-83)** and her husband **Joshua Pesikoff, (cmpr 77)** sent their son *Jonah* to Spruce and their daughter *Lily* to Homestead from Houston, TX; **David Frankfort, (cmpr 83-89)** sent his son *Alex* to Homestead from Houston, TX; **Debbie (Fogel) Monnissen (cmpr 75-79)** and her husband Jack sent their daughter *Zoey* to Homestead, from Purchase, NY; **Jennifer Frehling (cmpr 79-82)** sent her daughters *Sofia* and *Giulia* to Outpost and Saddle from Miami Beach, FL; **Eric Guthrie (cmpr 78,79)** and his wife Kacey sent their son *Grant* to Outpost from Austin, TX; **David Kahn, (cmpr 79-82)** and his wife Jenny sent their son *Justin* and daughter *Emily* to Spruce and Saddle from Denver, CO; **Jon Kahn, (cmpr 79-82)** and his wife Kristen sent their son *Alden* to Spruce from Denver, CO; **Adam Miller, (cmpr 74-78)** sent his son *Noah* to Pathfinding from Houston, TX; **Dena (Miller) Linda (cmpr 77-83)** and her husband David sent their son *Sam* to Pathfinding and their daughter *Freddi* to Saddle from Houston, TX; **Lara Mulchay (cmpr 85-88)** sent her daughter *Lily* to Saddle, from Phoenix, AZ; **FairFax O'Riley (cmpr 70-74, stf 78)** and his wife Lyssa sent their son *Ian* to Homestead, from Taft, TN; **James O'Riley (cmpr 74-78,81)** and his wife Tammy sent their daughters *Kate*, and *Jocie* to Outpost and Saddle from Phoenix, AZ; **Amy (Podolsky) Bryant (cmpr 87-90,92 stf 95,96,00-03)** and her husband Kirby sent *Noelle* to Homestead from Durango, CO; **Stacy (Powell) Cooper (cmpr 81,83,85-88)** sent her daughter *Katie* to Pathfinding from Lucas, TX; **Karey Rawitscher (cmpr 78,79,81,82)** and her husband Josef Lazar sent *Mara* and *Josef* to Homestead and Spruce from Budweis in the Czech Republic; **Alexis Rocco (cmpr 83, 85)** and his wife Carla sent their son *Brendan* to Outpost from Laurel, MD; **Pippa (Schnee) Evans (cmpr 85-91)** sent her son *Aidan deLaunay* to Pathfinding, from Houston, TX; **Tom Sisk (cmpr 73,74,76)** and his wife Helen sent their daughter *Elinor* to Saddle from Flagstaff, AZ; **Kelly (Smith) Jones (cmpr 83)** sent her son *Ben* to Spruce, from Leander, TX; **Shelly (Smith) Hendry (cmpr 84-85)** and her husband Brian sent their daughters *Mirren*, *Abby* and *Sarah* to Saddle and Homestead from Houston, TX; **Debbie (Stone) Bruell (cmpr 82, stf 87)** and her husband Marc sent their daughter *Renee* to Saddle from Carbondale, CO; **Susan (Wein) Bernhardt (cmpr 77)** and her husband Alex sent their campers *Nina*, *JJ*, and *Nicole* to Outpost and Homestead, from Chicago, IL; **Allison Wren, (cmpr 82)** and her husband Darin Banks sent their sons *Griffin* and *Daniel* to Spruce and Homestead from Berkeley, CA; **Beth (?) Wilson (cmpr)** and her husband Lance sent their son *Brody* to Spruce from Richardson, TX; **Louisa (Wren) Padgett (cmpr 78-80 stf 85-86)** sent her son *Michael* to Spruce from Denver, CO



**From Mud Hole to Swimming Hole  
– Main Lake Renewed!**  
The lake was out of commission for most of the 2013 summer (with the exception of the constant mud wrestling) as we reconstructed the island, made the lake deeper and bigger, and even added a sandy beach! Though we were able to jump in just at the end of that summer, in 2014 we really got to take advantage of the new and improved lake! There is still some cosmetic work to do surrounding the lake – landscaping, a new Saddle campfire and cookout area, and new boat racks – but campers and staff had splashes of fun all summer long. We even got new kayaks!



Just one more great reason to come to CSC, either as a camper, or for the 2015 45th Year Reunion!



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## The Magic of CSC...

For 45 years, CSC has been committed to providing the best summer camp experience possible for our campers. The magic of CSC lies in our limited program size, our incredible staff, and our dedication to the CSC ideals and goals that have put such large smiles on so many faces...

- ▶ providing a personal approach to camping with a focus on individual growth...
- ▶ offering a non-competitive educational experience that consistently combines responsibility, fun, learning, and adventure...
- ▶ developing positive relationships with others, within ourselves, and with our environment...
- ▶ offering expeditions that require an individual and cooperative effort, fostering both self-reliance and group awareness...
- ▶ and providing inspired and dedicated leadership that encourages positive life skills.

We always enjoy hearing from our friends and families across the country. Please feel free to give us a call or drop us an email with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. Working together is the best way to make the CSC experience as unforgettable as it is valuable.

**STAY IN TOUCH W/CSC!**  
Please remember to keep us updated by phone or email regarding any changes in contact information for you or your camper so we can keep you informed about Colvig Silver Camps.

## News, Notes, and Reminders

### Ready to ENROLL for Summer 2015?

Enrollment is now open online. From our website [www.colvigsilvercamps.com](http://www.colvigsilvercamps.com) click on the *CampInTouch* link on the top left hand corner. Use your email address and password to log in, then fill out your enrollment application for 2015! Feel free to contact us with any questions and we hope to see your enrollment soon so we can save you a bunk for another summer of significance.

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Were you a part of Summer 2014? A proud parent? A smiling staffer? A courageous camper? Here at CSC, we continuously try to improve every aspect of our program. If you have any ideas for things we should change (or things we should never change!), please let us know! Evaluation forms are available on our website.

Do you believe the “early bird gets the worm”? Well, it does! This year you are the bird! If you enroll online and send in a check for full tuition by January 15 you will receive a worm in the amount of a **5% tuition discount!**

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Colvig Silver Camps has created an official CSC fan page on **Facebook!!** We would love for you to join us for updates on off-season and summer happenings. It is also a place to connect with old and new camp friends. Search Facebook for the Colvig Silver Camps Fan Page and become a CSC fan!

**Winter Slideshow Tour** headed your way! We can't wait to see all of you soon. If we're in your area, please join us for a gathering of camp people, old and new, at a CSC family's home. We'll take a visual journey through last year and talk about the memories for past campers and possibilities for new campers. If you were at camp in 2014, you'll even be on the big screen a time or two! Invitations will go out soon and the schedule will be posted online.



All CSC out of camp trips take place on the public lands governed by the Bureau of Land Management and the USDA Forest Service.