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

From the Director's Chair...

Hello all you Colvig Silver Campers and welcome to spring in the Red Creek Valley. What could we possibly be doing with ourselves this time of the year? After all--we're a summer camp and it's not summer. Well, I'll tell you. After a short nap the day after staff leave, we begin preparing for the next summer. Yep!, in order for us to accomplish everything we hope to, each summer we begin again as soon as we end.

Right now, Eagle, our new Site Manager, is working on plans for the Homestead bathroom renovation, among many other things (see "Eagle's Corner" on page 6). I can't wait to see the half moon swinging doors to the toilets. Michael and Jack are busy finding the dedicated and inspired leaders that they do every year. They are also preparing for our American Camp Association (ACA) standards visit so that we are able to proudly say that our program and site meet the 229 national standards required by members of ACA. Lindsay has joined the never ending quest to achieve maximum efficiency and value to the CSC community in all aspects of office operation -- PFA's, enrollment, letters home, website, etc. Tavia is working on the taxes and payroll process as well as developing a natural history corner in the Homestead Livery that we can use as a model for Saddle, Spruce and Outpost.

And me? I get to be involved in all of those things. I also get to explore a few new ideas of my own like "Hangout", an arrangement of hammocks in a special secret place. And most importantly, I get to hit the road and visit all of you on the slideshow tour and build our camp community. It is so great to see everyone and revisit all of the fun, adventure, and challenge of last summer through pictures and stories. We have had some great reunions this year (with a few left to go) and we thank everyone for coming and bringing new friends and family to CSC. Don't forget to keep telling your stories to friends, cousins, teammates, and even people you don't know so we can have an even bigger CSC community for 2007.

These are just a few of the things that keep us busy during the "off-season" -- all of them part of the program development that we undergo each year. Where does the plan for that development come from? Well it starts with our mission -- to facilitate the development of caring, thoughtful, and responsible human beings. It is then informed throughout



Spruce boys in the wildflowers on their Boulder Gulch trip, (l-r) Head Counselor Jesse Steffl, Cory Luker, Bayley Phillips, Sean Moyle, Assistant Counselor Travis Custer, Parker Basting, Jordan Rudman

the year by "industry" information that we gather through camping and outdoor publications and websites, and most significantly the three or four camp conferences we attend every year. These conferences are invaluable opportunities to have informal discussions with other camps and to attend formal sessions led by nationally recognized experts in such areas as site management, organizational effectiveness, youth development, societal trends, adventure programming, and technology in camping. We often find that we are on the right track or even leading the way in some areas. For example, when we hear that the average child in the U.S. spends an average of 25 minutes a week outside, something that Richard Louv calls "nature deficit disorder" in his book, "Last Child in the Woods". Or when David Elkind, Ph.D. explains, from his book "The Power of Play", that unstructured play time is critical in youth development because it is through making and breaking their own rules in the games that they create that children learn adapting and social skills, how to consider someone else's opinion, and mutual respect that leads to self respect. Or when the value we place on our 3:1 camper to staff ratio and their relationships is backed up by research presented by Dr. Jason Bocarro and Dr. Corliss Out-

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Summer 2007 Dates

**Silver Saddle, Silver Spruce,
Outpost, and Pathfinding:**

First Term: June 13 ~ July 9

Second Term: July 14 ~ August 9

Homestead:

First Term: June 13 ~ June 25

Second Term: June 27 ~ July 9

Third Term: July 14 ~ July 26

Fourth Term: July 28 ~ August 9

Spaces are limited--enroll now!

You can obtain an enrollment form by visiting our website or by contacting the office to have one mailed to you.

Chatting With The Office Crew...

Laughing with LJ

A few years ago, I attended a workshop called "The Innovative Team" with team-building professional Tom Leahy. One concept that stuck with me was that of "shared mental models." Essentially, communication barriers arise when two people think they are discussing the same thing, but are thinking in different contexts. However, if they have a shared experience or vision to which they can both relate, they can communicate much more efficiently and have a more valued outcome.

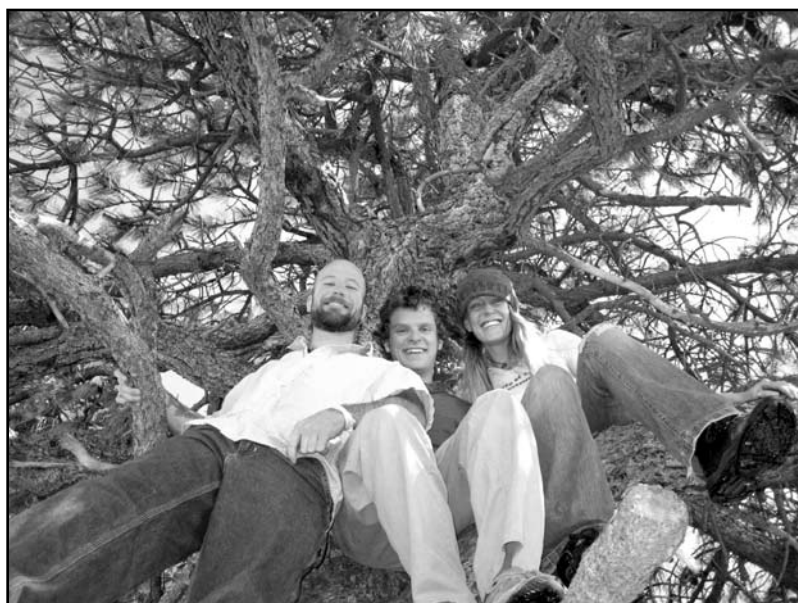
So many CSC alumni have had these shared experiences over the years because Colvig Silver Camps has provided a forum for them to occur. Placing campers and staff in unique situations in the outdoors is empowering and memorable. Granted, specific events and people are different, but the larger traditions and philosophies that remain the same and forever will.

I was recently in contact with alumnus Lisa (McCreary) Coy and found that she and her husband, Andy Coy, discovered that they were both CSC alumni well after their time at camp (see "Six degrees of CSC on page 4). Lisa told me, "I think when you meet somebody who has done something that you loved doing, you automatically have a connection with them and usually end up liking them!" Having the shared experience of CSC between them brought them closer together and now they are considering Homestead for their oldest daughter, Bettie, so that she can share in their history as well.

I was also shocked by inter-generational shared experiences in February hanging out with alumnus Owen Perkins after the Lakewood, CO slideshow. He showed me a picture from his old 70's CSC scrapbook that I recognized in an instant—the campfire performance of "Little Cabin in the Woods", namely the infamous slow-motion verse. Anyone who has seen it will never forget it. It took me a minute to realize that though I recognized Clay in the picture, it was actually his father, Craig, whom I was seeing. I have shared the experience of viewing this performance with those who witnessed it, albeit with a different Colvig, more than thirty years ago.

Colvig Silver Camps continues to create connections across decades and state and international lines. Each day I spend involved with this community, I find more shared experiences and more value in spending my years working here in the valley. We can't wait for the arrival of new staff and campers this June and the creation of even more shared experiences in 2007.

Love, **LJ**



then I will be joining Jack and Clay on another leg of the slideshow tour to Denver and Aspen. Then we are off to the glitter and glamour of Las Vegas for a camp conference. Here we will learn valuable lessons and how to implement new ideas to help make this coming summer great.

With summer just around the proverbial corner, I begin to contemplate the last seven summers that I have spent in the RCV running through the woods and backpacking in the desert. I remember the campers who arrived on opening day full of energy and excitement. One of the great joys I have been able to experience in the last two years is hiring some of my former campers. I am proud and happy to share a summer of significance on staff with campers that I watched "grow up" through the years.

I will soon have the great pleasure of introducing a new batch of AC's to Hobart, the rigors of trash runs and Lodge cleaning, and the exhilaration of broomball. This year the crew will include a mix of former campers and people brand new to the CSC community. I look forward to showing them the ropes and of course learning from them as well. The group of young men and women who wash dishes and feed the pigs are the backbone of camp and they do it selflessly in order to provide an incredible experience to the campers, the reason we are all here in the first place.

Until I greet you at the dishroom door, I remain... **Gus**

Jack Once Caught a Phish This Big...

Greetings and salutations,

Snow makes my dog, Strider, slow down a bit. He tends to curl up in the corner and smell the furniture. It's an alright hobby for these shorter days, but I hope it doesn't become the pastime that defines him. If spring is for growth, summer for exploring, and autumn for the New York Football Giants, then winter is for reflecting. Maybe Strider isn't reflecting on the most pressing issues of the times, but lately I have been wrapping my thoughts around what it is we do here in the off-season. After we have put camp to sleep in the fall, we begin rousing it back awake by hiring staff, hitting the road on the slideshow, or creating new trips. In a way, the months from January to June are times to feel nostalgic for days we have not yet known. All the while, our gaze is fixed on the eastern skies, waiting for the sun to rise on a new summer.

Of course, this next summer is going to be, "the best summer ... ever!" The next summer is always the best. The next memory is the greatest and the next smile the biggest. That's why this place is so special; any given day you can take away

a moment that you will hold on to for the rest of your life. Every summer is a chance to explore new vistas, friendships, and places within ourselves we never knew. T.S. Eliot once wrote that:

*We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.*

Maybe this is what it means to be at camp; to find new adventures and new friends around familiar corners. As the off-season rolls on, the thought of exploring new trails when the snow clears keeps me warm during these long nights and possibly makes Strider more excited about smelling the grasses and the trees instead of the couch and chairs. I hope that this summer you all come back to the valley to see it for the first time...again.

Do me a favor ... keep it real,

Jack

Michael's Musings

The days are getting longer and summer is right around the corner. It is only March but Jack and I played golf yesterday. The snow on the peaks surrounding Durango was a perfect backdrop as we worked on our backswings. Spring heralds the beginning of life. The Valley is hibernating but it will soon come alive with magic and laughter. With the end of winter comes the promise of a warm sun and the also the beginning of camp. I am waiting anxiously for June to come knocking on the door. When it does I shall answer enthusiastically and right away. Until



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 up at the compound during the winter and each time we hear from our camp friends our days are brightened!

The 70's

Lisa "Spirit" Binowitz, cmp'78, lives in St. Louis with her husband and two children, where she works as a social worker for the state of Missouri. She recalls great times rock climbing and rappelling and claims that she "learned a lot in that one summer at camp!"

Our Dallas slideshow was quite a reunion: **Chris "Bogey" Bovard, cmp'74-78, stf'79-'81**, hosted at his home and his twin brothers, **Jim Bovard, cmp'74-'79**, and **John Bovard, cmp'74-'79**, came by for the show and some reminiscing the next morning. **Lindsay (Wilk) Steinberg, cmp'78-'82,'84**, was also in attendance, plaques in hand, and hopes to send her son Brett to CSC this summer;

Amy Clague wrote to inform us that we had missed a listing on our Alumni Campers in the Fall 2006 newsletter—Silver Sprucers **Tom and Vin Arena, cmp'06**, of Paso Robles, CA. They are the sons of **Amy Jennings, cmp'72,'73,'76,'78**, nephews of **Paula Jennings, cmp'71,'72, stf'76,'78**, **Anne Jennings, cmp'72,'73,'76,'78**, and **Colleen Jennings**, and cousins of **Sandy Warner, cmp'00**, and **Nina Warner, cmp'98-'00**. Sorry for our oversight! **Louis Gilbert, cmp'70, stf'72**, contacted us from Mansfield, OH;

David Friedman, cmp'72-'77, emailed us from London, in search of **Ted Barkley (stf'74-'79,'81,'82)** and info on the next CSC Reunion (sorry--not until 2010!);

Deanna (Fairbank) Lane, cmp'79-'83, attended the Des Moines slideshow held at the home of her parents, Bill and Joleen, with her

husband, Jeff, and children Shelby and Colin;

Owen Perkins, cmp'77, stf'81-'86, showed up at our Lakewood slideshow for a trip down memory lane. He brought his old CSC scrapbook, full of amazing pictures and proof that good things remain the same...;

Jason Simon, cmp'79-'81, is sending his son Cale to Homestead this summer;

Ross Wright, cmp'72-'75, is living in Colorado Springs. He fondly remembers all of his Colvig Silver Camps experiences, especially an extended "afternoon" raft trip in the Goosenecks, time with Sam and Frosty, bags, bastille days, and living in tree houses and teepees;

John "Zak" Zakrasek, stf'72-'74, and **Beth (Burgamy) Zakrasek, stf'73,'74**, are doing well in eastern Iowa and their daughter Rachel will be on CSC staff this summer!

The 80's

John "Sleepy" Abel, stf'85-'88, happened to be in Tucson for the slideshow at the home of **Steve Barkley, cmp'74,'75, stf'79-'82**,

and stopped by to reminisce about his era. He has been working with NOLS since 1991 and is helping manage the NOLS winter programs in Tucson;

Paige Conover, cmp'84-'86, stf'88,'91, contacted us from Austin, TX;

Pippa (Schnee) Evans, cmp'85-'91, attended one of our Houston slideshows and hopes to send her son Aidan to Homestead next summer;

Randy Friedman, cmp'81-'87, lives with his wife Brenda and five-month old Ellie Tamar in Binghamton, NY. Brenda is a family medicine doctor and Randy teaches



Cydney Berry, bottom center, with her 1981 Saddle cabin

Philosophy at Binghamton University. He notes that CSC experiences "continue to be the ones that most formed him" and would like to plan a visit sometime in the future;

Shari Leach, stf'94,'95,'97, and her husband Ryland Gardner are sending their son Robbie to Homestead this summer;

Cydney (Berry) Padon, cmp'81-'85, resides in Austin, TX, with her husband Matthew and children Catherine and Elizabeth, both of whom will be Homesteaders this summer;

Jill Rubenstein, cmp'82-'88, stf'01, and her husband **David Standridge, stf'01**, emailed from the Bronx, NY, where they reside. David cooks for L'Atelier Joel Robouchon, while Jill works for Gotham Bar and Grill, consults for other restaurants, and is taking classes to prepare them to open their own restaurant sometime soon;

Craig Ward, cmp'81-'83, called a few days ago to let us know his son Michael will be attending Outpost this summer;

The 90's

Kit Klepinger, stf'99-'02,'04, made her way from Ohio (where she is getting her Master's in French) to Chicago for the February Trailblazer slideshow



1974 Spruce cabin, with Chris Bovard middle left

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Jill Rubenstein with an unknown Phantom, 2001.

at Tamarak Day Camp;
Cara Kropp, cmp'93,'95,'97, stf'00,'01,'04, is in the middle of a four month exploration of Africa;

The 00's

Wyatt Hosmer, cmp'01-'04, **Brenda Voloshin, cmp'01-'04**, and **Ben "Scooter Valentine" Taylor, cmp'97-'01,'03,'04**, will be joining us on staff

as Super AC's this summer!

Samantha Krueger, cmp'00,'01, misses camp, especially **Lindsay (James, stf'00-'07)** and **Aaron (Welch, stf'01)**, Homestead, and Kangaroo Kourt. She's contemplating doing a year of Pathfinding; **Pat Schwartzopf, stf'01'02**, emailed us from Seattle, where he lives with his girlfriend and three dogs while finishing up school at University of Washington, getting his Master's in Environmental Horticulture. He desperately wants to come back to the valley and "go Braveheart on a bunch of thistles!"

Thanks alumni! Keep in touch!

Six Degrees of CSC!

CSC camp families tend to be connected even more than we realize. Check this out!

Phil and Barbara McCreary and their children, **Robert McCreary, cmp'00,'02-'06**, and **Christina, cmp'05,'06**, hosted the Phoenix slide show. Their nephews/cousins, **Kenny Sundlof, cmp'03-'06**, and **Sean Spencer, cmp'00,'02-'06**, are the sons of Barbara's sisters, Theresa Roberts and Trish Spencer. Phil's sister, **Lisa (McCreary) Coy, cmp'80,'81**, married **Andy Coy, cmp'77**, though they never met at CSC. Andy's sister, **Kathleen (Porter) Coy, cmp'77**, married **Newman "Rush" Porter, cmp'75-'77**, and had a son, **Newman Porter, cmp'06**. Rush's sister, **Sally (Porter) Seethaler, cmp'75-'77**, married Jon Seethaler, and had two children, **Clark, cmp'06**, and **Annie, cmp'06**.

In Memoriam...

Mary Vorwald

Mary Vorwald, who worked at camp during the summers of 1991 and lived and helped in the camp community from 1990 to 1994 passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2007, after fighting off cancer for many years. Our deepest condolences go out to her family, especially her three daughters, Jamie, Peggy, and Cora, who grew up at camp and have all returned to contribute during the past few years as staff members. If you would like to reach out to them, you can send communication through our office.

Gabriel "Mark" Duque

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Trish (Taylor) Duque whose husband Mark passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2007 after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. Trish was a camper in 1977 and a staff member in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986, and 1987. Our thoughts are with her and her family and you can also contact them through camp.



Letters to the Editor...

11.23.2006

Hello Colvig Family!!!

Happy Thanksgiving! Yesterday I got the latest issue of the CSC Dispatch, and it was so wonderful to read about what is going on at camp now, and see the alumni section and read about people I knew when I was there!

As with so many others, camp may be far away in geography and in terms of when I was last there, but it is always close to my heart and always in my mind. The lessons I learned, the friends I made, and the experiences I had still go unmatched. I am so thankful to CSC for all of this.

Here are a couple of ways that camp still plays out in my life, nearly 20 years after my "camper" experiences and nearly 15 years after my staff experiences.

I now run an after-school tutoring program for kids, K-12, who come to us for everything from help in subject areas to extra challenge and enrichment. Regardless of their academic reasons for coming to Score, one thing is true for every one of them. Among the most important skills we teach are problem-solving and working through chal-

lenge. I think through what these kids need, and where I learned these skills, and CSC is the answer to both questions. I draw on the strength gained from the challenge of keeping on, even when the mountain seemed impossible to climb, of thinking through how to work through an element on the ropes course when I am talking them through problem-solving, and I know the lessons were not just mine, but they now belong to the kids I teach too. So, thank you, once again, for providing the most wonderful environment for these lessons to take hold.

I wish you all a very happy holiday, and I will try to stay in touch better over time. While Richard and I won't be starting a family for a while, you can rest assured that when we have kids who are "camp-age" that they will be campers at CSC too!

I am so thankful to all of you for continuing such a fabulous tradition.

Love,

Katherine Thornburgh, cmp '80-'87, stf'92,'93
(aka Shotzie/Lee Schoettler)

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1.16.2007

...I wrote to CSC a few months back and spoke about my feelings about those two summers. They were, without any doubt, the most important and meaningful experiences of my young adult life...more important than college, by far. They were a turning point for me in so many ways, and my life took its direction from those summers. John and I still have friends we are in touch with after 33 years. We have raised our two children to be devoted lovers of nature, beauty, gentleness, kindness, enthusiasm, passion, hard work, commitment, open minds, the importance of having fun, and adventure. All of these things, and many more were instilled, or strengthened, in us at camp...

Beth Zakrasek, stf'73,'74



Second term Pathfinding 1987, (l-r): Alex Koler and Jens Stuhldreier, John "Sleepy" Abel and David Breston, and Linda Knutson and Katherine Lee Schoettler.

Not pictured: Terri Sweeney

Weddings

Hayden Berryman, stf'97, is engaged to be married on June 9 on Hatteras Island to Randy Hargis;

Kevin Goody, stf'88, and Zoe Gaston will be married on October 13 in Cape Elizabeth, ME, to be joined by her two sons Ben and Chase;

Katherine Lee "Shotzie" Schoettler, cmp'80-'87, stf'92,'93, married Richard Thornburgh at Canyon Ranch in San Luis Obispo County, CA on October 8. In attendance were her brothers **Tom Schoettler, cmp'82-'85,'87,'88**, and **Jim Schoettler, cmp'83-'89**, as well as **Paula Warzon, stf'84-'86**, who was her Saddle and Pathfinding counselor and one of her maids of honor;

Ann Youngquist, stf'01-'04, married Jason Wachter on October 28 in Stillwater, MN, where they currently live with their Great Dane, Willow.

Announcements...



Alexandra Bovard, almost as excited to go to camp as her dad is...

Young Billy Berryman snuggles up with a very special rubber chicken from Gray's time at camp.



Births

Gray Berryman, stf'96-'00, and his wife Ali gave birth to William Gordon Berryman on Sunday, November 26th in the Outer Banks, NC;

John Bovard, cmp' 74-'79, and his wife Christina gave birth to Alexandra Bovard on September 28;

Chris Frick, cmp'83-'86,'88-'90, stf'91,'93,'94, and his wife Priscilla gave birth to Mackenzie Lauren Frick on December 16th;

Jason "Daddy" Williams, stf'98-'00, finally lived up to his nickname as he and Erin Woods gave birth to Violet Woods Williams on Sunday, November 26th in Prescott, AZ. Reportedly, Billy Berryman and Violet, born on the same day, have plans to meet up in the Livery as Homesteaders in seven years.

Where are they now?

A retrospective of our incredible 2006 staff. An asterisk next to a name indicates staff returning for 2007.

Peggy Vorwald is trying to become a Master (of the Universe)... Logan Walsh* is living la vida loco in the Virgin Islands... Eric Nyquist* wanted to go fast... Josie Shern is spelling MONTANA with all capital letters... Alex Hughes* is climbing Redwoods in Arcata, California... Maggie Harrison is deep in the heart of Texas... Jenny Skulavik prefers bagels to english muffins... Molly Jones* prefers thunder to lightning (get it? the round)... Sarah Townes' favorite colour may be maroon, you will have to ask her... Liz Eilers has opened a savings account... Kate Finkbeiner is going to be the greatest actress you have ever seen... Nora Schuchat* is making pottery for all of last year's ACs... Elsa Anderson* has cabin fever in Woodland Park and Golden... Sunny Hermes had an upside down winter traveling through Central America... Erica Baze is resting her heavy head tonight on a bed of California stars... Addie Liddic is California Dreamin'... Eric Eyerman is making people in Boulder laugh at things he makes up on the spot... Mike Jungman may be the tallest lawyer in the land... Kevin Hadfield is having trouble with the USPS... Brad Osgood has been building a robot that can make toast; he is calling it Toaster... Tim Travers has a new roommate named Marcus Nimby... Reid Lynch can't wait for the new Transformers movie... Jesse Steffl puts the IO in Ohio... Travis Custer is leaving the ice fields of Leadville to continue his Outdoor Education degree... Jared Ritvo says, "Alta is beUTAHful"... Charlie Steurer may or may not be a ninja and may or may not be in Washington state... Eric Wilson is investigating energy efficiency in Alaska in a green dinosaur suit... Pat Fleming* is dancing like no one is watching... Grant Bryans* is singing like no one is listening... Rob Walsh recently made the best PB&J sandwich this side of the Mississippi... Diane Wang went to San Francisco with flowers in her hair... Anne Schoellerman* has a double jointed thumb... Korinne Krieger found the 10,001st lake in Minnesota... Luis Avila is this tall... Jared Fritz is learning the science of fire fighting in northern Colorado... Will Thompson is celebrating the return of his mustache... Aaron Smock* rides a manatee to work every morning... Molly Warga prefers her sugar with coffee and cream... Nick Kladis is humming "Via Chicago" right now... Mary Donnelly* just came back from a cruise to Antarctica... Dani Mazzotta* is in North Carolina, reading the Lorax... Scot Eden stole my "homestead soldgers are down, aattack!" shirt... Jeff Crozier's name backwards is Reizorc Ffej... Cora Vorwald has been SPIKIN' the volleyball all over the intermountain west... Lindsay Fromme is upset Charles in Charge was cancelled... Brendan Hayes is trying to say "cheesecake" like he is angry... Jesse Kornblum* is an undercover agent in Boulder... Melissa Murphy is trying to bring back acid-washed jeans... Cindy Murphy* is on the trigonometry train... Nancy Hushek* is going for the record... Allie Samuels just got into Grad School, conGRADulations...



The Great Slideshow Adventure

Thanks to everyone who participated in another fantastic year of the CSC slideshow tour—all of you that hosted a show, let us stay in your homes, advertised a show, brought some friends, or showed up to see your faces on the big screen and get excited about another summer of significance. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you! We did some research on the road and found that

in 2006, **ninety percent** of our campers were return campers or found out about us via word of mouth. That's incredible! Our CSC community seems to self-perpetuate as families invite other families that have the same vision and mission as we do. Keep sharing your knowledge of CSC with others whom you think would be interested and let us know if we should get in touch with people at your schools, athletic clubs, churches,



Houston, TX: Gena, Adam, Rachel, and Noah Miller; Travis, Korey, and Klaire Bednarz; **Austin, TX:** Rob, Cindy, and Trish Murphy; Michael, Tracy, Nick, and Joe Dileo; **San Antonio, TX:** Neel, Allison, Andrew, Shelby, and Anna Lane; Craig, Barbi, Jake, and Sara Witz; **Durango, CO:** Kirk Komick and the Rochester Hotel; **Tucson, AZ:** Steve,

etc. We love traveling to see everyone in their "native" environments, knowing that we'll all be sharing the RCV environment in just a few short months!

Thanks especially to our hosts in cities across the country: **Belleville, IL:** Ann and Eric Weidmann; **St. Louis, MO:** Jay, Jill, Nicole, Lauren, and Peter Indovino; **Des Moines, IA:** Bill and Joleen Fairbank; Scott and Ellen Shumway; **Macomb, IL:** Liz Eilers; **Chicago, IL:** Cameron, Nicole, Cooper, and Caden Colvig; Dave and Lucia Thoensen; Suzanne and Greg Immell; Cynthia, Chris, and Kelly Thrall; Erin Frank; **Denver, CO:** Steve, Agnes, Holly, and Scott Hipwell; Alan, Jill, and Matthew Ater; Reid, Nora, and Austin Neureiter; **Boulder, CO:** David, Sam, and Hank White, Patti Smith; Larkin and Barbara Hosmer; Joe Mulder; **Aspen, CO:** Jim, Carmen, Kate, Libby, and Maddie Dowley; **Dallas, TX:** Chris, Allison, Charlie, Sam, and Jack Bovard;

Lyric, and Weston Barkley, Jill Caffrey; **Scottsdale, AZ:** Phil, Barbara, Robert, and Christina McCrery.

And a futuristic thank you to our hosts of shows that are about to happen: **Albuquerque and Santa Fe, NM.**



Slideshow photos, (l-r), Houston, Dallas, Denver, Boulder

Volunteer Week!

People have been talking. They have been talking about the social event of the season. A time spent reuniting with old friends and meeting new ones in the beautiful spring setting of Colorado's Red Creek Valley. You guessed it, it's Volunteer Week 2007! Come and join us for a few great days working to get camp ready for all the 2007 campers.

Volunteer Week will begin on Friday, May 25th, with dinner at the Big House, and continue through June 2nd. Volunteers can choose to come for only the weekend or the entire week. Of course, you should be aware that the fun increases exponentially the longer you hang around.



2006 Saddle coordinator Sarah Townes and 2006 Saddle camper Aspen Clark stain the lower Lodge deck during last year's Volunteer Week

Throughout the week, housing, meals, and any tools will be provided. All you need to bring are some good ol' work clothes and an adventurous attitude. Volunteer work spans the full gamut from administrative work to intense woodchipping. Tasks include (but are certainly not limited to) staining the Lodge deck, making camp trails passable with implements of destruction, deshrubbing Main Lake, organizing the CSC Store, planting some flora around the Witch Doctor's, or anything else that needs to be done.

Volunteer Week is a fun time to reminisce with other camp families and give something back to the camp community. Please call us at the office if you would like to join us.

Eagle's Corner

What's keeping Eagle busy around camp this winter and spring besides feeding the horses? We have a bunch of fun projects going on that you may notice this summer:

- ** Renovating Homestead bathrooms
- ** Installing new Homestead bunks
- ** Improving Main Lake
- ** Finding new farm animals to keep Bellissima, Faline, and Do-si-do (the llamas) company
- ** Putting finishing touches on the new garden
- ** Reconstructing the irrigation ditches to water the horses from Red Creek
- ** Beautifying camp in general.



COL: Colvig Outdoor Leadership

What happens after Pathfinding? How long do you have to wait to become a staff member? Well, these are good questions and we have one answer for you: COL. That's right, COL: our new Colvig Outdoor Leadership team. Much like a *col* in mountain lingo provides a high mountain transition between landscapes, so will the COL program provide the transition from youth camper to leader and staff member.

At CSC, we strive to develop programs designed to enhance self esteem, self reliance, personal responsibility, cooperation, leadership, trust, and a whole lot of fun. Out of our desire to fill the gap between Pathfinding and staff with something significant came the development of COL, a program that will be available to anyone who has completed a summer of Pathfinding and their junior or senior year of high school. It will be an opportunity to further explore the skills necessary to both in-camp counseling and expedition leadership in an organized and supportive environment. It is a stepping stone to becoming a staff member at Colvig Silver Camps.

The program will begin with an in-camp component during which the team will explore issues similar to those of the first few days of staff week. Then the team of ten (eight members and two leaders) will hit the trail, going places that CSC has never been before and participating in service projects along the way. Returning to camp, the team will spend the second half of the term living in their own cabins in Homestead and working directly with Homestead campers discovering, developing, and applying their leadership skills. On alternate days, the team will leave their mark at CSC in some significant way through participation in a service project around camp. Every evening after dinner the team will gather and debrief the day's activities, have some fun, and relax.

We are aiming high with this program and expect that it will be a very fun and valuable - and vigorous and demanding - experience for those in transition from camper to staff. We also have high expectations for those who participate. The program will be more curriculum-based than those for younger campers and throughout the program they will be evaluated by the leaders and the counselors with whom they work according to the same criteria with which we assess our summer staff.

There is more fun and adventure to be had at CSC if you take advantage of this new and exciting program that will expand your leadership development both in and out of camp and prepare you for leadership responsibilities throughout your life.

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ley that shows that children who are able to develop relationships with caring adults are 47% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, have better school attendance and performance, and better peer and family relationships than those without those opportunities.


Sometimes we discover information that helps us understand our campers, staff, and parents better such as the generational characteristics we heard about from Neil Howe, who described the current generation of staff and campers as confident, ambitious, and collaborative and whose Baby Boomer parents are more protective and involved in their children's lives than the parents of Generation X. Sometimes we find new tools to use for staff such as tips on appropriate leadership approaches with different age groups, ways to make staff meetings more valuable and fun, and new ways to debrief daily experiences and relationships with campers to be able to provide more value to camper development and to the communication of that development to parents. And sometimes we are presented with information that broadens the scope of our approach to particular issue such as homesickness. Chris Thurber, Ph.D, a board certified clinical psychologist who works in camping and education, wrote a book and developed a DVD with ACA about homesickness and spoke to us about the "holy trinity of camping" - recreation, with a caring community, away from home - how important that time is in development, and the most effective ways for camps, staff, and parents to help campers through the anxiety of being away from home.

With all of that information in mind, we go through a constant evaluation of our previous summer, a process of taking parent, camper, and staff evaluations (thanks to everyone who sent notes, discussed things with us, or filled out our online survey - still available on the front page of our website) and sifting them through our operational filter to determine what we can improve on for the next year to achieve our shared goals. And then we get to work preparing for the next "Best Summer Ever!" We sincerely hope that you will be a part of it.

See you this summer!

COLVIG SILVER CAMPS

MAD LIBS®



Are you ready for a Leprechaun Madlibs? No? Why not? Oh, I'm sorry, you said "yes." Maybe next time speak up a little louder. Okay, here we go. All you have to do is ask a friend to give you random words that match the type of words under each blank. Then fill in the blanks with your friend's answers and read their crazy story back to them! If you send your completed Mad Libs back to camp, you can have your very own corony. Yay!!

The five minute bell rang and _____ was late. They sang _____ and everyone _____ The cooks made _____ for breakfast and it was so _____ . Afterwards, we played _____ tag for morning activities and it was totally _____ . Then Clay _____ his _____ into the lake. It was so _____ that I almost _____ . After lunch, the _____ came to our cabin, to make sure it was _____ . CSC is the _____ place I have ever been. I can't wait to _____ next year!

(noun)

(song)

(verb, past tense)

(exotic food)

(adjective)

(noun)

(adjective)

(verb, past tense)

(noun)

(adjective)

(adjective ending in -est)

(verb)

Craig I. Colvig Scholarship Fund

This past summer, six deserving campers came to camp through the CIC fund and the John Austin Cheley Foundation with which it is associated. We expect the same this year and it is all possible through your generosity. The campers that have attended so far from this effort report very positive experiences and they have been wonderful additions to our summer family. We are so excited to be a part of a community willing to provide this opportunity to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

We invite you to become involved in this effort in recognition of how critical life-affirming and defining experiences are to a child's development. Your donation will be used directly towards a future "campership" at CSC. If you have questions regarding how you can help change a life by donating to the CIC fund, please contact the office.

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News, Notes, and Reminders

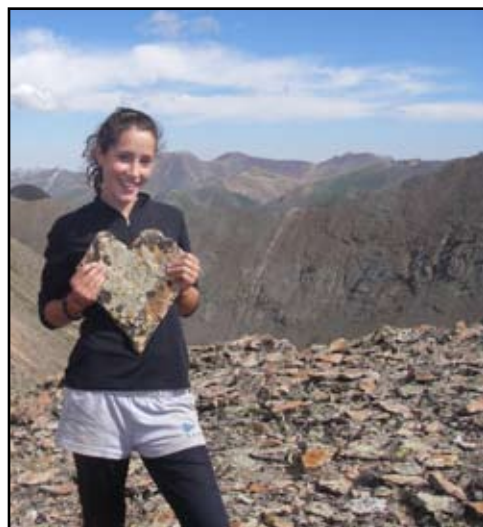
If you're already enrolled for 2007, keep an eye out on your mailbox for your upcoming Preparing for Adventure Packet. This envelope will contain all of the paperwork you'll need to make your CSC summer safe and fun!

Uncle Jim and Jane Colvig's lovely Red Creek Valley home, right next to CSC, is back on the market! If you're interested in being a CSC neighbor, check out www.durangorealproperty.com, MLS #578344.

Too old for Pathfinding but too young for staff? Find out about COL, a new CSC opportunity, on page 7.

Too old for Pathfinding and too busy for staff? Find out more about spending a few days in the RCV for Volunteer Week on page 6.

Claire Jones,
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Outposter,
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The Magic of CSC...

For 36 years, CSC has been committed to providing the best summer camp experience possible for you and your child. 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 a
cooperative yet individual effort, fostering both
self-reliance and group awareness...

providing inspired and dedicated leadership
that encourages positive life skills...



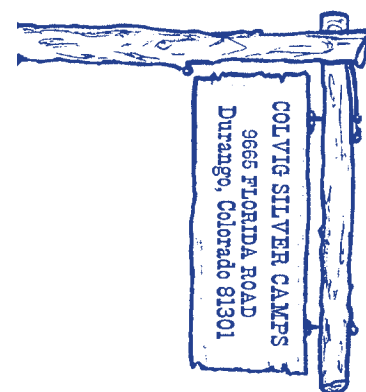
We always enjoy hearing from our friends and families across the country. Please feel free to give us a call or drop us an email with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. Working together is the best way to make the CSC experience as unforgettable as it is valuable.

Who Enrolled First?

(in order of enrollment)

Girls: Holli Hipwell, Avra Saslow, April Hearne, Whisper Bissonette, Zoe Schultz, Darian Eckhardt, Delaney Eckhardt, Sarah Lerwick, Katherine Fritcke, Leila Duman, Clara Duman, Sara Witz, Apryl Leonard, Georgia Carroll, Dana Hutchins, Lena Klett, Natalie Klett, Rica Fulton, D'kota White, Sarah Greefkens, Nicole Indovino, Kyra Fuqua, Logan Crabb, McKenna Crabb, Ellie Lott, Paige Basting, Rachel Bennetts, Rachel Miller, Lehua Miller, Sophie Evans, Zoe Antoniou, Marti Summers, Catherine Padon, Elizabeth Padon.

Boys: Donny Eckhardt, Chas Schwaebe, Max Kaplan, Taz Steyskal, Edward Kehoe, John Resman, Jamie McNamee, Miguel Bernardez, Rafael Bernardez, Haakon Sigurslid, Scott Hipwell, Harris Lynch, Ross Barron, Jovaun Copeland, Eli Saslow, Matthew Ater, Conor Curtis, Sean Curtis, Thomas Curtis, Devon Bone, Jake Iliohan, Garrett Marshall, Ben Weinstock, Miguel Arias, James Fulton, Grant Fessler, Jimmy Carroll, Max Lehman, Jack Martens, Sam Martens, Max Bragdon, Robbie Gardner, Sam Bennetts, Noah Miller, Ben Pope, Max Ollig, Cory Luker, Cale Simon, Forrest Eagle, Leo Eagle, Elliott Marshall, Nico Antoniou.



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