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Summer 2001 Filled with Smiles and Laughter

Sunset is beautiful as always as the last of the day's light creates a glow on Rob's Ridge. The stars that fill the night sky are as abundant as ever away from city lights. But even with all this beauty that surrounds us daily, something is missing - the sounds of laughter that echo from the valley to our homes throughout each and every summer day. Fall is upon us. Cabins have been cleaned out, equipment has been put away until next year... all that



remains are the horses in the pasture, a laundry room full of blankets to be washed, and a couple of us staring at computers all day, dreaming of the days of summer. Oh, how we long to be strolling through camp, watching monkey bridge fights, dressing up in costume clothes, and singing an energetic round of "Johnny Appleseed" at the lodge. There's nothing better than the daily sight of hundreds of campers and staff grinning from ear to ear. This summer was filled with smiles that large. And although another summer has come and gone, we bask in the joy of all those who touched us and reminisce about the good times we had at CSC in the SUMMER OF 2001!



From the Director's Chair: IT'S A BOY!



Another outstanding summer comes and goes, and all I can say is THANK YOU! for enabling us to do what we do. Sorting through all the great memories from the summer there is one that will always stand out. Those involved will not soon forget a scene reminiscent of Whoville during our Dr. Seuss Special Day - over 200 multicolored campers and staff walking hand in hand up Red Creek Trail from the lodge. It was a magnificent visual demonstration of the power of our camp community, allowing total freedom of self-expression in the way that each individual had decorated themselves for the day, yet requiring a commitment to the whole community to arrive at a common goal. Whether

that goal was to arrive at a physical destination, to simply have fun, or to uplift the human spirit, this was one instance where all goals were achieved.

Recent events bear out the importance of care and community in our world as we all come together towards common goals. We have seen the worst that humanity is capable of. But don't lose hope, because the campers and staff in our CSC community demonstrate the best every summer with their capacity for love, life, laughter, joy, honor, and empathy. Camp is a training ground through which these values can be instilled. It is with these values in mind that we continue with renewed strength and clear vision towards the stated purpose of Colvig Silver Camps: To facilitate the development of caring, thoughtful, and responsible human beings.

Towards this end we are working with the NYC Disaster Relief Fund to create a camp scholarship opportunity for children of EMS personnel who lost a parent in this tragedy. If the logistics work this year we may extend it to an annual scholarship for any child in the US who has lost a parent in the line of duty and would benefit from an individualized, nurturing community. We will also soon be attending our fall camp conferences where we will, in the words of our ACA Rocky Mountain Section President, "join hands, share experiences from the summer, and gain new insights into how we can each make this a better world for youth and for human kind".

It is our deepest hope that none in our community were directly affected by the events of September 11th. Our hearts and thoughts are with everyone as we deal with this tragedy.

Even as we mourn the loss of life, Tavia and I would like to announce the birth of a new life, Conor Henry Colvig, born on 10/14/01! We've joined the club! Does anyone out there know anything about how this works? Tips? Helpful hints? Actually, I think you have more than prepared us. I used to say, when asked if we had any children, "We have 300 every summer." Thanks to all you well-wishers out there. If the baby travels well you may get to see him during the slide show tour.

- Clay -



A few years ago we began to investigate the creation of a tax-exempt fund that would honor the memory of the late Craig I. Colvig, a founder of CSC, by providing financial aid, or "camperships", to those that would not otherwise be able to attend camp. This is something that Craig was committed to and we have continued his tradition of providing 8-10 partial camperships a year.



Soon after our investigation began we were contacted by the John Austin Cheley Foundation, a charitable organization whose goals were similar to ours. In their words, "The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a mountain summer camp experience for children whose resources are not adequate to cover the cost of camp fees and transportation."

Discussions progressed and we are very pleased to announce that we have recently become an approved camp of the JAC Foundation and within the Foundation have set up the Craig I. Colvig Fund to help make the CSC experience available to everyone.

We would like to extend an invitation to become involved in this effort as we are reminded, daily now, how critical an experience that helps children define themselves and develop positive life skills can be in their growth. If you would like more information about the CIC Fund, if you would like to be on the fund's yearly mailing list, or if you would like to make an immediate contribution please contact us at the office. You can also help by acting as a sponsor - someone who finds a qualified candidate for a campership and helps them through the application process.

We would also like to thank those of you who donated to our scholarship fund this past year. Donations far exceeded any year in the recent past and those campers, as one recently stated in a thank you note, "will always cherish the memories [they] had last summer". Thanks to everyone past and future, who gives their time or money to this effort.

A Camping Odyssey

An odyssey, as defined by the Greek philosopher Homer, is a long wandering journey. It is a passage made between places, both physically and mentally. It is a time to challenge our boundaries and to find our true selves. For those of us at Colvig Silver Camps – our summer, our journey, our odyssey was one that will be etched in our memories for many years.

Our odyssey began when two hundred and fifty seven campers wandered into Colvig Silver Camps looking for an adventure. They were lead by an amazing group of coordinators and counselors who were devoted to providing each camper with the most memorable summer possible. Throughout the summer, they filled each day with smiles and laughter, while filling their hearts with love and friendship. Whether completing a 40-mile backpack, playing a traditional game of capture the flag, or just singing around the campfire, they strove to surround their campers with an atmosphere of comfort and personal attention.

Our journey at CSC had many highlights, including our all-camp special days. The “Luau” Special day will not easily be forgotten. Remember Eagle, JJ, Michael and Megan dancing in their coconut shells and grass skirts? A day filled with fruity drinks and castles made of sand that was capped off with a pig roast and an all-camp dance under the light of tiki torches. Or how about Mardi Gras? The face painting, the masks and Megan in her green hair. Remember all of the camp vehicles painted and primed for a parade through beads? And then there was Dr Seuss day. Marshmallow Toast for dessert. All of camp scene from a book like Oh the Places You'll and The Cat in the Hat. It began and and hand. And lastly, our summer would sion Impossible” Special Day. Clay kid- plete a series of tests to have him released. ley race, and a tripod exercise made this all of camp unwound a human knot to re- ing wall. Wow, what a bunch of special days!



Our tripping program this summer con the return of some old adventures. Homestead held up the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad armed with water guns. Spruce and Saddle returned to Fish and Owl Canyons after a three-year hiatus. And, Outpost sent trips to Dark Canyon and the Blue Mountains for the first time, while Pathfinding explored the ancient ruins in Grand Gulch and climbed in Penitente Canyon. From mountaintops to canyon bottoms, our trips this summer provided everyone with plenty of fun and adventure to choose from.

Reflecting on this summer, it is hard to forget the friendships made and the fun we had both in camp and on the trail. A special thanks to everyone who helped make this summer's odyssey at CSC a journey of a lifetime!

BUNK1 UPDATE:

CHECK OUR SIGHT FOR WEEKLY PICS OF CSC OFF SEASON FUN AND CRAZINESS!

We hope you are as happy with Bunk1.com as we have been! Despite the early glitches in the system, we were able to upload several hundred pictures, giving you a glimpse of what campers and staff were up to at CSC this summer. The email service also provided a quick source of communication, something that is greatly appreciated with the time mail can take around here.

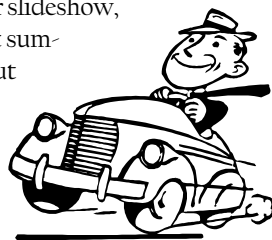


Summer 2001 pictures will be available on the site until December 31, 2001. To keep those memories close at hand, you can buy a CSC CD-ROM yearbook with all of this year's pictures. To purchase a copy of the Yearbook CD-ROM, go to www.colvigsilvercamps.com and click the flashing Yearbook CD-ROM Button! Simply fill out the appropriate information and your CD will be shipped to you.

If you have any suggestions for our website, please use the previously sent evaluation to give us valuable feedback. See you on line next year!

Slideshow Tour Coming Soon to a City Near You!

It may seem like camp just ended, but the air is turning cooler and the days are getting shorter. And that means we're beginning to think about the slideshow tour and seeing you all again, even if for a brief visit. Sifting through stacks of outstanding pictures, we're not sure how we'll ever decide which ones to put in the show. They're all so good and remind us of such great times. One thing we do know is that come January we'll be packing up “Dave” the Expedition and heading out on the open road. From east to west and everywhere in between we'll bring our slideshow, complete with the smiling face of every camper who attended this past summer. This tour is not only a time to come and see yourself on screen, but also a time to bring family and friends - old and new - together, to share stories, and the magic of CSC. We are still working on the slideshow schedule for this winter. If you are interested in hosting a slideshow or know of anyone else interested, please indicate that on your summer evaluation, and/or give us a call in the office. We always enjoy talking with our camp families. We guarantee this show to be better than ever. See you soon!



HOMESTEAD

Homestead rocks! The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders this summer were in full force participating in activities such as pirates at the lake, horse-back riding, and playing field games. Other highlights include taking care of the camp animals, hayrides, and hoedowns. And as always, their summer ended with loads of fun during their farewell “street partie”. All thanks to our Homestead co-ordinator Aaron “Eagle” Deutsch and his staff - Aaron Welch, Mark Quinn, Justin Thiel, Robyn Lamar, Lindsay James, Rob Walsh, Mariah Casserly, and Amy Barr.



SADDLE

Who rocks the house? Saddle rocks the house. And when Saddle rocks the house, they rock it all the way down! Or was it up, and down, and all the way around? I can't keep it straight. Whether they were getting the lodge to rock out or having their own personal slumber party, the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade girls were constantly



having fun this summer. The “Lip Sync” and “Goonies” Saddle Days were outstanding and evenings around a campfire will not soon be forgotten. Other highlights for the girls this summer include the making of a Saddle yearbook, kidnapping Spruce during their GI Jane free choice, and creating journals at the art barn. Special thanks to our Saddle Coordinator Megan Weidmann, and her wonderful staff - counselors Sara Dietsch, Jenn Childress, Lindsay Weidmann, Cara Kropp, Elizabeth Benoit, and assistant counselors Janie Jones, Becca Freedman, and Annie Barton.

SPRUCE

Whether engaged in “Three Way Capture the Flag Up the Valley” or “Outlaws and Sheriff's Posse” Spruce Days, our 5th, 6th, and 7th grade boys had a blast this summer. Also participating in activities such as leather work, thistle bashing, target sports, and creating monster ballads, these boys were always busy. Evenings were filled with hilarious campfire skits, numerous rounds of night football, and of course some calming vespers discussions. A big “thank you” to Spruce coordinator Michael Gustafson; counselors Bryan Haggard, Adam Fjell, Patrick “the Gov” Nemerof, Peter Elling, Ben Vandenberghe; and assistant counselors Phil Peters, Spencer McCroskey, and Patrick Schwartzkopf.



OUPTOST

Down in Outpost this summer, the 8th and 9th graders spent their time making movies, creating art sculptures, learning the secret behind gourmet cooking and hanging out on their front porch. Out of camp, these campers enjoyed some new trips in the desert and mountains as well as some of the old staples like rock climbing and rafting. A successful summer thanks to Outpost coordinator Jennifer "JJ" Jones, and counselors Brendan Hayes, Jacob Schlesinger, Luis Avila, Ben Loveless, Jill Jacobson, Sam Ehrlich, Torrey Shelton, and Carrie Fox.



PATHFINDING

Whether on top of a 13,000-foot peak or in the bottom of a sublime canyon in Utah, Pathfinders ventured through some of the most extraordinary wilderness areas in the country this summer. For the first time, they explored the depths of Grand Gulch and climbed the welded tuft at Penitente Canyon. Highlights of the summer



included participating in a service project with Wilderness Ranger Biff Stransky in the San

Juan National Forest, the view from Mt. Kennedy in the Weminuche Wilderness and the Window near Rio Grande Pyramid. A special thanks is due the Pathfinding Coordinators who made this summer's Pathfinding Experience special. To Matt Baxter, Michella Otmar, Bobby Magill, Abby Knapp and Will Channel - thanks for making the summer a safe and educational experience for each and every camper.

SUPPORT STAFF

An integral part of our camp community consists not only of our counseling staff but also our support staff. These people are hired for their expertise in an area to supplement our program needs. Summer would not run smoothly without the help of our support staff. Not only do they ensure that their areas are attended to, they also get involved in other areas of camp bringing an overall energy to the camp community. Thanks to our wrangler Ann Youngquist, our art barn coordinator Gillian Johnston, our climbing coordinator Ben Kamark, our witch doctors Tammie Elms-Hulse and Abby Kendall, our expedition coordinators Jill Rubenstein and

David Standridge, our assistant party director Mark Dobbins, our nanny Robyn Kellog, and of course, our fabulous chefs, Nancy Hushek, Cindy Murphy, and their assistants Abby Kendall and Gretchen Lamar.



COFFEE TALK WITH AMIE

Has summer really come and gone already? It's amazing. I still haven't made the adjustment from hearing the morning bell to wake me up and spending a zany day around camp, to leisurely strolling into the office and spending my day working at a desk. It just doesn't seem right. It's quiet, relaxing, and stress free. What more could anyone ask for right? It seems like that's what anyone would want - beg for. Ironically however, once the campers and staff that I've come to know and spend time with leave this valley, it seems to be the last thing I want. I miss the chaos, the laughter, the excitement, the fun. There are no people walking around dressed up in costume clothes, no silly songs being sung, no horses passing me by on the road, and no vans pulling in and out of Expedition. My days are now spent at my computer, already preparing for next summer (amazingly enough), but more often looking through miles of pictures and reminiscing summer 2001. We spend nine months out of the year preparing for the excitement of summertime in the valley, and the two months of people actually being here fly by right before our eyes. I can't even count all the good times we had this summer. The excitement and energy running through the valley was like nothing we've seen before. An incredible staff and a wonderful group of campers were the perfect ingredients for yet another incredible summer at CSC. I can't thank you all enough for the huge smile you put on my face every day. Remember the good times of this past summer, start counting down the days until next summer, and as always, keep smiling

- Amie



Our Office Manager

Another amazing summer in the valley has flown by - is it October already? As the Aspen leaves start to turn and the nightly temperatures continue to drop, I slowly begin to unwind from the summer. After a beautiful vacation to see family, I am back in the routine of working and studying. I decided to take another class at FLC to keep my French language up. I've also been able to catch some end-of-the-summer fun with Amie, Andrew, and our CSC friends living in Durango. A Bob Dylan concert in Telluride and an ascent of Wham Ridge in the Grenadiers top the list.



Along with my routine in the office, a couple things come naturally. Lost 'N Found has been returned, but there are several pieces of clothing and other odds 'n ends that are unnamed and unclaimed. If you are still missing something, please let me know. Also, accounts have been figured and refunds or statements have been sent out. Call camp with any questions you may have or if you would like a copy of your camper's PED

form. Summer evaluations have been sent out, as well. Please return this as soon as you can - your honest responses are very important to us.

I am looking forward to a beautiful fall in Durango and the beginning of another great year at CSC!

Talk to you all soon! - Kit

Andrew Speaks

The year was 1998 and I was an Outpost counselor on the Highland Mary Lakes five day. It was my first trip into the heart of the Weminuche Wilderness, marking the moment I fell in love with the wild backcountry of the San Juan Mountains. Standing on the Continental Divide looking southwest, Vestal Peak stood proud on the horizon. Although I am not generally a "peak bagger", preferring solitude and a long backpack with friends, this mountain drew my attention like no other had. At 13,836 feet, Vestal Peak is neither the tallest nor most remote of Colorado's mountains. But as an amateur geographer and a novice rock climber it was the rugged beauty of the peak's north face, Wham Ridge that I found so appealing. Carved by glacial ice it is more of a triangular buttress than a ridge, rising dramatically from the earth's crust like an Egyptian pyramid, better suited to the Himalayas than the San Juans. Reflecting in the sun that brisk summer day, the ridge was alluring.

I have journeyed into the Weminuche Wilderness many times since that day, each time scrambling to the top of some high point hoping that my friends might also have a glimpse of Wham. In 1999 I attempted to climb the mountain before having to retreat because of bad weather. A year later I returned to the area with a group of Outposters to walk in the presence of the mountains' beauty. Wham Ridge has always been in the back of my mind while traveling in the San Juan Mountains.

This fall I once again traveled to Vestal Basin in hope of climbing Wham Ridge. I was joined by several CSC friends who shared my love for the wild country of the Weminuche Wilderness. We hiked the eight grueling miles into the basin together, most of the time silent. The few words we shared were those of anticipation and excitement. As the weather cleared on the 8th of September, it became apparent we would have an open window to reach the summit. With our gear in place, we roped up for 800 vertical feet and four pitches of technical alpine climbing. In all we spent more than eight hours on route to the top. We moved in three teams; Amie and myself, Ben "The Rock Guy" Kamark and Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch, and Clive Briggs and Kit. With clear, cold skies we summited around 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The sublime view made our climb well worth the effort. We spent more than an hour on top, basking in the sun, reflecting. As we hiked back to camp the sun set upon the San Juans bringing perfect closure to our epic journey.



I will never forget my trip into Vestal Basin and the climb up Wham Ridge to the top of Vestal Peak. Not because it was the hardest climb I have ever done or the longest backpack I have been on, but simply because of the people I was with. Like all of the trips I have taken with friends from Colvig Silver Camps it was the company, the comradery, and the friendship that made our trip amazing. It is a special thing to travel with those you love in a place you love and respect. I dream of future journeys with close friends in wild places.

- Andrew



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In Appreciation...

There are many of our staff that we have the pleasure of seeing summer after summer. These people are fully dedicated to enriching the lives of their campers and count down the days from when summer ends to when they will return and be reunited with their campers again. They grow together. In appreciation of this commitment to our program and the campers, we were proud to provide all of our second year return staff with an embroidered CSC fleece blanket, and all of our third year or longer return staff with an embroidered CSC Mountain Hardware fleece vest. Thank you to second year staff Nate Dworkin, Sam Ehrlich, Carrie Fox, Becca Freedman, Andrew Gersh, Michael Gustafson, Jill Jacobson, Lindsay James, Jennifer "JJ" Jones, Cara Kropp, Robyn Lamar, and Lindsay Weidmann. And, our third year staff Luis Avila, Matt Baxter, Will Channell, Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch, Brendan Hayes, Nancy Hushek (8 summers), Cindy Murphy (4 summers), and Megan Weidmann. A sincere thank you to you all. We hope to see you all again next summer!

CSC Patches

This summer, we are pleased to send all of our campers and staff a CSC reflective sew-on patch as a memento for summer 2001! Thank you all for yet another incredible summer in the Red Creek Valley. We hope to see you all again next summer!



Marwied?!

Congratulations to Jill Rubenstein and David Standridge, our 2001 Expedition Coordinators, on their summer engagement. Hold on to that ring!

Summer 2002 Dates

Saddle, Spruce, Outpost, Pathfinding

1st session: June 12 - July 8

2nd session: July 13 - August 8

Homestead

1st session: June 12 - June 24

2nd session: June 26 - July 8

3rd session: July 13 - July 25

4th session: July 27 - August 8

Early Bird Special

Receive a 5% discount when any camper enrolls and pays full tuition by January 1, 2002! Don't wait, reserve your camper a spot today!



Summer Evaluations

In order for camp to grow and for us to continue to provide the best possible experience for our campers and staff, we request your input. Summer evaluations are a great way to provide us with feedback so that we may continue along in our ongoing process of camp improvement. Thanks to those of you who have already taken the time to mail back a completed form. We appreciate the time and thought you put into filling out our forms and read each evaluation carefully. If you have not already done so, please fill out your evaluations and mail them back to us. If you did not receive a form, or wish to voice your comments in person, please call the office. We'd love to hear from you! Thanks again for helping to make our program the best it can be.



Spruce Monster Ballad 2001: "Waiting for Thee Platinum Tears"

I saw her the other day
sitting in the lodge
corn dog in her braces
love in her eyes
I wish she would come over
just to say "hi"
but her friends wouldn't let her
I just don't know why
(chorus)
'Cause I'm just a Spruce
lonely as can be
Sitting in my cabin
just thinkin' of thee



I brought up my courage
got out a piece of paper
will you go steady with me
Check yes, no, or tell me later
(chorus)
I think I'm going crazy for youuuuuuu
Sat together at dinner
Danced together at the dance
We would talk together
like two angels in romance
(chorus)
My eyes are open
My lips are tight
I'll never find another girl
that touches me so deep inside
...So deep inside

Went on the 5 day together
acted like best friends
The next day your friend came up to me
said it has to end
She found somebody new
living in Outpost
Lost his braces last year
now she thinks he is the most
(chorus)
Waiting for thee
Waiting for theeeeeeeee

