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## A SUMMER OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE RED CREEK VALLEY

As leaves change in anticipation of the snow to come, silent thoughts take us back to the summer that was and was not. Like so many before it, this summer will live forever in the memories of those who experienced Colvig Silver Camps in 2002. Over time, we all will have different memories and emotions of the summer. It was a summer of joy and anticipation, and a summer when many experienced unusual disappointment and sorrow. But like the fire on Missionary Ridge, the end brought growth and development. In burned out areas we now find flowers, mushrooms, and other adaptive species. Like the mission of CSC, the new flora brings character and adds to our sense of place. It develops and matures, becoming part of our history and community. So as the seasons change our cycle of growth continues, and we are able to look back with resolve and forward with eagerness to future summers of significance in the Red Creek Valley.

### ENROLL NOW FOR 2003!

Summer 2003 will be filled with tons of fun, fantastic trips, new challenges, and lots of friends. We have been busy planning for next summer and we are very excited to enclose our 2003 enrollment form hoping that we will be able to share another summer of adventure with YOU here at CSC. What could be more important than the things you can learn at camp in a safe community surrounded by caring counselors - and have a blast doing it? Where else is the earth in all its beauty, complexity, and diversity your classroom and playground, with the development of communication, character, compassion, cooperation, and commitment your primary subject of study? Enrollment is officially open and we invite you to enroll early this year as a significant way of helping us through this difficult off-season. As always, there is a 5% discount if any camper sends in full tuition before January 1, 2003. Come join us as we set out in search of .....

**THE BEST SUMMER EVER AT CSC!**

### From the Director's Chair

2002 was an extraordinary summer in the Southwest that witnessed many firsts for CSC. Engineer Mountain had no snow in July. Charlie the Elk moved from the Lodge, not once, but three times. 20 bulldozers were stationed at the dozer depot in Homestead field during the fire effort. 90+ horses spent the night in the horse field with over 70 of them quick evacuees from a nearby dude ranch. The lake was virtually dry from the drought and the helicopter buckets draining it. Girls slept in a Spruce tree house while camp was in session. And it was the first time that a single day of camp was cancelled.



It was also a summer that witnessed unparalleled feats of kindness, generosity, trust, and compassion. Where we had the Backwards Olympics during the "4<sup>th</sup>" Homestead term, we had the Humanitarian Olympics at the beginning of the summer. For those who haven't heard, the short version of the 2002 summer story is that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of camp we had to evacuate due to the Missionary Ridge Fire, send everyone home on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, cancel 2<sup>nd</sup> term, send our staff home, run Pathfinding in Wyoming, and wait for the rain that allowed our scheduled "4<sup>th</sup>" term of Homestead. Check our website in December for a detailed version with pictures.

The hardest part of this summer was that with campers and staff gone we weren't allowed the chance to experience our healing community in the manner that we are used to - discovering our greatest potential and teaching and learning the best lessons in life. However, we are very proud to be part of a camp (staff, campers, and parents) and local community that handled a difficult situation with such care, cooperation, and positive energy. Many of the precepts to creating the personal growth that we strive for each summer involve the simplification of life - bringing things back to fundamental needs and interactions that construct a person of character. While it was far from the ideal way to accomplish these goals, in the short time that we were

together we discovered that the fire and our evacuation still led to this simplification. With some directed efforts by our amazing staff, many of our personal growth goals were still met. In 6 days our camp community was closer to three weeks in terms of personal and interactive development - something we can all be proud of.

Many have asked how we are doing physically and financially, and what lies ahead. Physically we are fine. The signs of the fire are already fading and it will be difficult to tell that it was even near camp. Financially, in a nutshell, we are here for you and we are here because of you. While never seriously considering the possibility of not having camp next summer, partly because of the powerful experience of first term and the very focusing and gratifying lift of "4<sup>th</sup>" term Homestead, there continue to be financial hurdles to overcome. Our initial request for federal aid that comes in the form of loans from the Small Business Association was declined, but the second submittal for a smaller amount was approved. We have also been investigating independent grants as well as lending options with our bank. But I state that we are here because of you because it is through your astonishing generosity that we are staying ahead of the game. More than 150 of you have donated over \$65,000 to the CSC Fire Relief Fund so far and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Because of you we have been able to take some big strides towards next summer - planting 50 new aspen trees, paying staff salaries, purchasing winter hay for the horses, and preparing for the slideshow tour. There is still much to be done but we are well on our way and looking forward to next summer. We approach next year with a renewed sense of purpose and energy, and we continue on with our stated mission: to facilitate the development of caring, thoughtful, and responsible human beings.

Towards this end we have recently added Kate Sullivan and Megan Weidmann to our staff, replacing Kit Klepinger as office manager and Andrew Notbohm as program director. Welcome Megan and Kate! And to Kit and Andrew - we wish you all the best as you embark on new adventures and send you off with heartfelt thanks for everything you have done here at CSC. Amie Podolsky is off this fall working at a backcountry youth at risk program, soon to reunite with us at our annual camp conferences. Jim Colvig is out fixing bulldozers, irrigation pipes, and everything else. And Tavia and I are busy baby proofing the house with Conor taking his first steps. We can't believe he's already a year old. Here's hoping that we get to see all of you a year older next year. Happy Turkey Day! - Clay Colvig

OVER 90% OF YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT CSC THROUGH WORD OF MOUTH. YOU WANTED SOMEONE YOU KNEW TO ASSURE YOU OF THEIR VALUABLE, FUN, AND SAFE EXPERIENCE HERE AT CAMP. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WAY THAT YOU CAN HELP THIS YEAR IS TO SPREAD THE WORD. TELL A FRIEND ABOUT CAMP AND THEN BRING THEM ALONG!

## First Term

A salute to 1st Term 2002, you are now an immortal part of CSC lore! For the first time since we were just Spruce and Saddle all camps participated in a single cabin overnight, probably the largest in camp history. Camp began just fine with everyone excited and ready for 4 weeks of fun. We had just begun getting to know each other on arrival day and had spent the 2nd day settling into camp activities. In fact, there are still some natural shelters down in Spruce from that day. That afternoon also included a fire drill and rain dance led by Clay wearing glasses with windshild wipers to protect his vision from the expected rain. Well, the rain didn't come and the fire that had started far away from camp travelling in the opposite direction exploded over Missionary Ridge and down a drainage just north of CSC. With smoke rising overhead and the dude ranch in that drainage evacuating, we decided it was time to set out on our all camp cabin overnight. The sight of every camp van pulling away from camp led by a tractor pulling all of our gear was something few of us will ever forget. We ventured down the road the road about three miles and for three nights we called Eldorado Ranch home, making the best of our situation by conducting normal camp activities. Popular free choices included a summit push to Rob's Ridge, complete with a human thank note to overhead slurry bombers, kayaking in Eldorado Lake, natural jewelry making, and challenge initiatives. The last night at "Refugee Camp" proved to be a highlight of the summer, as everyone came together for a campfire filled with original songs and skits as the sun set over the Florida River Valley. That evening the fire grew rapidly near Vallecito Reservoir and the next morning we awoke to smoke too dense to be outside in. So we packed up and headed down the trail to Refugee Camp #2 - Escalate Middle School - for the final all-camp dance. Special guest "Charlie" the lodge elk stood watch as "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and final vespers the next morning ended a very short but very sweet term. Everyone who helped make first term "the best summer ever," as one camper recently described it, deserves a salute. And a very big thank you to everyone involved - campers, staff, parents, and friends - for being so understanding and supportive throughout.



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## "Fourth" Term Homestead

As always, Homestead Rocks! The Homesteaders were a part of the most energized two weeks imaginable. They carried a torch (whoa! that's not right!...carried the flag) for the summer by having a traveling memorial dance party in each empty camp, culminating with a sleepover in the Spruce tree houses. They made the most of our water deprived main lake by creating an algae monster, entertained all with homemade puppets and a show, and landscaped camp during their Thistle Bashing discovery. They were the first

of that age to tackle Engineer Mountain, they met and worked with an archeologist at Kelly Place, and they learned how the miners used to live at Animas Forks. Their summer ended with one of the best closing campfires and dance parties ever, thanks to coordinator Michael Gustafson and his staff that returned from all over the country to keep camp alive - Patrick Schwartzkopf, Andy Weidmann, Andrew Gersh, Seth Jackson, Mariah Casserly, Camille Cushman, Lindsay Weidmann, Molly Irwin, and Iggie Arnold. Thanks also to Mark Dobbins, Nancy Hushek, Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch, and Nick Kladis for their late summer effort. Support!

## Pathfinding

Adventures in Pathfinding continued in 2002! Before going home a week early, first term Pathfinders got a taste of what patience and group bonding is all about. The group explored Anasazi culture at Kelly Place and Mesa Verde before climbing the Dakota Sandstone of Naturita and conducting solos around Highland Mary Lakes. Town night in Durango and an evening of junk food and movies at Tamaron Resort brought closure to the term. Second term Pathfinders, known as "Tatonka" in the Bridger-Tetons, spent four weeks carrying the 1st CSC flag through the vast Wyoming wilderness. They tackled the limestone in Sinks Canyon, navigated the wilds of the Wyoming Range, and paddled the icy waters of the Snake River. Highlights of the term included numerous renditions of "Fifty-nifty United States", solos, Bubba's Barbecue, wildlife viewing, and "Bo" the manliest raft guide who ever did live. Pathfinding 2002 was a success thanks in part to first term coordinators Jill Jacobson and Jacob Schlesinger and second term coordinators Jill and Andrew Notbohm. Gratitude is also extended to Whigger and Mary Jo Mullins, Andrew Bresnin, Don Roth and Nicole Jones of Trails Wilderness School for helping make second term "Pathfinding in Wyoming" possible.

## "Refugee Camp"

*by Sweetwater Refuge*

Lord I feel like I'm in  
One of those old time  
Refugee Camps  
Look around you  
There's nothing missing  
'Cept maybe some bugjuice  
Being passed around

Rob's Ridge hangs sleepy  
Behind me  
And it makes me smile  
And as the sun sets slowly  
I think to myself  
We're gonna be here a while  
But that's all right with me  
Long as I got my friends  
Standin' 'round me

Lord I feel like I'm in  
One of those old time  
Refugee Camps  
Look around you  
There's nothing missing  
'Cept maybe my bunk  
Layin' 10 feet off the ground

Seems we've been here so long  
Laughin' and playin'  
In the smoke and fog  
Livin' in tarps  
N' sleepin' on the ground  
Ain't so bad  
Just beware the horse dookie  
Even had a portable taco bar  
Just, again  
Watch out for the horse dookie

Lord I feel like I'm in  
One of those old time  
Refugee Camps  
Look around you  
There's nothing missing  
'Cept maybe Charlie the Elk  
But we brought him along

Fires just ain't what we planned  
But that's all right  
We can swim all day  
If we have to  
And sing songs around a camp  
Lantern

Lord I feel like I'm in  
One of those old time  
Refugee Camps  
Look around you  
There's nothing missing  
I got all my friends here  
With me

## ANDREW'S FINAL STORY.....FOR NOW

My summers in the Red Creek Valley seem to go faster with each year. When looking back, my memories are layered deep with emotion. I think of my first summer, the many friends I still hold dear, the campers that changed my outlook on life and all the laughter. I think about how I wanted to return the next year, but didn't believe my second summer could live up to the fun I had my first. But it did, it always did, and continued to do so.

I store my memories and tap them occasionally for humor and encouragement. They are often expressed in stories and I do love to tell stories. This summer's stories will include the thick cloud of smoke that rose ominously over camp during the month of June and the long heartfelt meetings with the CSC administrative team and the Colvig Family. I will recall for years the dark days of the "Missionary Ridge Fire". But I will also laugh when thinking about the amazing group of Pathfinders I spent four weeks with in Wyoming and the endless energy held by a group of AC's who never had the chance to live up to their potential. So diverse are my thoughts about the summer that it is hard to conceive what a "normal" summer would have been like. This summer will always stand out in my mind for both what it was and what it was not.

For this reason, it makes it even harder to say goodbye for a while. After five summers, I am turning in my staff notebook for uncertain adventures. Although I will no longer be a part of the CSC administrative team, a part of me will always be in the Red Creek Valley. I am very excited about the future of CSC and the addition of Megan Weidmann. She is a dear friend who will do an amazing job. I owe a very special thanks to the campers, friends, and families that have changed my life over the last five years and especially to Clay and the Colvig Family. My life will never be the same. Cheers, -Andrew



## COFFEE TALK WITH AMIE

I sometimes get choked up thinking of the extraordinary events that occurred this summer and the learning experience I had. CSC created a new chapter in its rich history and pulled through tough times when it didn't seem possible. It would be easy to be consumed by what the fire denied us, nine months of work stripped away in a heartbeat, but this is not how I will remember the summer of 2002. I will remember what a privilege it was to work with such an outstanding staff, knowing 120 of the most loving, understanding, and mature children, and the hope I saw in people as our camp continued to shine through in times of challenge. I was proud to be working with such an incredible family as the Colvigs, and to see each and every one of them come back to help with the family business in this difficult situation. Their true strengths came out and I now see why CSC has prospered for so long and will continue to do so. Although 1st term campers had to go home, many described their time here as the "best five days of their lives". And, we were able to have successful 4th term Homestead and Pathfinding in Wyoming terms. To be an integral part of such an amazing team made this summer so educational and worthwhile.



The latter half of the summer was a real treat for me, because I could devote all of my time and energy to 4<sup>th</sup> term Homestead. I was able to do things I never get the chance to do like play laundry lady, art barn coordinator (how 'bout those silk-screens?) and be head AC. I was also able to visit each cabin on their cabin overnights, climb Engineer and explore Animas Forks with the campers, run an egg tossing station for the Backwards Special Day and act like a cheerleader during dinner as my Kangaroo Kourt punishment.

While it is strange to not have Kit around - my backgammon playing, Steaming Bean drinking, movie going buddy - I am thrilled for her to be venturing off to Africa and admire her will to follow her dreams. Taking her lead, I am off for some adventures of my own. This fall I've been working with adjudicated youth in a wilderness therapy program based in Utah. In my hiatus, I will also be visiting my infant nephew and cousins and exploring the backcountry in our area. I am looking forward to these new experiences, and will bring them back with me to the Red Creek Valley when I return after New Years. Sadly, Andrew will no longer be sitting next to me in the office, but I will be ready to get next summer rolling with Megan and Kate.

Remember, or imagine, the good times of the past summer, start counting the days until next summer, and, as always, keep smiling! -Amie :)  
P.S. Thanks to my Dad, Henry Podolsky for all of his hard work helping me move camp out of storage and back to the Valley.

## COMMUNING WITH KATE



Greetings to all! My name is Kate Sullivan and I came on board in July to take over Kit's position as office manager. After a fun, African themed party Kit headed home to Wisconsin to spend time with family before heading off to Guinea, West Africa with the Peace Corps. For those of you who might be interested in my background, I graduated with honors from New York University in 1997 with a degree in the social sciences and moved to Baltimore to work in a neonatal intensive care unit. After one year I moved to the Kennedy Krieger Institute where I gained experience in pediatric behavioral

psychology working on both the neurobehavioral and feeding disorder units. I spent the next two years in Baltimore working toward a masters and law degree, finally giving it all up a year ago to move to Durango. I had fallen in love with Durango (and CSC) during a trip in 1998 to visit a friend who happened to be the Homestead Coordinator. CSC remained a part of my life (I hosted a slideshow tour stop in Baltimore) and, in search of a meaningful community in which to put down roots, I jumped at the chance to join the CSC team this summer.

Since my move to the Red Creek Valley I have been busy familiarizing myself with all the administrative details of camp. Participating in 4th term Homestead was a great way for me to learn about camp and become a part of the community. I even got the chance to go out on a trip and climb Engineer, my very first mountain climbing experience. Thanks to the Engineer crew and Amie for helping me bag my first peak. I have recently repeated the task in three feet of snow with new program director, Megan Weidmann.

With the arrival of winter, I'm settling in to the office routine. I'm looking forward to some good hiking, horse back riding, the new season of ER, visiting new camp friends, off roading in my Neon, watching Notre Dame football games, playing with my dog, Savannah, and my cat, Jonah and for the snow! Wishing you all peace, happiness, and good school years! - Kate

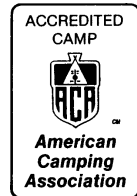
### KIT UPDATE

Thanks again to everyone who made the last four summers the typical unforgettable and magical CSC experience for me. Special thanks to the entire Colvig family and my office crew! Love and hugs from across the world. - Kit

DO YOU HAVE A GREAT SUMMER 2002 PICTURE? SEND IT OUR WAY AND IT MAY END UP IN THE SLIDE SHOW!



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## Craig I. Colvig Fund



In the fall of 2001 Colvig Silver Camps was able to create a tax-deductible scholarship fund with the help of the John Austin Cheley Foundation. Our collective goal was to provide you, the members of our CSC community, a way to honor your camp experience by helping those who would not otherwise have the means spend a summer at a mountain summer camp. Our individual CSC goals were to provide campers the opportunity to spend a summer with us in the Red Creek Valley, and to create a fund within the JAC Foundation in Craig I. Colvig's name to honor the late founder of CSC.

The Foundation is currently funding two CSC camperships for summers 2002 and 2003 while the CIC Fund grows. Because of our amended summer the Foundation will send four campers next summer. All donations thereafter will be used to fund CSC camperships or build the Fund to an endowment. We are proud to be a part of a community that in one year has contributed nearly enough tuition for two full camperships! We thank those of you who have been able to contribute for providing these opportunities. Our camp community thanks you. Our campers thank you.

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. This is also a way to help with the long-term recovery of CSC. If this works better for you instead of a direct donation to the CSC Fire Relief Fund, please indicate on the Alumni information card that you would like to receive yearly mailings from the Foundation, or call us at the office.

## In Appreciation...

Every year it is our pleasure to welcome fresh faces and return staff back for another magical summer in the Red Creek Valley. For 10 weeks these people dedicate themselves to enriching the lives of youth. This summer our return rate soared to unprecedented heights - over 80% of our summer staff had either worked at CSC or been a camper! For their summer efforts, we salute our staff, and send out a very special thanks to everyone who helped make this summer so significant.



When evaluating the prospect of canceling our summer one of the most difficult things to consider was that this amazing staff would not be able to reach their vast potential. They were just that special. In addition to those who returned for 4th Term Homestead and 2nd term Pathfinding, we would like to thank those who were planning to spend the summer with us - Luis Avila, Annie Barton, Michael Brinkmeier, Hamilton Callison, Courtney Childe, Samantha Ehrlich, Christopher Ellison, Mack Farquhar, Jordan Faut, Adam Fjell, Rebecca Freedman, Abbey Glen, Bryan Haggard, Nancy Hushek, Lindsay James, Jennifer Jones, Michael Jones, Emily Kaser, Abigail Kendall, Cara Kropp, Mark Kudrav, Gretchen Lamar, Jonas Landes, Ben Loveless, Pepper McFadden, Sarah Minella, Cindy Murphy, Andres Ramos, Kim Roush, David Townes, Sarah Townes, Megan Weidmann, Aaron Welch, Lora Wollven, Ann Youngquist, Joyce Zake, and William Zake. We hope you will all file this summer under extraordinary but unfinished business and that we will see everyone back in the valley in 2003 to finish what we started.

### RIGGING FOR RESCUE

After shutting down camp for the summer, Clay, Amie, and Andrew, as volunteer members, took part in a technical rope rescue training with La Plata County Search and Rescue. We had a blast over 5 intense days learning about rescue belaying and technical rescue equipment in the classroom and in the field - hanging off cliffs, setting up steep and high angle scenarios, and tying lots and lots of knots. We are all now certified members of the LaPlata County Search and Rescue Technical Rope Team!

### SLIDE SHOW TOUR 2003

Come one! Come All! See yourself at camp. We're headed your way with the CSC slideshow and there has never been a better time to get involved. One of the most important ways that you can help us recover from last year is by filling camp next year, and one way to do that is through the slideshow. Can you host a show in your area? Can you get the word out to your school or church or athletic team? Do you need some fliers or invitations from us? The slideshow is a great time for us to get together and share stories about camp with each other and with potential new families. Who could resist a picture of you at camp?! We're working on the slideshow schedule now so give us a call if you need anything or have any ideas. Otherwise, be on the lookout for our trusty Expedition, the "SEA KING", on the open road coming to a city near you.



# ALUMINATION

Welcome to an old idea with a new format. The Alumination is a way for the CSC community to keep up to date with the lives of former campers and staff. This biannual publication will include notes, stories, memories, and pictures from years gone by and will now be included in the CSC newsletters. We may not have heard from many of you for a while, and vice versa, but if you would like to be on our mailing list to continue to receive the CSC newsletters just detach and send in the information at the bottom of this page. Hope to hear from you soon!

OFFICIAL ALUMNI PUBLICATION OF COLVIG SILVER CAMPS

FALL 2002

## Volunteer Week - Spring 2003

Camp looks great, considering there was a fire 30' from the lodge, but there is still much landscaping to do for appearance and for future fire prevention. Many of you have expressed interest in coming out to help with your hands. So, this spring, we are going to host the **Great Red Creek Tree Fest of 2003!**

Remember back when all it took to clear a field of rocks was a can of gold spray paint and a story about earning money for the carnival by finding gold rocks? Well, we're going to paint a few trees gold. Heck, we might even pick up some rocks! Come join us for a set of free choices that could include Creative Weed Pulling, Whittling With Power - a Wood Chipper, Caber (Dead Tree) Tossing, Chainsaw Sculpture, and, everybody's favorite, Bushwhacking, the actual whacking kind.

The fun will start on Friday, May 30th with dinner and end the evening of Wednesday, July 4th with the incoming Summer 2003 staff. If you'd like to stay and play through Saturday, July 7th, be our guests.

If you're interested in getting crazy-worky-campy, let us know as soon as you can so we can begin planning. You bring yourselves - anyone who has qualified for any of the events above is invited - and we'll bring the food, beds, and tools. We hope to see you there!



Clay and Megan, 1988

## Megan's Fireside Chat

Greetings from the Red Creek Valley! Wow, it's wonderful to get to say that in October! For those who don't know me, my name is Megan Weidmann and I have the privilege, after 12 summers at CSC, of signing in as the new Program Director. We figured 12 summers qualified me for the alumni section. Many of you campers and parents may know me as the Saddle Coordinator (or rather Cor-i-DON-tor with appropriate dinosaur gestures), a position I have loved for the past 3 summers. While I'll miss leading Spruce and Saddle campfires with Michael Gustafson, tucking in the girls every night after handing out mail, and planning Mardi Gras special days, I am VERY excited to move to camp year-round and take on some new challenges. A little about me... I'm originally from Belleville, Illinois and spent 8 amazing summers of my childhood as a CSC camper. I graduated from Duke University in 1999 with a degree in Biology, and spent the next two years teaching math at a New Orleans inner-city high school through the Teach for America program. After completing my TFA commitment, I spent a year in Spain traveling and teaching English as a foreign language. I returned to the US this summer as excited as ever to return to camp, and spent an unforgettable month bonding with campers and staff alike as we witnessed forest fires spread through our beloved valley. The outpouring of support after such a disaster has inspired me to do all I can in the coming months to help get CSC back on its feet. Anyway, in my spare time I enjoy watching Duke Basketball, singing while playing my guitar, taking advantage of the many outdoor opportunities in Colorado, training for my first marathon, and traveling to far-flung places visiting friends and family. I'm currently working hard moving into my new apartment and getting a feel for an "office job", as well as spending quality time with my new CSC family. I look forward to meeting you all on the upcoming slideshow tour! Until then, keep smiling. Hot cocoa and Colorado stars.

- Megan

(Cut out and return to CSC if you wish to be on the mailing list.)

PERSONAL UPDATE

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## ALUMNI UPDATES:

**Melissa Rubenstein** recently married Daniel Levin. After time in NYC and San Diego their eventual destination will be Houston following a honeymoon in Asia that will include a backpack in Vietnam. Gotta love those CSC skills. **Alexandra Baele** is North of San Francisco and still dreaming of Homesteaders and the Art Barn. If anyone's dreams were in color hers would be. **Stehanie (Lewis) Venerly** remembers the good times with you all and hopes that her kids can make their own at CSC when they are older. **Andrew Friendly** is in San Francisco and just had a baby girl who may join us in the valley in the future. Andrew and his brother **Christopher Friendly** send their greetings. **Brian Gustofson** recently stopped by camp for a trip down memory lane recalling everyone in his cabin and everything that happened. He has spent many years with the Boys and Girls Club in the Carolinas. **Amoonda Frasier** is getting a Master's in Counseling in Rhode Island and enjoying the beach. **Kyle Desmet** graduated from High School in June. He has added to his camp experience by becoming an Eagle Scout. **Mike Moss** is in Chicago and remembers the trips as his favorite part of camp. **Pamela Rosenthal** lives in NYC and remembers her "wild and wondrous month" and never wanting to leave after the initial bewilderment of the first night in a teepee. **Andrea (Nigro) Dethlefs** who lives in Omaha remembers it all and hopes her kids can come to camp, though she wishes it could be her. **Dick Winslow** writes regularly about his adventures in New Hampshire. **Russ Ledbetter** is in Columbia, MO. School, a newspaper job, and the baseball playoffs have kept him busy this past fall. **Tom and Helen Sisk** send best wishes to their friends from the CSC '70s and hope for a wet winter. **Bridey Porter** is in Seattle and remembers her ascent of Mt. Sneffels as her high point at camp. **Jean Pendleton Gresh** lives in Durango and hopes that her 16-mo.-old daughter can attend CSC. In listing her memories she included creek sloshing,

## THE VIEW FROM HERE

"We don't believe in ourselves until someone reveals that deep inside us something is valuable, worth listening to, worthy of our trust, sacred to our touch. Once we believe in ourselves we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight or any experience that reveals the human spirit."

E.E. Cummings

As I sit here in my classroom in Durango and gaze out my window, it occurs to me that I have come full circle. It has been almost twenty years since I first came here to begin my personal Odyssey of wilderness adventure and self-discovery. From my very first day as Homestead camper, I knew that I had found something special.

It was during that first summer that my love for wilderness was born. I stood on the summit of my first "fourteener" and explored Anasazi ruins. It was also then that the camp experience began to shape me into the person I am today. For me, camp was the single most important influence on my life. The Red Creek Valley has always drawn me back- from Homestead to Pathfinding to Counselor to Coordinator. Thirteen hilarious, beautiful, magical, amazing summers. Even now, I find myself hiking First Fork or stopping by the office to visit those friends who mean so much.

Someone asked me the other day when I mentioned that I was thinking about returning to camp for another summer, "Isn't that part of your life over with? You're an adult now." I didn't really know what to say at the time. Maybe my answer wouldn't matter to them. But I know that every child and every staff member feels the same way I do. Camp will never be "over with." We carry with us wherever we go, whether we're hiking the Continental Divide, teaching English, or staring out our window.

Ryan Montgomery 9/18/02 Durango, Co.

Heartbreak Hotel, a tyrolean traverse, singing before meals, great friends, and hard good-byes. **Lynn Pendleton** stopped by camp last Spring and is now living in Durango and teaching at Miller Middle School. **Tara Turk** just got her MBA and chose to live in Colorado Springs partly because of her camp connection. She relates how her CSC experiences, "taught me so much about life...how to survive in the wilderness, respect the beauty of the world, and recognize the amazing contributions that other people bring to life. **Barb Hudson** is living in Southern California and can't wait to send her grandchildren to camp. **Chip Walters?** has a Ph.D. in Scottish History and is on the faculty of the University of South Carolina. He puts his camp skills to use leading hiking and biking trips though the Scottish Highlands in the summer. He hopes that the, "image of beauty, of integrity, of teamwork, and

of spirit" that he formed here at CSC will live on. **Gray Berryman** may finally be settling down. He has moved back to Virginia and reports that he just bought a house on the coast. Surfing seems to be his new religion and he had to be near the water.

### Three Cheers for Chef Nancy!

Our current chef and longtime camp friend Nancy Hushek was recently featured in Hospitality News for the Western U.S. for her outstanding achievements as a Chef Instructor for the Culinary Arts Program at North Canyon High School in Scottsdale. Nancy has received several culinary awards with her most recent being her Dedication to Education award in 2001. Nancy provided her famous recipe for Pumpkin Bread in her feature and her Chef's Tip was..... "Eat healthy and drink lots of water!"

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