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Off the Road and on a Roll...

Slideshow Tour a Huge Success - Sign Up Soon!

What a tour! After two months of traveling, coast to coast, we are back and more excited than ever about this upcoming summer. We had such a great time seeing those of you who attended the shows and those of you we stayed with. It's always a pleasure to catch up with campers and their families throughout the year, and to meet new faces along the way as well. Thank you to everyone who hosted a show and opened up their homes to us. The trip would not be the same without your energy and enthusiasm.

Because of your efforts and our amazing 2000 staff - we currently have the highest total enrollment for this month than we've had in years. Please enroll soon to guarantee a summer of fun and laughter in the Red Creek Valley.

We're settling in back at home trying to clear the decks and begin preparing for this summer. Amie and Andrew have been busy hiring some fantastic staff and exploring new trips to go on. Kit has been holding down the fort, and thoroughly researching the various reasons why we need to upgrade the office technology, from copier to internet connection. Uncle Jim has been building a new bike trailer, feeding the horses, and planning spring projects. Cassidy has been catching some BIG air on his snowmobile and is planning a move to Denver. Cameron and Nicole are nervously waiting to hear from the 4 medical schools he has interviewed with and the 4 others he hasn't heard from yet. And Tavia and I - well, after a slight delay in the process, we are now happily looking forward to an addition to the family this Fall!

--Clay and Tavia



A MILLENIAL NEW YEAR'S TALE

We began at 5:30 on December 31st, 1999. It was almost dark and we could see Orion and a few other stars through the clouds. It had been a long day of dealing with pre-Y2K computer problems with a brief interlude to watch the CU Buffaloes clean the field with Boston College in some bowl or another.

We had been trying to figure out something special to do to celebrate the new millennium. Since it had been a mild winter to that point we decided to spend New Year's outside. From somewhere in the recesses of my mind I pulled a memory from when I was a Homesteader - a sheltered campsite at the top of a hill surrounded by trees and huge sandstone boulders. It was to be our first night in our new tent, our first overnight with Mojo, and Tavia and Mojo's first time up to the top of Topnotch (formerly Pathfinding Hill).

With one flashlight the three of us hiked up the hill through the dark, Tavia trusting my memory for some reason. Somehow we ended up right at the spot that I had envisioned - big boulders all around us through which we could see in every direction, and a small pine bed, perfect for our tent. We set up our tent in the dark and built a little fire around which we could enjoy our new year's meal - ham on a hard roll, olives, goat cheese and crackers, Pepperidge Farm Geneva Cookies, After Eight Mints, and peanut brittle for desert, and hot chocolate and cider to drink.

There was no moon, and fewer and fewer stars. It was so quiet the sudden roar of the wind in the pines startled us. So quiet we could hear the Durango Silverton train ten miles away on its millennium run. So quiet we didn't know it was snowing until we heard it. I went to take a picture of Mojo standing guard from his spot overlooking Durango - the battery was dead and the film wouldn't wind. My watch stopped. I hoped this wasn't a preview of coming attractions.

We settled down by the fire, Tavia reading Cold Mountain with Mojo beside her, while I wrote in my journal. I had just spent a few minutes, or half an hour, standing on the highest boulder, thinking - if that's the right word. The lines from On the Loose had crossed my mind, "So why do we do it? What good is it? Does it teach us anything?" I thought this was why. To stand on a rock, in the dark and the snow, with a tree above, and a fire below. To occasionally be elemental.

As we stood on top of Topnotch, toasting the New Year with Hot Cider, we could see and hear the flashes of fireworks from every direction - Vallecito Reservoir, Rob's Ridge, Durango, and even Purgatory. We watched the coals burn out on the last fire of the year, century, and millennium, and went to bed expecting to rise early to watch the first sunrise of the next year, century, and millennium. Instead we woke to four inches of new snow and it was still falling - finally!

Happy New Year Everybody. And another thousand to come! - Clay and Tavia

Office Winter Fun

Although we've been spending lots of time in the car and at work, we've all made sure to get out and enjoy the great snow this winter. In between show legs we had an office ski day. Clay, Amie, Kit, Andrew, Jim, Gray, and Mary Colvig headed up to the mountain for a day of skiing and snowboarding. Conditions were great and other than one major fall by Clay as he cruised through the trees like a pro, there were no major tragedies. Other winter fun activities have included bagging Balls Falls by moonlight, a birthday party for Cassidy, complete with snowmobiles, a snowman made by Uncle Jim, a terrific crash on the inner tubes by Gry and Michael Gustafson, and ice fishing on Main Lake. We're hoping the snow doesn't melt away too soon as we're still planning on the annual sledding party down main hill and maybe even a winter ascent of Rob's Ridge.

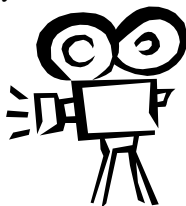


A Big "Thank You"!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2001 slideshow tour a huge success. Colvig Silver Camps could not exist without the help of all of our camp families and friends. Preparing for a slideshow involves lots of hard work on the part of our host families and other families in the area. Your hours spent talking on the phone, sending invitations, putting up fliers, giving directions, preparing your living rooms, making refreshments and cleaning up are greatly appreciated. We also thank all of you who allowed us to stay in your homes:

Boulder: Mark, Katie, Michael, and Adam Belford **Chicago:** Jim and Corinne Mirable; Joel and Julia Resnick, Diane Rosenbaum; Tom, Susan, Kevin, and Jason Kovanda; William, Stacy, and Maggie Ryan **Washington D.C.:** Michael, Sharon, and Jamie Nemeroff **New York:** Archie, Anne, Lucy, and Archie Jr. Gwathmey **Boston:** Pete Donahue and Gail Lauter; Bobbie, Duncan, and Anne Wells **St. Louis:** Anne and Eric Weidmann; Jane Abrams, Bob, and Jesse Kornblum **Kansas City:** Grant, Wendy, Christopher, Michael, Annie, Matthew, and Emily Burcham **Dallas:** David, Marianne, Kathryn, and Grace Leonning **Austin:** David, Debbie, and Cason Latimer **Corpus Christi:** Matt, Kim, and Caitlin Hammer **Houston:** Travis, Karen, Kelly, Klaire, and Korey Bednarz; Bill and Wanda Soltis; Steve Crusier and everyone at the Houston REI **San Antonio:** Craig, Barbi, Jake, and Sarah Witz **Midland:** Richard, Jan, and Emily McMillan **Denver:** Steven, Agnes, Scott, and Holli Hipwell **Durango:** Anne-Brit, and everyone at the Animas City Rock Gym **Sante Fe:** Ed, Louise, Russ, and Ryan Louden **Albuquerque:** everyone at the Bosque School; Aaron, Julia, John, and "Masta" Matt Dietcher **Phoenix:** Paul, Nancy, Sally, and Carolyn Hushek; Christine and at everyone at the Paradise Valley REI **Tucson:** Jill Caffrey, Steve, Lyric, and Weston Barkley **San Diego:** Robert, Matt, Tyler, Callie, and Graham Hajosy, Jane Tea-Hajosy **Santa Monica:** Matt, Deborah, and Jack Irmas; Mary Beth Fielder and Murray Cohen **Salt Lake City:** Rachel Lourg and everyone at the Salt Lake REI **Telluride:** Nicholas, Lyla, Genna, and Luke Kirsch

We are very grateful to everyone who helps promote the magic of Colvig Silver Camps. Apologies to anyone we may have missed that brought friends to our shows or tried to. We hope everyone who attended the shows had as much fun as we did. Thanks to all of you, this summer will be a great one!



COFFEE TALK WITH AMIE



Even with the snow still on the ground, we're beginning to look ahead to another fantastic summer in the Valley. Life in the office has been a blast since Andrew has arrived. We've been working hard planning trips and hiring some new stellar staff, but we're still leaving some personal time to get out and enjoy our surroundings. I had the chance to attend my first Association for Experiential Education conference, backpack through Grand Gulch with some CSC staff, and am planning to finish the last two days of the Kokopelli bike trail in a couple of weeks. Life is good at CSC!

--Amie

Our Office Manager...

Spring Greetings from the O.M.! Is it really spring? I can't tell. These Colorado springs take a little getting used to – almost 60 degrees one day, six inches of snow the next. Creates some packing difficulties for our weekend excursions to Naturita, Moab, and any spur-of-the-moment trips. But all the snow is going to make for some beautiful mountain meadows this summer!

This has been an exciting year for me. After an awesome New Year's trip to Joshua Tree with many CSC friends, I decided to pursue my other interest in life, French, by taking a class at Fort Lewis College. I am also eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new niece or nephew in July!

We are all geared up for another memorable summer in the Red Creek Valley. Enrollments are rolling in faster than you can say 'Sign up soon because we're filling up fast!' – so get those enrollments in. Please call if you need an enrollment form. If you haven't already, you should soon receive a Preparing for Adventure packet for your enrolled campers. If there are any questions about the packet, give me a call. Talk to you all soon!

--Kit



Andrew Speaks

Hello friends and welcome to my official introduction from the "Real world"! For those of you who know me, I still can't believe that I am actually working at camp year round. For those of you I haven't met, my name is Andrew Notbohm and this is my story....



On a cold and snowy Wisconsin night, about four years ago, I left America's dairy land for the western United States. My cross-country journey took me through numerous landscapes, several that I fell in love with, but the place I was most fascinated with was Colvig Silver Camps. To tell you the truth, I was so enchanted by the Red Creek Valley and the people I met there, that I have returned every summer since to join in the fun and maintain my relationships. So now, after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I am excited to make my debut as a Program Director at CSC.

My late winter and early spring has been excellent! Along with getting camp prepared for the summer, I have had the chance to do some traveling. The highlight of my spring was seeing the RHCP and Neil Young in Los Angeles with Alex and Nathan Edelman, two old campers. I have also been able to get out climbing a couple of times, including trips to Joshua Tree, California, Indian Creek, Utah, and Naturita, Colorado. The only disappointment I've experienced since arriving in Colorado was the loss my beloved Wisconsin Badgers suffered in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament. Well, I guess you can't win them all. Take care my friends. I can't wait to see all of you smiles in the valley this summer. Andrew Notbohm

The Maintenance Shed

What's new around here? As you arrive, your ride down Main Hill will be much smoother. We have graded and gravelled it and added some drainage, courtesy of the Florida Rd. Construction Project, which is now, finally complete! Homestead, Outpost, and Silver Saddle will be looking sharp with brand new curtains hand sewn by Mary Colvig and some renovations to Lower Saddle bathrooms. Spruce windos will be stylin' with new canvas covers. It will dismay many of you to hear that the infamous "Black Hole" has finally been cleaned out. We'll have to look elsewhere for materials for junk sculptures. Uncle Jim is searching hard for new transportation, vans and horses. Don't worry, we'll still have the Baby Bus...Other projects this spring include, as always, the maintenance of the cabins, building some new low ropes elements, and most importantly, figuring out what to do with the area that was once the lower lodge deck. Some would prefer a grassy knoll with benches, while I'm still voting for a row of tetherball poles. Regardless, you'll be in for a big surprise the first time you stroll up to the lodge this summer.



Where are They Now?

update on the post-camp adventures of our 2000 staff - 2001 return staff are marked with an asterisk*

Luis Avila* is back in the states experiencing some southern hospitality as a student in North Carolina
Matt "Art Barn" Baxter is out in Big Bear, California teaching at an outdoor science school and getting into the groove of rock climbing
Grey Berryman is "hucking the meister pow" on his snowboard every chance he gets and looking forward to a summer of surfing in Baja
Clive Briggs is backpacking as an intern for the Outdoor Semester in the Rockies program
"Strike" Mike Brinkmeier is loving life in Illinois but even happier that he's just been accepted to both the University of Denver and CU-Boulder graduate programs in Religion
Will Channell is dreaming of his days in the Rogue Squadron while working on entering the "real world" (or maybe not) and gives us a 5% chance of blessing us with his presence this summer
Clay Colvig was last seen somewhere in Arizona with the cell phone attached to his ear and the microphone clipped to his lip
Cameron Colvig has gone with a lovely military crew cut to try to impress the admissions offices for med schools on a related note, **Nicole Colvig** is working on her thesis "How to avoid contagious illnesses from two young boys"
Cassidy Colvig you'll find jumping his snowmobile over fences and practicing his skiing back flip off jumps in the horse field
Jim Colvig is still listening to the same radio station in the shop
Tavia Colvig is making up for lost time with Mojo now that she's back from the slideshow
Rebecca DeFee has escaped from the bayous of Louisiana to hide out in Colorado
Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch* is teaching the troubled youth of Utah the trick to his one pot Lasagna
Nate Dworkin is exploring the many European Olympic sites while working in Switzerland
"Naturita" Dave Ellis has exchanged his shoes for skis at Park City, Utah
Mack Farquhar is enrolled in "chemistry camp" summer in Gettysburg, PA
Carrie Fox* is still in Tennessee finishing up her degree in Recreation
Becca Freedman* is enjoying his figure out the public transportation the country to pursue his passion for
Allison Graves has disappeared into thin air (I think) but has a very funny answer
Grimes has started the "Find a place to hide" so that no one else will have
"Crazy" Mike Gustafson* has been in the area and has contributed loads of fun
is preparing to take off for Nepal for 1 year
returned from his first trip to The Big Bend National Park
for activities this summer
Nancy Hushak* is now living the high life with the prestige of winning a culinary award in Phoenix
Jill Jacobson* while working and going to school in the cold and snowy midwest is dreaming of her return to Colorado
Lindsay James* has now mastered her own website and has finally decided on a double major in communications and english and a minor in journalism with a concentration in print media and newsbroadcasting (just kidding, but it's something crazy like that)
Bailey Jones has continued on with his Texas appreciation and is still living in the "Great State"
J.J.* sits home countless hours trying to figure out how to construct the best cement canoe possible and how to incorporate that project into an exploration for the outposters this summer
Kit "the OM" Klepinger is busy as a bee processing our many enrollments, fielding phone calls (she used to play softball you know) and taking classes to pick up a second major in French
Cara Kropp is attending "algebra camp" straight through the summer
Janna Kruchten has joined the wonderful world of public school systems in Wisconsin and is helping children with Cerebral Palsy
Mark Kudrav is still staring in the mirror shocked that he actually cut off all his hair
Jenn Martin has been adding to her list of philosophical questions and can't wait to visit this summer so she may ask us all "what three people would you want on a deserted island with you?"
Mary Chris Moore is down in Bolivia weaving baskets, exploring the Andes, and having the time of her life!
B.J Morgan spends her time dreaming of her favorite horse Shadow
Cindy Murphy* is racking her brain over new veggie options for the summer
Andrew Notbohm has been promoted from head cheerleader and is currently enjoying his new position in the CSC main office
Kimberly Nowland is skiing and horseback riding up in the Denver area
Angie Okos is preparing for her veterinarian degree
Matt Payne has been abducted by aliens somewhere in northeastern Colorado. The sighting was witnessed by 500 people!
Amie Podolsky actually planning a month straight in the office, has spent more time in Boston this year than when she lived there
Andrew "Peaches" Polster is working 2 jobs and going to 2 different schools in San Diego
Abby Rabinowitz is enjoying the clean, fresh air of Providence, RI
Sharon "The Witch Doctor" Redman is trying to work her magic to get accepted into medical school
Greg Rickel is hiding out amongst the redwoods still trying to get the paint off his body from his Rock of the Ages reggae routine
Jim Shields can't get Colorado Stars out of his head
Matt Stoffel is living the high life and loving his new home in Ft. Collins, which is a good thing considering he'll be there taking classes all summer
Liz Tainter is anxiously awaiting a decision from the Student Conservation Association for a summer job in Alaska, although she's definitely torn between that and CSC
Ian Wallace has become a regular in the Atlanta area, though he lives in Boston
Rob Wallace still sleeps with his bike and is working at a bike shop in Crested Butte
Matt Webb is now a "spinning" DJ back home
Andy Weidmann is already gearing up for his summer adventure to Denali, "gear" being the operative word
Lindsay Weidmann's* hit "AC song" has turned platinum and she's currently touring
Megan Weidmann* is the leading scorer in finding the little babies in the King Cakes for Mardi Gras
Shane Whitener is getting ready to move back into his TeePee on Missionary Ridge
Jason Williams has yet to change out of his Melanzana t-shirt
Mari Yandall is tearing up the slopes of Purgatory (excuse me, Durango Mountain Resort)
Rachel Zimmer* was last seen in Jackson Hole with only her skis



Summer '01 Adventures

Great things are happening for the CSC wilderness tripping program. Last summer Homestead explored Wildhorse Canyon in New Mexico, Silver Saddle enjoyed the scenery from the Abajo mountains in Utah, while Silver Spruce experimented with panning for gold in the hills and streams up north. Outpost continued to enjoy rafting and rock climbing expeditions here in Colorado, as well as pioneering our brand new "Three Thirteeners Trip" by climbing Jones, Niagra and Crown Peaks. And Pathfinders had a blast for the first time in Horse Pasture Canyon of Utah, sporting their stylish orange "SOLO 2000" shirts. This summer prepare yourselves for more adventure! We have big plans for returning to some of the old favorites like Fish and Owl Canyons and the Waterfall Backpack, as well as adding a brand new trip to Grand Gulch Primitive Area for some more archeological exploration.

As always, wilderness trips at CSC are carefully planned with safety as the top priority and lead by experienced counselors trained in mountain safety and Wilderness First Aid. Focused on fun, personal growth, and education, our minimum impact trips are a big highlight in every camper's summer experience.



Deep Thoughts

By: K.J. Klep

"February snow and April showers brings beautiful May, June, July and August meadow flowers."



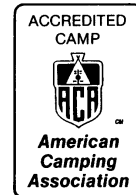
CSC Scholarship Fund

All of us here at CSC would like to thank Ian Wallace and everyone who has contributed to the CSC scholarship fund this year. Your generous contributions allow a handful of campers every summer to attend CSC and experience the benefits of being a part of a community devoted to each individual's personal growth and development. Each summer you provide the campers, who otherwise would not have the chance, the opportunity to come to Colorado to be a part of our unique outdoor experience. Thanks again. You brighten the lives of everyone at camp.





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Friends, Old and New, Enrolled for 2001

Elsa and Anderson, Alison Ayer, Matt Barton, B.J. Batmanghelidj, Travis Bruce, Annie Burcham, Lisa Carroll, Kate Castagnola, Sam Daskalakis, Matt Dault, Jon and Deitcher, Katie Fabiani, Mara and Sam Farrier, Jake and Max Ferguson, Dustin Fontera, Caroline Foret, Adair Gerke, Katie Gibbs, Elizabeth Grant, Erica Greenwald, Ben Grotta, Archie Gwathmey, Lucy Gwathmey, Clint Hammock, Josh and Abby Heath, Holli and Scott Hipwell, David Hirsch, Blaine Hitt, Wyatt Hosmer, Katie Hughes, Sally and Carolyn Hushek, Michael Kaplan, Jeff Katz, Jesse Kornblum, Josh Kravitz, Alissa, Aaron, and Alexander Kur, Todd Langstaff, Zach Lashley, Kathryn and Grace Leonnig, Ben Lewis, Russ and Ryan Loudon, Mike Martin, Ben Matous, Emily McMillan, McKenzie and Wes Millar, Kevin Mills, Alex Moldauer, Kaitlin, Melissa, and Tricia Murphy, Jamie Nemeroff, Kelly O'Meara, Brad Osgood, Travis Pantin, Derrick Pyeatt, Christopher Quiroz, Charlie Rice, Tucker Robinson, Bret Rycroft, Drew and Darian Sargent, Edward and David Scott, Cassie Seipel, Will Sloan, Clark Smith, David Smith, Ross Smith, Matt Stewart, Mathew Symonds, Emily and Laura Tetri, Laura Tetri, Jordan and Cameron Tidball-Scicillo, Zach Tulk, Sarah Ubieta, Neil Weiner, Tyler Whitmire, Ryan Sievert, Kendra Waters, Mandy Goldstein, Andy Mellicker, Daniel Bolander, Ava Halper, Matt Heineman, Claire Jones, Nick and Jessica Petrocchi, Marta Pysiak, Max Robillard, Mike Stevens, Russell Durham, Jeff Fromuth, Jason Kovanda, Corey Marsh, Suzanne Moreau, Jill Thomas, Richard Thomas, Geneva Kaplan, Genna and Luke Kirsch, Kylor Melton, Katherine Fritcke, Tammy Johnson, Nora and Rose Schuchat, Matt Thompson, Gillian and Margaux Steiner, Katie Witters, Nick Hewes, Courtney Jossi, Maggie Ryan, Megan Blythe, Jacy Colvig, Jess Forrester, Justin Gillett, Bob and John McKay, Ben Werden, Julie Novak, Caroline Seymour, Jen Lubenow, Amanda Harwood, Samantha Lewis, Emily Kyle, William Smith, Alexandra Scott, Alex and Sam Krueger, Michael Jordan, Claire Massey-Russell, Rosie Williams, Cameron Wunderlich



Summer 2001 Dates

Saddle, Spruce, Outpost, Pathfinding

1st session: June 11 – July 7
2nd session: July 12 – August 7

Homestead

1st session: June 11 – June 23
2nd session: June 25 – July 7
3rd session: July 12 – July 24
4th session: July 26 – August 7

Seamus Speaks Again...

“The world continues to spin
As we go about our daily lives
But the smile never ceases on my face,
As I recall memories from one special place.”



--Seamus Nemo

The Magic of CSC...

For the past 30 years, CSC has made a commitment to provide the best summer camp experience possible for you and your camper. 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 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 e-mail with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. Working together is the best way to make this summer one your camper will never forget.

Game Corner

Ok, here it is...The Great Corony Challenge! For those of you we passed along the way, you know that the mascot of slideshow 2001 was a rubber chicken. Anyone who writes, calls or emails Amie with either the name of the chicken or which one slide in the show featured the chicken, will be sent a corony in the mail!

Also, Congratulations to Laura and Emily Tetri who earned a corony each for sending in a list of 104 words derived from ColvigSilverCamps.

