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From the Director's Chair



I have to say that I had a great time with you all out there on the 2002 Slideshow Tour. You wouldn't think that being in a car for two months, driving around the country would be that fun. But in my experience, it's not just a marketing tour. It's a chance for us to see everyone in this large extended family that we find ourselves a part of. Thank you so much for making us feel at home everywhere we go.

Of course, I won't deny that it is nice to be home with Conor and Tavia. It's even nice to sit in the office and have a normal workday. We now get to spend the next two months making sure that you will feel as at home here as we did out there. So what are we doing this time of year? We might be exploring a new trip. We might be figuring out what to feed our new llama, Kissler. We might be working on the lodge deck or kitchen. We might be developing a new database, or setting up our online picture service. Or we might be doing one of the most important things - hiring our inspired and dedicated staff for this summer.

At CSC we rely heavily on our summer staff. They are the heart of our program. They come from around the country to create and implement our program anew each summer. They develop positive meaningful relationships with campers in spending 24 hours a day with them. And so we select them carefully, train them extensively, and then provide them with the resources and the structure with which they can develop safe, supportive, and challenging ways for campers to achieve their goals.

In the staff manual we address staff with this opening paragraph on programming: *"While many of you have been drawn to CSC by the opportunities provided by our in-depth wilderness program, you have all been hired because of an honest desire to work with children, and because we feel you possess the qualities which will enable you to create and maintain a diverse and exciting in-camp program. The qualities that have landed you these elite positions are creativity, enthusiasm, a love of children and the outdoors, patience, and high energy. Be prepared to utilize all of these qualities in camp and in the backcountry."*

With these criteria in mind, we introduce you to a recently hired counselor. She is over 21 years old, and currently pursuing a graduate degree in Early Childhood Education. She has worked for the YMCA and Americorps, has been a tutor and student teacher, and has taught snowboarding and soccer to children. Excerpts from her application: *"My goal is to make a difference in the lives of children....Eventually, I want to open my own independent school with a philosophy of caring, cooperation, and child-initiated discovery....I want these children to develop virtue and character as well as knowledge....I love children and I love to see them succeed and learn to believe in themselves."* *"Camp is a whole different world. It is a place for campers and counselors alike to share a piece of themselves with each other and with nature....Camp is a world of good - laughter and stories, fun and games, a few tears and toughing it out, caring and sharing. It is so chock full of living and fun loving that children don't even realize how much they are learning and understanding about themselves, each other, and the world around them."* *"Respect, cooperation, and caring are qualities that everyone hopes to instill in younger generations. Last but not least, as the children gain more and more skills, they develop a stronger sense of self and find more confidence in their own ability to overcome challenges."* We could hardly have said it better ourselves.

Selected staff then come to camp for ten days of intense training. During this period we give them the tools for a successful summer. From the staff manual: *"Once campers have arrived, take a the first few days to really observe each camper's point of reference and communication tendencies. Adapt your strategy to meet the characteristics of each camper. This may take some ingenuity on your part, as some campers may not be eager to communicate openly at an early stage. Play games and ask a lot of questions to get your campers to open up. Above all make their first few days fun!"* We ensure their safety consciousness with a Wilderness First Aid course and discussions of policy and procedure. We instill the urgency of our mission. From the staff manual: *"The inherent challenges of wilderness travel bring groups closer together, providing an easy route to lessons about group living, teamwork, cooperation, leadership, f-reliance, and personal responsibility. If the group wants to have warm clothes and food to eat while on the trail, they need to carry them. If the group wants shelter and dinner, they have to work as a team to see that these goals are met. This is where some of the most substantial growth in a camper's experience occurs. It is up to you, as a trip leader to facilitate that growth."* And we inspire their success. Again, from the staff manual: *"The forces that bring us all to-*



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

Congratulations!

Congratulations Cassidy Colvig, Monica Baysinger, and Jonah. Cass and Monica were married at the Ft. Lewis Chapel on February 16, 2002. May your lives together be filled with happiness.



Game Corner



Ok, here it is...yet another "Great Corony Challenge". While bored in the car, Clay and I decided to figure out which state in the country has the most cities or towns beginning with the letter "O". We know the top three, do you? Email or call us with your response and if you're correct you'll earn yourself a corony!

Staff Jokes

1. How do you get a hankie to dance?
Put a little boogie in it.
2. Did you hear about the new pirate movie?
It's rated ahRRRRRRR!
3. Mama and Papa Tomato were walking down the street, and Baby Tomato was dragging behind. So, Mama turns around and says "come on, catch up". Get it? Ketchup!



Slideshow Reunion Tour a Blast!



The CSC slideshow Tour 2002 was as successful as ever! After two months of traveling the country from coast to coast, we're finally back in Durango wondering where all the snow is. It was wonderful seeing campers, parents, friends, and prospects along the way. We always manage to have a lot of fun during the trip as well. This year's tour certainly had some highlights including Clay being on the radio for an "80's all request lunch hour" in

Texas, visiting Graceland, running out of gas as we pulled into the gas station, being reintroduced to Freshen Up gum, visiting Ground Zero, groovin' to Madonna's GHV2 CD, and introducing Conor to all those lucky people on the west coast leg. Thank you to everyone who hosted a show or allowed us to stay in their homes. Your hard work in sending out invitations, putting up fliers, giving directions, setting up your living rooms, preparing refreshments, and cleaning up is greatly appreciated. Those of you who allow us to stay in your homes, also offer tremendous support and allow us to feel at home even while on the road. We would like to thank the following people for hosting us throughout the slideshow tour.

Austin: Rob, Cindy, Kaitlyn, Melissa, and Tricia **Murphy** **Houston:** Travis, Karen, Kristen, Kelly, Claire, and Corey **Bednarz;** , Kathy Dreyfus, Jim, David, and Ben **Grotta;** Bill and Wanda **Solti's Dallas:** David, Marianne, Kathryn, and Grace **Leonig** **Memphis:** Lee, Kim, Hardin, and Gray **Manhein** **St. Louis:** Eric and Anne **Weidmann;** Jane **Abrams,** Bob and Jesse **Kornblum** **Madison:** Yvonne **Notbohm** **Chicago:** Cameron, Nicole, Cooper, and Caden **Colvig;** William, Stacy, and Maggie **Ryan;** Lori **Lang** and Garrett **McCarthy;** Diane **Rosenbaum,** Joel and Julia **Resnick;** **Boston:** Pete **Donahue** and Gail **Lauter;** Jim, Barb, Jed, and Scott **Delisle** **New York:** Archie, Anne, Lucy, and Archie **Jr. Gwathmey** **Washington D.C.:** Michael, Sharon, and Jamie **Nemeroff;** Richard, Robyn, and Tyler **Whitmire** **Kansas City:** Grant, Wendy, Christopher, Michael, Annie, Matthew, and Emily **Burcham** **Denver:** Steven, Agnes, Scott, and Holli **Hipwell;** Andy **Weidmann;** Bob, Louisa, Christopher, Ian, and Michael **Padgett;** Don and Carole **Cheley** **Albuquerque:** Aaron, Julia, Jon, and "Masta" **Matt Deitcher** **Phoenix:** Paul, Nancy, Sally, and Carolyn **Hushek;** the **Paradise Valley REI** **Tucson:** Jill **Caffrey,** Steve, Lyric, and Weston **Barkley** **San Diego:** Peter, Nancy, Claire, Mark, Amy, and Carrie **Nicholson** **Los Angeles:** Andrew, Wendy, and Amanda **Harwood;** Mary Beth **Fielder** and Murray **Cohen** **Bakersfield:** Shelley **Thornton** and Caroline **Seymour** **San Francisco:** Dr. Richard, Dr. Tricia, Ruthie, and Katie **Gibbs;** Scott **Whipple** and Sally **Gilbert** **Eagle:** Jim, Linda, Jimmy, and Shane **Foley** **Larkspur:** Charlie, Bev, and Will **Sloan** **Boulder:** Mark, Katie, Michael, and Adam **Belford**

We are grateful for all of the time and energy you put forth in helping us make our recruiting tour as fun and adventurous as camp. Thanks also to all of you who brought friends and family to the shows and apologies to anyone we missed. We hope everyone who attended the shows had as much fun as we did seeing old friends, meeting new people, indulging in last summer's fun, and helping build the excitement for this summer!

COFFEE TALK WITH AMIE



Greetings everyone! Spring is flying by right before my eyes. After a great slideshow

tour, I've settled back into the office and Andrew and I are working hard to get our staff squared away for summer 2002. We haven't had to work too hard though, as we've been fortunate enough to fill the majority of our positions with return staff and campers.

Outside of work, I've been getting out as much as possible. New Year's in Joshua Tree was as wonderful as always - lots of friends and great climbing. I was a bridesmaid in a wedding, I had the opportunity to enjoy last summer's new climbing area - Penitente Canyon, and now, I'm off to Prescott for the Association of Experiential Education conference where I'll be see Jason Williams and Jen Dingman and receive my Leave No Trace Trainer certification. Other than that, it's chasing after my new dog "Hank", watching the Thursday night NBC line-up with Sarah St. John, Kit, and Kate Sullivan, attending Search and Rescue meetings, and counting down the days until my sister-in-law and aunt have their summer babies

Until then, I'll just enjoy the beautiful weather and time spent with friends before the summer season. I can't wait to see you all and get the energy of the valley back in my system.

Keep smiling, Amie



Andrew Speaks

Hello Friends, ... Can you believe that summer is almost upon us? At least that is what it feels like for those of us in the office. Amie and I have been

busy hiring some incredible staff for the upcoming summer. I can hardly wait to see so many old friends and all of the new faces.

I tell you what; this old midwestern boy is loving the mild Colorado winters. Although the lack of snow has kept me off of the slopes, it has not kept me out of the rivers. The fly-fishing around Durango has just been outstanding, and I have spent a lot my free time this winter and early spring on the great rivers of the Southwest. I owe a special thanks to my brother for visiting me, and my personal fishing guide (and five time CSC employee) Clive Briggs for letting me toss a fly into all of his secret spots on the Animas.

Other than that, I was joined by two-time CSC rock climbing coordinator "Naturita" Dave Ellis for a 10 day Wilderness First Responder course in early March. The course was great, and our week was capped off by an epic attempt at climbing Castleton Tower, just outside of Moab, UT. Although we did not reach the summit, I am sure everyone involved in our climbing exploit learned a thing or two about teamwork, trust, friendship, dynamic ropes and off-width climbs.

Good luck to everyone finishing school for the year. I can't wait to see all of your smiles in the valley this summer.

Cheers, Andrew

Our Office Manager

Well, everyone...after four summers at CSC, it's time to head out on another adventure. The Peace Corps has



invited me to serve as a Rural Community Health Volunteer in Benin, West Africa with a departure of mid-September. Where is Benin, you may ask? Well, it's one of those long, skinny countries on the coast and is situated between Togo and Nigeria. I am considering this invitation and will accept or decline the offer within a week. I am beyond excited to see all the wonders of the West African world, and become fluent in a language I have been studying for years. CSC has been my home for the past three years, and it will be hard to leave - yes, my job is open. It has been great to get to know all the campers, parents, staff and alumni. I cannot wait to come back and visit!

While I wasn't busy with the Peace Corps application process, I was able to travel to Wisconsin for Christmas, to Joshua Tree for another New Year's celebration with CSC friends and to Orlando for my sister's wedding.

In the office, I have become better acquainted with Microsoft Access, a new database system that will make life much easier for the new Office Manager.

Summer 2002 is fast approaching and I can't wait for another summer of fun in the valley. The more campers we have, the more fun we'll have - so send in those enrollment forms. Happy Spring! Talk to you soon! - Kit, the OM

Alumni Corner



Hello out there! Where are you? What are you up to? We're still here! We've been hearing from more and more of our alumni every year, some finding our website, some stopping by camp, some running into each other in strange places, and all of you with great memories of camp. If you have a favorite memory or a good small-world story let us know. We'll put it in the next newsletter.

Amy Westphalen HS'85, SA'88, PF'92, Staff'94'95 was recently married in Phoenix and is living happily in Alaska with her new husband, Jeff and their dog and cat. Also present at the wedding was Amy's brother, **Brett Westphalen** HS'80, SP'84, her maid of honor **Nancy King** SA'88, PF'92, Staff'94'98, **Amie Podolsky** SA'87-'90, PF'92, Staff'95'96'00-'02, **Nancy Hushek** SA'70, Staff '71, '91-'02, and **Jim Colvig**. Congratulations Amy!

From the same era category, **Clay Cooper** SP'86'87, OP'88'89, Staff '94 recently turned up at our Boulder slide show, having recently moved back to Denver, where he unknowingly met **Jim Schoettler's** HS'83'84, SP'85-'87, OP'88, PF'89 step brother Mike Stevens, a current camper. Jim recently stopped by camp on a road trip.

Lynn Pendleton SA'79, OP'80 also recently stopped by camp. She keeps in touch with Allison

Davies OP'81'82.

Art Clack Staff'70-'74,'82 says hello to everyone and was wondering if anyone wanted a purple vintage CSC sweatshirt from 1970. I think we need that one here at camp for the archives Art.

Grant Burcham SP'73-'76, PF, Staff '79 has been hosting a slide show in Kansas City and sending his daughter Annie to camp the last two years. He can barely stand leaving when he drops her off.

Chris Bovard SP'74-'78, PF, Staff '79 has been attending slide shows in Dallas, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to send one of his children to camp.

Anne Phelan SA'77 and **Kristine (Travis) Brown** Staff were both surprised to find our booth at a camp fair in San Francisco and stayed to reminisce a little.

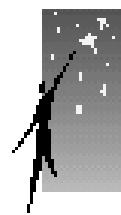
Shari (Gifford) Staff '85'89 and **Scott Caton** SP'80'81, OP'82, PF'83, Staff '84'85 are enjoying there new baby boy, Charles.

Chris Yager SP'78 reminded **Clay Colvig** at the St. Louis camp fair and discovered that they were in Spruce together in '78. Chris is the founder and director for Where There Be Dragons, a travel adventure program that focuses on Eastern cultures.

Craig I. Colvig Scholarship Fund

As many of you know, last fall we were able to create a tax-deductible scholarship fund with the help of the John Austin Cheley Foundation. This fund, called the Craig I. Colvig Fund to honor the late founder of CSC, was set up to provide members of our camp community a way to honor their camp experience by helping those who would not otherwise have the means, spend a summer with us in the Red Creek Valley.

We are very proud to be a part of a community that in just eight months has funded a full campership for this summer and is working on two. Thanks to everyone who donated, large amount or small. Your generosity is rewarded with the positive life experience that these campers receive every summer.



If you are not on the CIC Fund's mailing list and you would like to be involved, please contact the office for further information.

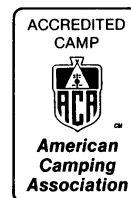
Where are they Now? * indicates staff that will be returning this summer



Luis Avila* is putting around Mexico in his new Volkswagen Jetta **Amy Barr** is running her way from up state New York to Boulder to lifeguard this summer **Annie Barton*** is glad she finally came to her senses and decided to return this summer **Matt Baxter** is surfing it up in California **Elizabeth Benoit** is still abroad. I mean, she's overseas **Mariah Casserly*** is loving living in the lounge of her college dorm **Will Channell** has entered "the real world" working in L.A. **Jennifer Childress** is sportin' a new doo and getting excited to start Teach for America training **Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch*** is back in the homeland of Oklahoma practicing his one pot outdoor cooking skills **Clay Colvig** is excited to be home again with his family **Conor Colvig** is enjoying all of his gifts from camp families **Jim Colvig** is out in the fields with **Kisser Tavia Colvig** is getting a kick out of how cute **Conor** looks in all of his little baby clothes **Sara Dietsch** is working in a Chicago shelter through an Americorps program **Mark Dobbins*** is oiling his mitt and preparing for the MLB draft **Nate Dworkin** is living in his parents basement and sending out applications to upper-level Governmental Agencies **Sam Ehrlich*** has finished her thesis and is now waiting for summer to leave a message on her answering machine so she knows its time to head to camp **Peter Elling** is memorizing Ed Abbey's philosophy and smashing guitars in coffee houses **Adam Fjell*** is submerged in a cultural society only found in Nebraska **Carrie Fox** is Outward Bound in Colorado **Becca Freedman*** is meeting new CSC employees in her Georgetown housing complex (small world) **Andrew Gersh*** is hoping UPS accepts UPS graduates **Michael Gustafson*** is still in Spruce Gardens hoping someone will answer when he yells out "What are YOU doin' today" **Bryan Haggard*** is singing backup on the long-awaited new Def Leppard anthology **Brendan Hayes** is abroad spreading the English language **Nancy Hushek*** is baking and in her spare time working towards a Masters Degree **Jill Jacobson*** is filming movies to finish her degree this spring **Lindsay James*** is preparing mentally and physically for the "wee ones" of Homestead **Gillian Johnston** is working for the National Forest Service in the Southeast **Janie Jones** has disappeared somewhere in the Southeast, all that remains is her answering machine **JJ*** is trying on many dresses for many weddings "Climbing" **Ben Kamark** is learning the art of "bow drill" fires teaching in a youth at risk program **Abby Kendal** is still trying to clean all that mud off her face (see last newsletters picture) **Abbey Knapp** we assume is somewhere near Burlington, VT **Kit "the OM" Klepinger*** smiles daily at her new Elvis mouse pad **Cara Kropp*** is soaking in the desert sun and finally taking that college algebra class **Gretchen Lamar*** is developing film for the tourists of Durango **Robyn Lamar** is graduating from Stanford this spring **Ben Loveless(more)** is L-I-V-I-N in Prescott **Bobby Magill** is wearing his Pathfinding shirt around the many towns he travels to **Spencer McCroskey** has changed his major to rock climbing **Cindy Murphy*** is a teacher's assistant in Austin and counting down the days 'til summer **Patrick "Gov" Nemeroff** is at Yale hobnobbing with the Secret Service **Andrew Notbohm*** shaved his beard and remembered how good looking he was **Michella Otmar** is planting gardens and enjoying the outdoors of San Luis Obispo **Phil Peters** has moved to Durango to attend Ft. Lewis College **Amie Podolsky*** is still singing "Hey Mr. DJ put a record on..." **Mark Quinn** is hanging out "down under" with his new friends, the kangaroos **Jill Rubenstein** is eating pickled ochre and bragging about Goode Company BBQ **Jacob Schlessinger*** is having his gold tooth polished and getting ready for his rap tour **Patrick Schwartzkopf*** is still wondering what time his first class meets **Torrey Shelton** is waiting to hear from Teach for America **David Standridge** is still trying to find Jill's engagement ring **Justin Thiel** has, like all mid-westerners at some point, moved to Boulder **Ben Vandenberghe** is taking what he learned in Spruce and applying it to Law School **Rob Walsh** is eating fresh baguettes somewhere in a Paris cafe **Lindsay Weidmann*** missed Durango so much she decided to spend spring break here **Megan Weidmann*** has gone to Spain to enlighten the masses about the wonderful world of English **Aaron Welch*** is still wearing his leiderhosen **Ann Youngquist*** can still saddle Cuervo...in her sleep. We'd also like to acknowledge the following former campers and staff who will be returning for 2002: Mark Kudrav, Mack Farquhar, Mike Brinkmeier, Emily Kaser, Molly Irwin, Iggy Arnold, David Townes, and Sarah Townes.



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These Campers are Already Looking Forward to Summer 2002...

Brad Osgood, Adair Gerke, Edward Scott, David Scott, Lisa Carroll, Laura Tetri, Emily Tetri, Annie Burcham, Marta Pysiak, Alex Karp, Shannon Ward, Foss Bean, Charlie Rice, Jeff Crozier, Cason Latimer, Tricia Murphy, Melissa Murphy, Kaitlin Murphy, Emily McMillan, Erica Tiemeier, Claire Jones, Holli Hipwell, Scott Hipwell, Wyatt Hosmer, Sid Bittman, Brandy Veselka, Scotty Tilden, Ross Tilden, Cassie Siepel, Carolyn Hushek, Mac Jorden, Mike Martin, David Smith, Laura Simon, Sarah Ubieta, Katie Gibbs, Ruthie Gibbs, Summer Wollin, Li-Ann Kaye, Devon Brown,



Mackenzie Cash, Zach Lashley, Lee Goldstein, Andrew Drennan, Danielle Downey, John Soltis, John Orr, Alex Scott, Jake Cooper, Madeline Brandt, Andi McKibben, Matt Bronstein, Tucker Robinson, Alexander Kur, Elizabeth Cook, Krista Kolodziejski, Jake Nevola, Dustin Fontera, Emma Cole, Kathryn Leonnig, Grace Leonnig, Alison Ayer, David Erikson, Elsie Moore, Max Moore, Alena Pinel, Mindy Pinel, Korey Bednarz, Klaire Bednarz, Greer Guthrie, Suzanne Moreau, Julia Matthews, Carolyne Miller, Ariel Zuckerman, Josephine Vesear, Zoe Armbruster, Max Lehman, Christopher Quiroz, Russ Louden, Ryan Louden, Rosie Williams, Audrey Hagman, Callan Hagman, Andre Fiorito, Carla Fiorito, Laura Haspel, Devi Flax, Nora Schuchat, Rose Schuchat, Chance Kizzar, Emily Clark, Rachel Zwell, Matthew Paganussi, Dunc Gulliford,



Lindsay Lashbrooke, Michael Halax, Callie Hajosy, Graham Hajosy, Amy Nicholson, Carrie Nicholson, Mark Nicholson, Ben Matous, Joe Matous, Lindsey Young, Chris Jones, Jamie Nemeroff, Taylor Phillips, Tristan Phillips, Torin Phillips, Megan Blythe, Alissa Long, John McKay, Bob McKay, Amanda Harwood, Timothy Tobias, Garrett McCarthy, Gray Manhein, Hardin Manhein, Katherine Hopkins, Thomas Irvine Jr., Tessa Gesek, Katie Hughes, Sara Witz, Jake Witz, Stephen Lackey, Max Holmes, Corey Marsh, Ben Taylor, Tasha Fitz, Zach Tulk, Emily Fritcke, Ben Grotta

The Magic of CSC

For the past 32 years, CSC has been a committed to providing 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.

Summer 2001 Picture CD

Anyone interested in purchasing a summer 2001 picture CD, who missed the deadline on the Bunk1 website can contact our office or send us a check for \$20 and we'll send you a CD.



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