

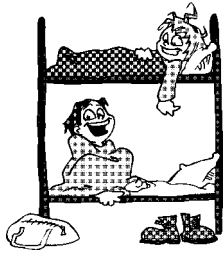


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Enroll NOW for Summer 2003!

Summer 2003 is going to be one of the BEST EVER, and we want YOU to be a part of it! We're interviewing excellent new staff prospects daily, prospects with incredible backgrounds who can't wait to make a difference in their campers' lives this summer. Don't miss out on the smiles, the laughter, the friends, the stories, and the adventures that are destined to fill Summer '03. **Enroll today!**

**Summer 2003 Dates**  
Saddle, Spruce, Outpost, Pathfinding

1st session: June 14 - July 10  
2nd session: July 15 - August 10

**Homestead**

1st session: June 14 - June 26  
2nd session: June 28 - July 10  
3rd session: July 15 - July 27  
4th session: July 29 - August 10

From the Director's Chair

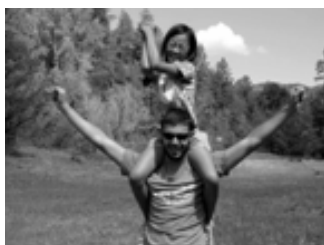
Hello from the snow!!! Well, we have just returned from our 2003 adventures on the road and, while it was an extended tour this year because of the number of slide shows and because we attended the American Camping Association national conference along the way, it was also a lot of fun and so good to see all of you around the country.

One of the great success stories of the tour seems to be that bad weather followed us almost everywhere we went. From the near hurricane conditions in Corpus (that's "near hurricane" coming from a pure landlubber from Colorado) to our close escape from the New York area just a day ahead of the February storm, to a complete snow burial in Denver just recently, we saw it all and loved it. In Corpus we weathered the storm watching another Super Bowl that was decided before the end of the first quarter. In New York we fought through the freezing wind to tour that most significant of New York landmarks...F.A.O. Schwartz. And in Denver I took advantage of the 42" snow day by building an 8' sledding hill for the 20 or so neighborhood kids and then carving out a snow cave underneath. The cave was so big that I decided to spend my last night on the road this year sleeping outside... in a snow cave... in Denver. Thanks to everyone in the Park Hill District who invited me into a wonderful community for a few days, and who made my delayed return home such a festive time - playing by day (is shoveling snow for 10 hours playing?), and attending two great dinner parties in the evening. As one of my new 10-year-old neighborhood snow buddies said, "It was like Christmas Eve without the presents!"



The best news is that we brought all that weather back to Durango with us!!! In fact I just found out from our local ranger station that the San Juan National Forest is now at 80% of our average normal snow pack, a significant improvement over last year at this time. The snow level looks good, the effects of the ground fire in the Red Creek drainage are turning positive, and with the more severe burn areas outside of our drainage, camp is now very well protected from fire. After looking through our list of trips and examining the burn area there are only a few minor

trips that will be altered. Have you been wondering how last year's fire will affect us this year? Well it won't unless you are not here because of it. Are you going to let the fire cheat you out of ANOTHER summer of significance here at CSC? It's not going to cheat us. Camp is looking great and we're looking forward to another amazing summer filled with fun, friends, community, character and compassion. We hope you are here to share it with us. May peace find us all.



We can't wait for summer!



Wally the Weather Horse

Website Update!!

Amie has been hard at work updating our website... check it out!

At [www.colvigsilvercamps.com](http://www.colvigsilvercamps.com) you can now:

- **Download the 2003 enrollment form**
- **Check out recent events in the valley,** including Wally the Weather Horse with a snowfall update
- **Read our 2002 Fire Story**
- **Update alumni information**

Volunteer Week '03:



*Kicking off the Summer...*

Many of you have expressed a desire to physically help out with our recovery from last summer in some way, so we have created Volunteer Week '03. Come join us for a set of free choices that could include Creative Weed Pulling, Whittling With Power, Caber (Dead Tree) Tossing, and everybody's favorite, Bushwhacking (the actual whacking kind).

We'll begin Friday, May 30th with dinner at 6:00 and end the evening of Wednesday, June 4th with the incoming Summer 2003 staff. Come for any number of days. If you'd like to stay at camp and play in Durango through Saturday, June 7th, be our guests.

Folks are already signing up - the more, the merrier! We'll even throw in some evening campfires/songs/skits for anyone interested. You bring yourselves - alumni, staff, parents, and campers are all invited - and we'll bring the food, beds, and tools. Please call the office for more info. We hope to see you there!

## Slideshow Tour '03!



The CSC slideshow Tour 2003 was a blast! After two months of traveling the country from coast to coast, we're finally back in Durango enjoying the snow. This year's slideshow tour had its share of memorable moments, including playing the license plate game on the road, killer Scrabble competitions, discovering our "tour song" on the new Coldplay CD, Megan watching the Duke-Carolina game with the Duke Club of Chicago, skiing with friends in Vail, anticipating viewing the largest prairie dog in the world (only to find the



Denver Slideshow Reunion

park was closed), Texas barbeque, Denver snow, and watching the Super Bowl on the beaches of South Padre Island. It was also, of course, wonderful seeing campers, staff, parents, friends, and prospects along the way. Thank you to everyone who hosted a show or allowed us to stay in your home. 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 we stay with also offer tremendous support and allow us to feel at home even while on the road. 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. 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 Summer 2003! We'd like to shout out a big "THANK YOU!" to:

**Santa Fe:** Mary Ann Stickler, Dennis and Alex Kensi; **Austin:** Rob, Cindy, Kaitlyn, Melissa, and Tricia Murphy; **San Antonio:** Craig, Barbi, Jake, and Sara Witz; **Corpus Cristi:** Matt and Kim Hammer; Ward, Richard, and Jill Thomas; **Houston:** Travis, Karen, Kristen, Kelly, Klaire, and Corey Bednarz; Kathy Dreyfus, Jim, David, and Ben Grotta; Bill and Wanda Soltis; **Dallas:** David, Marianne, Kathryn, and Grace Leonnig; **Memphis:** Lee, Kim, Hardin, and Gray Manhein; **St. Louis:** Eric and Anne Weidmann; Rick, Isabel, and Madeline Brandt; **Chicago:** Cameron, Nicole, Cooper, and Caden Colvig; Susanne and Greg Immell; Jim and Corinne Mirabile, Sam and Lori Lang, Garrett McCarthy; **New York:** Archie, Anne, Lucy, and Archie Jr. Gwathmey; Wendy Lauer, Stewart and Gordon Arnold; Jerry, Elizabeth, and Catharine Cohen; **Washington D.C:** Michael, Sharon, and Jamie Nemeroff; **Baltimore:** Fontaine and Frank Sullivan; **Kansas City:** Grant, Wendy, Christopher, Michael, Annie, Matthew, and Emily Burcham; **Denver:** Steven, Agnes, Scott, and Holli Hipwell; Dave, Nan, Elsa, and Will Anderson; Bob, Louisa, Christopher, Michael, and Ian Padgett; Carol, Don, and Jeff Cheley; Bill Pryor; **Boulder:** Larkin, Barbara, and Wyatt Hosmer; **Durango:** The Durango Rec Center; **Albuquerque:** Julia, Aaron, Jon, and Matt Deitcher; **Phoenix:** Paul, Nancy, Sally, and Carolyn Hushek; Gary, Betty, Katherine, and Emily Fritcke; **Tucson:** Jill Caffrey, Steve, Lyric, and Weston Barkley; **San Diego:** Peter, Nancy, Claire, Mark, Amy, and Carrie Nicholson; **Los Angeles:** Mary Beth Fielder and Murray Cohen; Chuck, Janice, and Robben Barquist; **Las Vegas:** Denise, Zach, and Lisa Wadell (and Christopher).

### Coffee Talk with Amie



Happy Spring! These past couple of months have been as exciting as ever.

Although I did miss seeing all of you on the slideshow tour this year, I was able to keep myself busy during the winter months. I attended my first national ACA conference, I skied in fresh powder in Breckenridge, I've been accepted to a NOLS instructor course, I've learned how to edit the camp website, and I've just returned from a mini-vacation in Florida. Now, along with working hard, I'm planning a week long bike trip to Sedona, Arizona, I'm looking forward to attending my third regional Association of Experiential Education conference in Colorado Springs, and I'm seriously considering riding my bike in the Iron Horse Bike Classic from Durango to Silverton in May.

More importantly, I'm truly enjoying being in the office with Megan and Kate. Hiring staff is going very well. We have some fresh, creative ideas for this summer so I'm beginning to count down the days until staff and campers arrive.

Until then, I'll enjoy the beautiful weather in Durango, start riding my bike, gear up for the ACA accreditation visit, and continue playing with the website. I can't wait to see you all back in the Red Creek Valley and hear that wonderful laughter of a summer at CSC.

Keep smiling,  
Amie ☐

### Megan's Fireside Chat



Hello from our own CSC Winter Wonderland! As I sit typing this article, the knee-deep snow outside is becoming deeper still as I watch the snowflakes continue to fall through the office window. It is absolutely breathtaking... and an encouraging sign of a green, wet spring to come. When we aren't in the office hiring staff, processing camper enrollments, and thinking up new and exciting trips for this summer, you can find us snowshoeing through camp, cross-country skiing up the valley, and hitting the slopes of Purgatory and Wolf Creek. Recently I returned home with Clay after a fun-filled first leg of the CSC Slideshow Tour '03. It was wonderful to visit with so many campers, parents, staff, and alumni and talk about the upcoming summer. We can't wait for June!

In the meantime, I've been busy helping Amie plan the best staff training to date, becoming certified as a Wilderness First Responder, and completing an introductory Search and Rescue course. Business aside, Kate and I have spent some quality time at the gym getting in shape for spring, and Amie and I can't wait to join former CSC staff members at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festival this May. Laissez les bon temps rouler! Here's wishing all of you a warm, green spring. We'll see you this summer!

Snowmen and warm wishes,  
Megan

### COMMUNING WITH KATE

Greetings from the beautifully snowy Red Creek Valley! We have recently gotten three feet of snow and are anticipating even more by the end of the week. Needless to say, I snuck out of the office last week for a ski day. It was my first time in deep powder and it was a blast! So far, this spring has been a time of rediscovering once loved activities and pushing myself to try new ones. I have been enjoying riding the horses, skiing, and hiking through the valley with my dog, Savannah. I recently went bouldering and rock climbing for the first time and am now trying to figure out how to fit time at the climbing gym into my busy schedule. When the weather keeps me inside I work on learning the guitar and am happy to report that I can play "Colorado Stars." Summer campfires here I come!

Amie, Megan, and I have been working hard in the office. Outside of the day to day paperwork and preparations for camp, we have been putting our thousands and thousands of slides and photos into albums. What a project! It's been great fun seeing what camp was like back in the 1970's and 80's! We should be finished by summer and hope you will all come thumb through the albums and share the 33 years of fun and adventure. We are getting very excited for everyone to arrive for CSC summer '03! Hope to see you all soon!

- Kate



## Alumni Corner



Hello all you alumni out there! Where are you? What have you been up to? We would love to hear from you!

**You can now contact us through our new alumni section of the website** - be sure and check it out at [www.colvigsilvercamps.com](http://www.colvigsilvercamps.com).

**Nick Wasserman**, camper '86-'93, recently called his old camp pal, Program Director **Megan Weidmann**. Nick lives in Boston and is working on an architecture degree. He has recently been in touch with **Megan Felton**, camper '89-'93, who is reportedly living in Chicago when she's not traveling

**Chris Laporte** camper '88-'92, '94, staff '96, had lunch with Clay and Megan in Manhattan, where he is working as a financial analyst for Maverick.

From the same generation, **Alexis Azar**, camper '89-'93, staff '96, has moved back to St. Louis to earn a Master's degree in American Studies.

**John "Bushman" Andrews**, staff '72-'75 recently stopped by camp while in Durango for work. He is

now a supervisory forester with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in New Mexico.

Bonanza King, 1988

**Bonnie Yosowitz Hurst**, camper '79,'83-'85, is now living in Dallas with her husband Monte and baby Morgan Elizabeth. She now works as a physical therapist, and is still in touch with CSC friends **Ashley Edens**, camper '83-'87, **Melissa Rubenstein Levin**, camper '82-'86, staff '92, and **Tracey Epstein Pesikoff**, camper '78-'84.

**Terry and Anne Leija**, staff '92-'94, '96, are busy with their first child, Alexander Durango Leija, born January 2002. Could Alex's middle name allude to the fact that his mom and dad met while working at CSC? We look forward to having him as a camper!

## Wedding News

**Gray Berryman** Staff '96-'00 is busy on the beaches of North Carolina fixing up his newly-purchased house with fiancée Ali Korwan. Hearts will be breaking on October 4th when they recite their wedding vows against the backdrop of crashing waves.

Long-time camper and staff member **Chris Frick** is busy planning his July 19th wedding with fiancée Priscilla Wu. The two met in Sienna, Italy while studying abroad. Congratulations, Chris and Priscilla!

## Craig I. Colvig Fund

In the fall of 2001, Colvig Silver Camps created a tax-deductible scholarship fund to help campers who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford the opportunity. The fund has grown to \$6,885 since November of 2001. We invite you to become involved in this effort in recognition of how critical life affirming and defining experiences are to a child's development. Your donation will be used directly towards a future "campership." If you have questions regarding how you can help contribute to the CIC Fund, please call the office.



## CSC Fire Relief Fund

Thanks again to everyone who continues to contribute to the CSC Fire Relief Fund. Your support and generosity during these challenging times has meant more than we can express. Thanks to you, we are making it through the winter - the horses have hay to eat, there are new aspen trees planted below the lodge, and the bulldozer is repaired. We all thank you for your continuing faith in our program and philosophy.



## Parents of 2nd Generation Campers:

We're excited to see many alumni contributing to the camp family by sending their children to camp. As few recent alumni in this category are: **Natalie Sidwell Diller**, camper '71-'75, staff '77, **Barbi Miller Witz** camper '72-'77, staff '80, **Adam Miller**, camper '74-'78, **George Marshall**, camper '76-'77, **Greg Spier**, camper '76-'77 (who brought his paper plate award to the Houston slideshow), **Grant Burcham**, camper '73-'76, staff '79, **Nancy Kauffman Nicholson**, camper '70-'72, **Steve Barkley**, camper '74-'75, staff '79-'82.

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

**Iggy Arnold\*** is ready for winter in Ann Arbor to end and can't wait for a full CSC summer, **Luis Avila** now has a "real job" in Mexico and is dreading his first summer away from CSC in 6 years, **Annie Barton** is enjoying hanging out with the Dali Lama while studying in Asia for the year, **Michael Brinkmeier\*** has decided to leave grad school to pursue songwriting for Sweetwater Refuge, **Hamilton Callison** plans to market "I love Belleville, Illinois" t-shirts on ebay, **Mariah Casserly** keeps busy playing lacrosse in Ithaca, NY, **Courtney Childe\*** recently returned to Virginia from a California sun-n-surf filled spring break, **Camille Cushman** hopes her new "Cap'n Mac 'n Cheese" tv show will hit it big on PBS, **Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch\*** has spent the winter as a lifeguard at YMCA of the Rockies and will return as the Expo Master again this summer, **Mark Dobbins\*** has disappeared into the Pacific on an Alaskan fishing boat, **Sam Ehrlich\*** is busy spending time with her AC 2000 crew and getting psyched to lead Pathfinding with Brendan Hayes, **Chris Ellison** is enjoying another year of school up in Oregon, **Mack Farquhar** is busy planning a European adventure when he isn't re-enacting the battle of Gettysburg, **Jordan Faut** has recently been in touch with the office crew and is still living it up in Indiana, **Adam Fjell** picked up skiing over Christmas and is missing the snow-capped peaks while in Nebraska, **Becca Freedman**

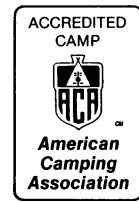
can be spotted eating gelato on the streets of **Andrew Gersh** can be found on the beaches of **bey Glenn** has been heard chanting "We feel **Gustafson\*** has returned from his first Euro-**Hushek\*** had fun stocking Megan's freezer with **Irwin\*** has discovered the charms of the midwest ana, **Seth Jackson** is hoping his Jayhawks will year's tournament, **Jill Jacobson\*** is hoping to knowledge with her campers this summer as

lives with Sam in California and looks forward to another summer as Homestead Cor-i-don-tor, **Jennifer "JJ" Jones** can be found hiking the mountains outside Juneau, AK when she's not busy working with parenting teens, **Michael Jones** is still trying to demonstrate to "layman" Clay the difference between an "ultimate" and "non-ultimate" disc, **Emily Kaser** is having a blast 'Down Under' with her semester in Australia, **Abby Kendall** is sometimes heard humming "Oklahoma!" under her breath while working as a nurse, **Nick Kladis\*** is busy planning the Sweetwater Refuge's Inaugural Tour '03, **Mark Kudrav\*** has been "walking the plank" ever since June, **Gretchen Lamar\*** is eagerly anticipating this week's Game Night with the CSC gang, **Jonas Landes** can't wait for the arrival of spring in upstate New York, **Pepper McFadden\*** is hoping Poncho develops laryngitis this summer, **Sarah Minella** is opening an Art Barn franchise in MA, **Cindy Murphy\*** is trying to keep up with her Kindergarten class while dreaming of the CSC kitchen, **Andy Ramos\*** is sometimes spotted in the Denver area when he isn't out climbing, **Kim Roush** was last seen running through the streets of Gunnison, **Jacob Schlesinger** spent his winter on the slopes of Winter Park teaching little tykes to ski, **Pat Schwartzkopf** is sometimes mistaken for a Sasquatch while working for SCA in the mountains of New Hampshire, **Dave Townes\*** is joining Brink and Nick on the road as lead guitarist for Sweetwater Refuge, **Sarah Townes** is still stalking Duke Basketball players and dreaming of a National Championship, **Andy Weidmann** has spent the winter in Yellowstone tracking leprechauns (oops, I mean lynx), **Lindsay Weidmann** has been singing up a storm in preparation for her senior music recital this April, **Lora Woolven** is still wearing her antenna headband in Austin, Texas, **Ann Youngquist\*** still dreams of Cuervo and can't wait to rejoin the PepperAnn wrangling team this summer, **Joyce and William Zake** are hoping to market a balloon animal video, **Kit Klepinger** is home from her African adventures, now lives in Wisconsin, and is looking into nursing schools.





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## The Magic of CSC

For the past 33 years, CSC has been 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 the development of positive life skills and good character

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.

## Alumni Continued...

**Stephanie Morrison**, camper '76-'80, staff '81, is currently living in Los Angeles, but is hoping to become a full-time CSC volunteer. Recent life highlights include traveling to Europe and South America and hanging out with her nieces and nephews.

**Amy Grotta**, camper '80-'86, staff '89,'90,'92, is happily married to **Dave Dreher**, staff '92, and has a new daughter, Anna. Amy has experienced Paraguay as a Peace Corps Volunteer, and holds a Master's Degree in Forestry. She can't believe her former campers (Amie and Megan) are CSC "big-wigs" now. How time flies!

**John and Beth Zakressek**, staff '72-'74, now live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where John is an account manager with Alliant Energy and Beth is a supermom for their two kids - Rachel, 14, and Nick, 19. In June they will celebrate their 17th anniversary. Congrats!

**Richard Fulton**, staff '80,'81, stopped by for a tour of camp with his family. He now lives in Denver and hopes to send his kids to camp someday.



## Game Corner

Here's another "Great Coronary Challenge"! During their cross-country travels, Clay and Megan entertained themselves with the "License Plate Game", trying to spot license plates from as many states as they could. Over the 5-week trip, only TWO states were left unspotted. Which two were they? Email us with the correct answer and earn yourself a coronary!

*Thought for the Day:*  
*When, before the beauty of a sunset or a mountain, you pass and exclaim, "Ah," you are participating in divinity.*  
- Joseph Campbell



## CSC Remembers...



**Dr. Pat Urban**, staff '85-'86, passed away in March in a Canadian avalanche while vacationing with his wife and daughters. CSC was informed

of Pat's death by staff alum **Owen Perkins** camper '77, staff '81-'86, who remembers Pat as a dear friend and exceptional climber. Pat had climbed mountains all over the world, including all 54 of Colorado's 14ers, and helped inaugurate Spruce Gardens. He was an early contributor to the CSC scholarship fund, and was a lifelong camp supporter. Camp stories and pictures of Pat are being collected at [www.paturban.org](http://www.paturban.org). Pat was diagnosed with MS in 1997, and memorial donations can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 2021 Girard SE, Albuquerque NM, 87106.

**Scott Deutschman**, camper '80-'84, recently passed away while in New York with his wife. He was 31 years old. CSC learned of Scott's death from siblings **Emily**, camper '86,'92, staff '98, and **Christopher**, camper '93. His parents remember Scott's elation at climbing his first 14er while a CSC camper, and the joy he found in helping out younger campers. Those who wish to contribute to a scholarship fund in his name can contact Gilman School, 5407 Roland, Baltimore MD 21210, and specify the Scott Fund.



Scott (left) with CSC friends

We send our deepest condolences to Pat and Scott's friends and families - we're thinking of you.