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## Slideshow Tour A Spectacular Success - Sign Up Soon!

We're back; and what an adventure! From Hartford to San Diego, San Francisco to Atlanta, we had a wonderful time seeing all of you who came to the slideshows and those of you we stayed with. There were many new camp friends to meet and even some surprise appearances by old camp friends. Thanks to your gracious hospitality, we felt welcome throughout the country.

We had big shows and small, and overall the tour was a great success thanks to everyone's enthusiasm. Of course it's easy when our common goal is to share our unique summer camp experience with as many campers as we can. If we missed anyone along the way just give us a call to discuss all the fun to be had in the Red Creek Valley this summer.

Thanks to your efforts in making the slideshow tour a success, and the fantastic crews of summer staff we have been blessed with for these past few years, our enrollment is higher than average this year. There is still time left, but enrollments are coming in quickly so send your enrollment form in soon to be a part of the fun and magic of CSC this summer!



### From The Director's Chair

Hello again, from the big chair. Well Tavia and I are settling in here at the CSC office, although it still feels a little odd sometimes when I'm sitting on this side of the desk and Cameron or Jim is on the other side. I've slowly been claiming real estate in here and may soon feel like I know where everything is without their help. Still, it's nice having

them around when the phone rings and someone asks to speak to "the person in charge of our long distance service." There's a lot of work to do around here before camp starts, but we're chipping away at it and getting more and more excited for the upcoming summer with each enrollment that arrives.

We are also just about moved into our side of the "Big House." There is a window to add to our bedroom and a door that will separate our bathroom from Cameron and Nicole's 2nd floor so that Cooper's occasional wake up calls don't reach us. Then we'll at least be functional for the summer, if not fully trimmed and decorated.

Of course we haven't had a lot of time to settle into office or home having been on the road for most of January and February visiting as many of you as we could with slideshow in hand. We spoke in the December newsletter about the privilege of being a part of the Colvig Silver Camps family. But to be welcomed into your homes with the warmth and energy that we were was unexpected and further proof of the value of our decision to return to camp. Thank you for your hospitality, for your hard work in organizing the shows, and for your encouragement. Thank you for the privilege of being able to offer this experience to you. Your commitment inspires ours.

As we get closer and closer to this summer and begin to plan activities, clean cabins, and interview staff, the anticipation of the sights and sounds and emotions of a valley full of campers brings back a flood of memories. I try to put these memories into words that define what a summer at CSC is about but sometimes find them elusive. So I turn to the poets to find what I'm looking for. I recently ran across the following passage written by Aldo Leopold that speaks to a part of what we're about. See you this summer.

- Clay and Tavia Colvig

### Flambeau

People who have never canoed a wild river, or who have done so only with a guide in the stern, are apt to assume that novelty, plus healthful exercise, account for the value of the trip. I thought so too, until I met the two college boys on the Flambeau.

Supper dishes washed, we sat on the bank watching a buck dunking for water plants on the far shore. Soon the buck raised his head, cocked his ears upstream, and then bounded for cover.

Around the bend now came the cause of his alarm: two boys in a canoe. Spying us, they edged in to pass the time of day.

"What time is it?" was their first question. They explained that their watches had run down, and for the first time in their lives there was no clock, whistle, or radio to set watches by. For two days they had lived by 'sun-time,' and were getting a thrill out of it. No servant brought them meals: they got their meat out of the river, or went without. No traffic cop whistled them off the hidden rock in the next rapids. No friendly roof kept them dry when they misguessed whether or not to pitch the tent. No guide showed them which camping spots offered a nightlong breeze, and which a nightlong misery of mosquitoes; which firewood made clean coals, and which only smoke.

Before our young adventurers pushed off downstream, we learned that both were slated for the Army upon the conclusion of their trip. Now the *motif* was clear. This trip was their first and last taste of freedom, an interlude between two regimentations: the campus and the barracks. The elemental simplicities of wilderness travel were thrills not only because of their novelty, but because they represented complete freedom to make mistakes. The wilderness gave them their first taste of those rewards and penalties for wise and foolish acts which every woodsman faces daily, but against which civilization has built a thousand buffers. These boys were 'on their own' in this particular sense.

Perhaps every youth needs an occasional wilderness trip, in order to learn the meaning of this particular freedom.

- from *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold -



# Thank You Very Much!

We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped make the 99 slideshow tour a 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 the other families in the area. Your time spent talking on the phone, preparing invitations, giving directions, preparing your living rooms, making refreshments and cleaning up are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank all of you who allowed us to stay in your homes: **Dallas:** Ron, Tammy, Drew and Darian Sargent, **San Marcos:** Shari, Barbara, Alex & Jessie Gifford, Scott Caton, **San Antonio:** Caroline, Kristin, Tom & Kristin Jones, Sean & Val Van Ausdall, **Corpus Christi:** Caitlin, Matt & Kim Hammer, **Houston:** David, Jordan, & Gary Hirsh, Karen Elkind-Hirsh, Melissa, Kaitlin, Tricia, Cindy & Rob Murphy, **New Orleans:** Tissie Bean, Susan Williams, Jessica Forester, Susan & John Ey, **Atlanta:** Heidi, Gretchen, Debbie & Claude Lamar, Lindsay McMillan, **New Jersey:** Wendy Lauer, Iggy and Stuart Arnold, Melissa & Jeneane Willyard, **Bloomfield, Conn.:** Ellen Howe, Henry and Royce Hoyle, **Baltimore:** Sarah St. John, Kate, Amoonda Frazer, **Williamsburg:** Linda & Gordon Berryman, Drew White, **Washington D.C.:** Jamie, Sharon & Michael Nemeroff, Ryan Montgomery, **St. Louis:** Joe, Nick, Pat & Mark Azar, Lindsay, Anne & Eric Weidmann, Marianne Herr, David "Screen Smasher" Hayes, **Chicago:** Jason, Ann & Jerry Nerad, Darcy, John and Neal Juraska, Julia & Joel Resnick, Diane Rosenbaum, Andrea, Corinne & Jim Mirable, Kurt, Samantha, Alex & Theresa Kruger, **Golden:** Elsa, Will, Dave & Nan Anderson, **Boulder:** Michael, Mark & Katie Belford, **Albuquerque:** Walker & John Boyd, Roberta Price, Andrew Wooden, **Scottsdale:** Ashley, Gina & Jay Nemiro, Caroline, Sally, Nancy & Paul Hushek, **Tucson:** Jake & John Coley, Barbara Roark, Bob & Arlene Hitz, **San Diego:** Carrie, Amy, Mark, Claire & Nancy Nicholson, **Los Angeles:** Amanda & Wendy Harwood, Mary Beth Fielder & Murray Cohen, **San Francisco:** Brendan & Mary Kenny, Emily & Athena Kyle, Amy Waterman, **Durango:** Austin, Zach, Doug & Teresa Lashley, **Telluride:** Rob & Marshall Whiting, **Sante Fe:** Richard & Donna Jay, Fitz Roullier, Jacek, Lynette, & Xander Gawron.



# Slideshow Tour Jeopardy

Test your CSC slideshow trivia skills by guessing the questions to the following answers: (questions are on the back)

1. In this seaside town surfer girl Caitlin Hammer showed Clay and Gray how to catch a wave on her longboard.
2. Tavia and Gray posed for photographs beside a famous monument of this deceased singer.
3. First sampled in Dallas, this food kept Gray, Clay, Tavia and Jim alive for one week.
4. In this city CSC administrators enjoyed jazz bands and streetcars.
5. From this famous landmark Clay and Gray saw surfers and Alcatraz in the rain.
6. Gray was a member of the live studio audience of this popular T.V. show while in L.A.
7. At this show there were no less than ten current or past CSC staff members.
8. The CSC Dodge tour van stopped at this world famous restaurant in North Carolina.
9. Tavia and Clay watched the Denver Broncos win the Superbowl in this city! Go Team!
10. Tavia, Clay and Gray visited this famous museum in New York.
11. This slideshow had a clear view of the acclaimed "Rocky Mountain Spring Water."
12. Our St. Louis campers and Pathfinders across the country are excited about this activity.
13. The name of this slideshow town used to have an extra "r" in it to make the spelling even more difficult.
14. It was for this game that Gray and Clay refused to drive, forcing Tavia to take the wheel.
15. This hardworking carnivore single-handedly ran the office for two months.
16. This classic musical movie prompted Gray to visit The Honorable Richard J. Daley Square outside the Cook County Assessor's Office in Chicago.
17. While playing golf with his grandfather, Clay had this score on a single hole.
18. Clay and Gray rounded up a pack of these inanimate objects and herded them along the "Lazy River" in Phoenix.
19. This state was the only place on the slideshow tour where CSC fun lovers sledged.
20. This adjective describes the feelings of four CSC campers and one administrator after jumping into a pool in February.
21. In this city Jim and Gray shared a bunk bed and Jim threw Kaitlin Murphy into a pool.
22. This adjective describes the Dodge van's position just before the Tucson slideshow.
23. This large moving object scared several CSC administrators out of their seats in Atlanta.
24. Jim ate these fresh every morning in San Antonio.
25. Alex Gifford got a new one of these and Clay rode it like a cowboy.
26. A trio of crazy alumni showed up unexpectedly at this slideshow.
27. This slideshow took place at an elevation of 8800 feet.
28. A calender promoting this slideshow town hangs on Grizzly's wall.
29. At this slideshow four excited campers signed up for camp on the spot.



## The Maintenance Shed

As the snow melts and springtime blows over the valley, we are looking forward to some big projects around camp. Don't be surprised when you get to camp this summer and see a new lodge deck. That's right, we are replacing the deck and you can be sure that this one won't be painted black. Look forward to dances outside under the stars this summer and comfortable benches to hang out on before and after meals.

Ongoing projects this spring include cabin and wash house maintenance, and vehicle preparation and safety checks. Clay and Tavia's apartment may even be finished sometime before camp.

The most exciting spring construction project is the new climbing wall. The wheels are in motion for the CSC construction crew and a climbing wall construction specialist to build a two-sided, forty foot climbing wall in the field near the office. Long range plans include development and construction of a new ropes course. Get psyched to harness up and enjoy the challenge and thrill of wall climbing before exploring fantastic natural rocks around camp and elsewhere in the four corners area.



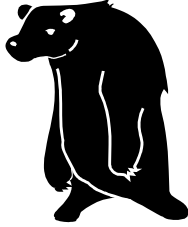
## Effective Ways to Give Compliments

Make compliments a habit. Give compliments to people in their absence and it will get back to them. Compliment actions and accomplishments, because those compliments seem real.

Everyone has something unique; look for it. Justify compliments.

## Grizzly's Den

Howdy Folks! I can't believe its April already. Spring is in the air as what little snow we received quickly disappears. The weather has been warm and sunny and the fields are turning green once again. It is also the time of year in which wildlife (especially the song-birds!) returns to the valley. The meadows on Rob's Ridge across the way is full of elk in the evening, and I'm sure we'll be hearing them "bugle" soon. It's one of my favorite seasons, especially since it means that camp is quickly approaching. Only two months until staff arrive! The CSC office is bustling these days as we prepare for another amazing summer in the Red Creek Valley. I'm spending most of my days interviewing prospective staff and I've found some outstanding people. As always, it looks as if there will be a strong mix of seasoned "veterans" and wide-eyed and excited newcomers to CSC. A new highlight for staff training this year is the addition of a nationally recognized Wilderness First Aid course. This should greatly enhance the CSC wilderness experience for both campers and staff this summer.



In February I completed a Wilderness EMT course, although due to knee surgery this January, I was a patient more often than the other students were. This meant being cold and wet more than I would have liked in Pitkin, Colorado (brrrr!). I've spent the past two months rehabilitating from an ACL reconstruction - I unfortunately took a bad fall while telemark skiing in December. If you ever want to spend an exciting few months, I recommend knee surgery. I'm getting around well now, and I'll be ready to hit the ground running (bad pun intended) come summer. Spring fever has hit me hard, and I can't wait until the Red Creek Valley is full of smiling, playing, and laughing campers and staff. This is what we work the "other" nine months of the year for and the reason we are all here. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

## Gray's Cafe

The slideshow tour was an absolute delight for this crazy camper. I have never enjoyed so much hospitality from so many friends, old and new. Thank you to everyone who helped make our trip relaxing, fun and successful. Catching up with folks from summers past and spreading the positive vibrations of CSC was a great way to spend the winter months.

So what does a party director do before the summer starts? After ten thousand, four hundred, fifty two miles of travel, my desk is buried in sticky notes, charts and to-do lists (that's right—I actually have a desk right beside Grizzly's). I have this dream that once the campers arrive, things will slow down a bit, but I have been around her long enough to know that this is only wishful thinking. Now we are planning Pathfinding itineraries, creating exciting programming plans for the summer, spring cleaning, exploring trails and exploring internet ideas. I just finished a fun and intense ten-day Wilderness First Responder first aid class, and work on my summer home, a 15 foot teepee, is coming along as well. I look forward to seeing everyone when camp is filled with laughter again—only 59 days left until the party in the valley gets started. Thanks again to everyone we visited on the road.



## What Are They Doing Now?

*Here is the latest news from last year's super staff:*

**Sarah St. John** is studying hard in Baltimore, about to graduate from Towson State.  
**Chris Frick** is climbing peaks and teaching high school in Colorado Springs on the side.  
**Jen Dingman** is grooving in Durango and waiting for another magical summer at camp.  
**Andrew Notbohm** can be found ice fishing somewhere near Madison, Wisconsin.  
**Andrea Lane** is enjoying the magic of Kentucky while living in the college library.  
**Anne Willard** is enjoying the wide selection of radio stations available in Louisville.  
**Reed Hoffmier** has been up to the same old same old: work and ski, work and ski.  
**Nancy King** is turning heads in the Bay Area in her BMW convertible.  
**Darcy Juraska** is keeping her students in Chicago healthy.  
**Emily Deutschman** has been known to eat four pints of Ben and Jerry's at a time.  
**Thea Burgess** is getting excited about the upcoming Easter egg hunts in New York.  
**Ryan Montgomery** is upset that he is leaving his friends and relatives in West Virginia.  
**David Riggs** was last seen at a coffee shop in Silverton.  
**Katherine Briggs** is exploring the working world wilderness in southern California.  
**Ivana Lhota** keeps getting thrown in the pool by her high school students in Chicago.  
**Jason Williams** finished his tour as a leader for Semester in the Rockies.  
**Justin "JJ" Matera** is burning up the highways around Durango on his motorcycle.  
**Suzanne Karlqvist** is going for a record number of consecutive CSC summers.  
**Clive Briggs** can be found climbing, lounging in his hot tub, and studying (in that order).  
**Tyler Thompson** is seeking the Way in Boulder.  
**Luis Avila** is waiting for embassy paperwork allowing him to return this summer.  
**Andy Weidmann** can be found hiding out in the northwest to avoid some farmer with a pitchfork and prosecution for numerous moving violations.  
**Lindsay McMillan** is greeted every morning by her students, "Hola, Senorita McMillan!"  
**Ilene Cantor** has been braving the Yankee cold while working at Nature's Classroom.  
**Katy Bradley** has been missing Durango and is anticipating another summer here at camp.  
**Lani Cox** just received notification of her acceptance into a teaching program in Oregon.  
**Bonnie Mangum** is enjoying North Carolina BBQ before heading to Spain for the summer.  
**Kelly Cook** can be found in a cloud of powder on the slopes around Colorado Springs.  
**Amy Hackmier** was last seen singing: "Kansas City, Kansas City here I come."  
**Jamie Sexton** is pursuing a career with animals in sweet home Alabama.  
**Cassidy Colvig** enjoys doing back flips at Purgatory when the ski patrol is not looking.  
**Dave Berg** took home the coveted Anne Geddes baby calender from the CSC holiday party.  
**Matt Baxter** has been studying in the mother state, the Commonwealth of Virginia.  
**Amoonda Frazer** was last seen howling at the Full Moon in Baltimore.  
**Andrea Hardtke** is in Jackson for the winter teaching school.  
**Nancy Hushek** can be found relaxing pool-side in Scottsdale.  
**Diane Bean** has been peddling girl scout cookies to all of her friends.  
**Jeremy Hensel's** dreams of earth-ship living now include the timeshare concept.  
**Shari Gifford** is teaching in Texas and dreaming of another summer here in the valley.

### Food For Thought

Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there. I went for a walk the other day and my friend asked me how long I had been gone. I said, "The whole time." After eating do amphibians need to wait an hour before getting out of the water? I just got skylights put into my ceiling. The people who live above me are furious. Is it true that cannibals don't eat clowns because they taste funny? Why do scientists call it research when looking for something new? War doesn't determine who's right, just who's left.





## These Campers Are Coming To CSC For A Fantastic Summer:

William Anderson, Elsa Anderson, Ingrid Arnold, Alison Ayer, Mark Barton, Matthew Barton, Michael Belford, Lara Berman, Emma Bernsohn, Aaron Bikis, Nathan Bilbao, Aaron Bilbao, Arielle Blum, Isaac Blum, Walker Boyd, Travis Bruce, Ray Carroll, Annabelle Carter, Stephanie Carter, Matthew Chapman, Carrie Clay, Dawson Cole, Lucy Cox, Acacia Crouch, Jeffrey Crozier, Kelcey Davis, Bill Dawson, Mark Dobbins, Russell Durham, Rebekah Durham, Jonathan Edwards, Eric Eisner, Elizabeth Fabiani, Lindsay Farris, Nathan Feldman, Alexander Ganevsky, Nicholas Ganevsky, Ruth Gibbs, Caitlin Hammer, Lindsey Hardison, Amanda Harwood, Aaron Havas, Matthew Heineman, Amanda Helms, Marianne Herr, David Hirsch, Peter Hixson, Margot Howle, Nathan Jacobson, Geneva Kaplan, Emily Kaser, Michael Kaser, Maxwell Kaura, Paul Keithley, Jason Kovanda, Kevin Kovanda, Emily Kyle, Heidi Lamar, Gretchen Brave Lamar, Austin Lashley, Zachary Lashley, Ryan Loudon, Bryan Lovering, Jennifer Lubenow, Rebecca Lynch, Amber MacMillan, Jamie Mandell, Pilar Marin-Stein, Alexander Marin-Stein, Emily McMillan, McKenzie Millar, Suzanne Moreau, Julie Morrill, Alexander Moser, Jamie Nemeroff, Carrie Nicholson, Amy Nicholson, Mark Nicholson, Daniel Paull, Charles Peterson, Derrick Pyeatt, Micah Resnick, Julia Resnick, Charles Rice, Matthew Ritz, Joshua Rogers, Mariah Rogers, Maggie Ryan, Lee Samelson, Christopher Sanchez, Darian Sargent, Ronald Sargent, Nick Schey, Anne Schoellerman, Rose Schuchat, Nora Schuchat, Edward Scott, Ashley Seidlitz, Samuel Sipkin, Matthew Stewart, Laura Suchy, Amy Thibedeau, Ross Tilden, Zoe Treeson,



Gary Tubman, Harrison Vigersky, Paul Walker-Camarillo, Nina Warner, Alexander White, Darcy White, Rob Whiting, Rosie Williams, Eric Wilson, Yale Yng-Wong, Hunter Young.

## Make This Summer Special For Your Children

All of us here at CSC have dedicated ourselves to providing you with the best summer camp experience imaginable. Our program is limited in size so that we can pursue the ideals and goals that have lead us through thirty great years of camping:

- providing a personal approach to camping with a focus on individual growth
- offering a noncompetitive 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 are always happy to hear from our families across the country. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, don't hesitate to pick up the phone or drop us an email. Together we can make this summer one your children will appreciate for years to come.

## Summer 1999 Dates

### Homesteading:

- 1<sup>st</sup> term: June 14 – June 26
- 2<sup>nd</sup> term: June 28 – July 10
- 3<sup>rd</sup> term: July 15 – July 27
- 4<sup>th</sup> term: July 29 – August 10

### Silver Saddle, Silver Spruce, Outpost and Pathfinding:

- 1<sup>st</sup> term: June 14 – July 10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> term: July 15 – August 10

## Questions For Slideshow Tour Jeopardy

1. What is Corpus Christi?
2. Who is Selena?
3. What is barbeque?
4. What is New Orleans?
5. What is the Golden Gate Bridge?
6. What is the Love Connection?
7. What is Durango?
8. What is Waffle House?
9. What is St. Louis?
10. What is the Met?
11. What is Golden?
12. What is breadmaking?
13. What is Albuquerque?
14. What is chess?
15. Who is Grizzly?
16. What is the Blues Brothers?
17. What is par?
18. What are inner tubes?
19. What is Connecticut?
20. What is wet?
21. What is Houston?
22. What is lost?
23. What is a train?
24. What are tortillas?
25. What is a bike?
26. What is Boulder?
27. What is Telluride?
28. What is Williamsburg?
29. What is Washington D.C.?

