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Visit "The Wildlife Experience" for FREE!



Join us for the Spring Camper & Alumni Gathering!

On April 20th, Camp Chief Ouray will be hosting a gathering

for campers, their families, staff and alumni at The Wildlife Experience in Parker, CO.

Beginning at 2 PM, Marty Ferguson will present highlights of CCO's upcoming summer, including plans for the 100th Anniversary Celebration

and details on the Friday Family Cookout.

Admission is free, snacks will be served and participants will receive a free pass to enjoy the exhibits of The Wildlife Experience.

www.thewildlifeexperience.org

When: April 20th, 2PM

Where: The Wildlife Experience, Parker, CO

RSVP: Please call Camp Chief Ouray at (970) 887-2648 to reserve a spot for you, your family and your friends today!

Upcoming Events:

June 8—Aug 8
Summer Camp!

August
10-12 Mini-Camp
15–20 **Women's Fitness**
Camp

22-27 Active Older
Adults Camp

September
Aug 29-Sept. 1
100th Anniversary
Celebration!

Summer Availability

There are still spots available in the following camp sessions:

Traditional Camp

Session 1 June 8-13 (Ages 8-15)
Session 4 July 2-8 (Ages 8-15)
Session 9 August 3-8 (Ages 8-15)
Mini-Camp Aug 13-15 (Ages 7-10)

Wilderness Adventure: (Ages 13-15)

Sherpa A— Raft (June 8 – 13)
Sherpa E— Hike (June 29 – July 4)
Sherpa F— Raft (June 29 - July 4)
Sherpa J— Raft (July 13 – 18)
Sherpa L— Raft (July 20 - 25)
Sherpa N— High Peak (July 27 - Aug 1)

Trekker D— Wind River Hike (July 13-25)
Trekker E- Hike to Climb (July 27 - Aug 8)

Leadership Training Program

Counselor In Training A - June 8-July 4
(Comp. 11th grade)
Counselor In Training B - July 13-Aug 8
(Comp. 11th grade)
Wrangler In Training - June 8-20
(comp. 9th grade)
Wilderness Leadership - July 20-Aug 8
(min. 16 years old)
Counselor-Wrangler-In-Training-June 29-July 25
(comp. 10th grade)
Trekker PERU - July 20-August 8
(comp. an LTP)

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2008 Theme Weeks

Each week at Camp Chief Ouray is centered around a theme. We will have activities and events that focus on the themes and the staff often dress up to play related characters. The themes for 2008 have been set! Find your session below and feel free to bring an outfit to fit the theme if you wish (**Note: This isn't required, but it makes camp a lot more fun!**)

Session 1: Pirate Week - Argh Matey! Join us for a week of sailing the seas with Captain Hook and his swashbuckling friends. Be careful or you might end up walking the plank!

Session 2: Cartoon Week - Who knows who might be dropping by this week? We might see the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, the Care Bears, SpongeBob SquarePants, or Scooby Doo!

Session 3: Home of the Brave - This week we will honor each of the 5 branches of the military. Test your skills flying paper airplanes with the Air Force, or have a water balloon fight with the Navy. Be all that you can be this week at camp!

Session 4: Holiday Week - **It's the middle of summer, but we'll**

be partying like its Christmas, **Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, and maybe even Groundhogs Day. Of course we'll have a big Fourth of July Celebration, so bring your Red, White and Blue!**

Session 5: Time Warp Week - Join us for a whirlwind tour of music, fashion, and life through the decades. From the early decades of Swing through Disco **and Rock & Roll, we'll rock out to the best (and the worst) of them all.** Prepare your voices for karaoke, dress in your vintage clothes and big hair, and get ready to rock & roll.

Session 6: Superhero Week - Up in the air, is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a low-flying camper on the zip-line? **No, it's Superhero week.** Have you ever wanted to meet, or become your favorite superhero? Many heroic characters will be stopping by to save camp from the evil villains. Will you be here to help?

Session 7: Wild West Week - Yee-Haw! Saddle up those ponies, throw on some chaps, lace up those boots, and grab that cowboy hat. This week will in-

clude rodeos, stage coaches, bandits, and some cowboy music that would bring tears to **Daniel Boone's eyes.**

Session 8: CCO Goes to Hollywood - Smile for the paparazzi as you make your way down the Red Carpet in your most fashionable attire. CCO is going to the movies! Prepare yourself for a **ride through this year's blockbusters** and great classics.

Session 9: Olympic Sports Week - Beijing has nothing on CCO! We'll honor the Olympics with our own opening ceremony, and play lots of games and events throughout the week. Compete for the torch (a.k.a. the spirit stick) with your cabin and bring home the gold! Be sure to bring a bed sheet to create your own toga!

Mini Camp: Dr. Seuss Week - Would you, could you with a goat? On a boat? In the Rain? Or on a train? While at camp this crazy week, so many Seuss friends you will meet. Sam-I-Am and The Cat in the Hat...who could be more fun at camp than that!

Letter from the Director

As we prepare for our 100th Anniversary Celebration this summer, I have had the pleasure of speaking with **many people from CCO's past. Dwight Johnson told me about being a camper under CCO's most famous Director, Leslie Deal, going back to the earliest days.** Ken Updegrove and I searched for the remains of the council fire ring at the original CCO site. Barry and Fred Novy spoke of train rides from Chicago to Camp every summer. Norma Hanson, wife of former Director Bob Hanson, talked about the leather vest that Barry Novy wore every day. Kerri (Hart) Tillquist hosted Joe Onofrio, Kent Bowers, Vince Uliberi, Diane (Henderson) Normandin, Joanne Tanaka and myself for dinner in Denver one night, and there were many stories of time-

off escapades and wrangler hilarity. Carrie (Kollmar) Caraballo found her old camper t-shirt from the first summer CCO was at the current site **and sent it to us. And I've reminisced with many of my own contemporaries about Tipi Village and campouts in the sage field. Through it all I've been continuously reminded that the people and even the location have changed over the years, but Camp will always be Camp. And I'm unbelievably lucky to be a part of it.**

In the Spirit of Camp,
Marty



Alumni Updates

Chris Miller ('97 – '99, '02-'05) has begun a master's program in Santa Cruz, CA. Chris' brother, **Matt Miller ('00)**, will be married to Emily Timm on April 19th.

Claudia Capizzi ('01-'02 & '05) is finishing up her second year of grad school in Portland, OR.

Chris Tate ('03) is a juvenile probation officer in Pennsylvania.

TJ Hicks ('02 & '03) and Ashley Dempsey are engaged to be married. TJ is the Assistant Manager of Membership and Marketing for the DuPage Children's Museum in St. Charles, IL.

Kirsten Frederiksen-Cherry ('96, '97 & '00) and **Matt Clough ('97)** were married on September 8, 2007. They met at camp in 1997 and reunited 8 years later and now live in Lakewood, CO. Kirsten is a teacher and Matt works at Channel 9 in Denver.

Megan Kirby ('97, '98 & '00) and her husband Nick Moran are expecting a baby boy this spring. They live in Denver and Megan is a special education teacher.

Shira Johnson ('99 & '00) recently got engaged and is living in Taos, NM.

Becky (Boyan) Carroll ('98-'00) and her husband Jeff became parents to Maitreya Rose Carroll on January 12th.

Elizabeth Ward ('91, '96, '98) dropped by the CCO office in March. She was doing a program with gifted and talented kids at SMR. She is currently working as a school counselor in Kiowa, CO.

Sally Owen ('97) is engaged to Matt Noltemeyer and they will be married in July.

Dara Marks ('97) checked in with us from Arizona.

Katrina Blakney ('96) is now a Civilian Marine after working for the Navy for 8 years. She sings occasionally with a friend's band.

Liz Swanson ('95-'97) is teaching 7th grade science. She recently finished her Master's and bought a house in Fort Collins, CO.

Tracey (Wolf) Martin ('94) relocated to Virginia last year when her husband was transferred to Fort Lee. She is teaching gifted 5th graders and loves her job!

Steve Huber ('93-'95) has recently relocated to Denver. Originally from Milwaukee, he says that the mountains have called him back to Colorado.

Molly Dodge ('93-'94) is a photogra-

pher, business owner and mom in Wavilla, AK.

Mark "Hendo" Henderson ('89) is now the Head Teacher of Industrial Arts at Singleton High School, in Singleton, NSW, Australia and will be attending CCO's 100th Celebration.

Morten Gass ('82) checked in with us all the way from DENMARK! He would love to hear from any of the other staff from 1982.

Mark Wertheimer ('76) wrote in to let us know that he is the Principal at the Traut Core Knowledge Elementary in Fort Collins, CO. He is also expecting his first grandchild!

Mark Olson ('65-'70) is in marketing and public relations in Greeley, CO, where he lives with his wife Becky.

Tom Hott ('65 & '66) is a construction industry management consultant in Scottsdale, AZ.

Thomas Rucker was a camper in '63 or '64 and now he is an Assistant Professor at the University of Memphis.

Albert Clayton Gauden ('59 & '60) is a transpersonal psychologist, writer and lecturer in Sedona, AZ.

JoAnna Conrad ('59 & '60) is a photographer and life coach in Belvedere-Tiburon, CA.

Bruce Brown ('59) is a retired Research Physicist who has moved from Chicago to Estes Park, CO to enjoy hiking, skiing, snow shoeing and the beauty of Colorado.

Bernie Wrightson ('56-'60) was an Olympic diver (3-meter springboard) in 1968, and is now living in Valley Center, CA and is set to retire on May 1st of this year.

Pat "Thumper" McCombs ('58-'61) is a retired service manager for Chevrolet Motors Division living in Littleton, CO.

Gordon "Gordo" Williams ('49-'50) is a retired journalist living in New York after spending more than 30 years working for the Chicago *Sun-Times*, *Business Week* and ABC News.

Fred Logan ('24 & '25) wrote in from Fullerton, CA and told us that as a camper he remembers that he was "assigned a horse named 'Cootie' and he was jumpy."

And we have been in frequent touch with **Fred and Barry Novy ('50's & '60's)** recently as we prepare for the 100th Anniversary Celebration/Reunion.

100th Anniversary Celebration Update!

Camp Chief Ouray's 100th Anniversary Celebration/Reunion is right around the corner! Whether you attended CCO at its original location prior to 1980 or at its current site, we have planned events just for you.

The celebration will begin on Friday evening, August 29th and check-out will be after breakfast on September 1st. During the weekend we will provide:

- an interpretive tour of **Camp Chief Ouray's original location**
- traditional camp programs
- artifacts from different CCO generations
- a reunion cookout
- slide shows of hundreds of pictures throughout the weekend.

We are still collecting artifacts to display (pictures, camper/staff t-shirts, awards, past issues of the *Saddlebag*, brochures or whatever else you may have), so go through your box of camp memorabilia in the attic and let us know what you can lend us!

If you are planning on attending and have not registered, please **do so by following the "alumni" link** on our website (www.campchiefouray.org) or by calling the camp office (970.887.2648).

We hope you'll join us Labor Day Weekend to celebrate 100 years of Camp Magic!



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