

Announcem...Messages

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"Society grows great when old men and women plant trees whose shade they shall never sit in."

- Anonymous

Upcoming Events

Work Days!

We currently have two work days planned:

Saturday April 22nd, 9am. We'll meet at the Ranch House to prepare the wood posts for the Scout Law Trail to Rendezvous. This includes: miter cutting the tops, routing an edge for the brackets, predrilling holes, and staining the cedar. If time allows, we will also do some prep work on other projects.

Saturday May 6th, time TBD. This is the BIG Ranch Hands Work Day. The PVAA will be focusing on at least two projects, more if possible. The first priority is installing the posts for the Scout Law Trail to Rendezvous. The plan is to use the skid steer auger to dig the holes so we should be able to install all 14 posts with ease. The second priority is interior improvements on the Warming Shed including insulation and sheathing on the ceiling. There are several other projects that need our help so be sure to bring a friend or two. Council will be providing lunch and dinner.

Please use this link to register for either work day, or contact David Weaver.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D44AFAD28A5FD0-pvaa2>

Mentor Weekend! June 3rd and 4th.

Jack Loats, the new Council Camping Director, is bringing this concept from his previous camp. One weekend of Staff Week will be focused on mentors teaching the current staff everything we know about running a quality program. This includes small, topic specific sessions with a few staff focused on a specific merit badge, as well as large group lessons on anything the entire staff can benefit from.

Please contact peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com if you are able to help and teach a session, or if you just want to hang out and sing some songs.

Funds for the Brand on the Warming Shed

Thanks to the combined efforts of Hoffman Weber Construction and the PVAA, the Warming Shed has all new siding and new doors. But now the side facing the highway looks bland and needs something. We've decided not to paint another mural as one of

our goals is little to no long-term maintenance. Instead, we're getting a 4' diameter aluminum camp brand made and installed on that side. Similar to what you might see driving past a cattle ranch. This should look great for years into the future. As of March 31st, we've raised \$700 towards the \$2,250 goal for this project. Click below to donate, then email peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com so that we can update our records.

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/061/appeal/4827>



Donations of any amount are accepted. Amounts of \$250 or more will be recognized as Lifetime Members of the PVAA.

Updates on Current Projects

Betty Forsyth Conservation Trail

The interpretive signs are currently being printed and adhered to aluminum with plans to install them later in April.



Picture of the printing process, courtesy of our "inside guy" at the printer, Jason Brandsma.

We are still looking for someone with masonry experience to build a small monument and remount the dedication plaque at the trailhead. Please contact David Weaver if you can help or know someone with this expertise, peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com

Warming Shed

The Warming Shed is the 100ish year-old building near the main entrance. As mentioned above, thanks to a generous donation of materials and labor by Hoffman Weber Construction the shed has all new siding around the outside.



Before



During Construction



Almost Done

The old paint and rotting wood was not the first impression we wanted anyone to have of the camp. The new siding greatly improves the look of the shed and also ensures the camp's ability to use this for critical storage for decades to come with minimal maintenance.

The next phase is to clean out the interior and then add insulation and sheathing along the ceiling. This will allow for year round storage and care of items like the camp's wildland fire fighting trailer and other gear that the camp doesn't want to keep in the quartermaster areas.

Scout Law Trail to Rendezvous

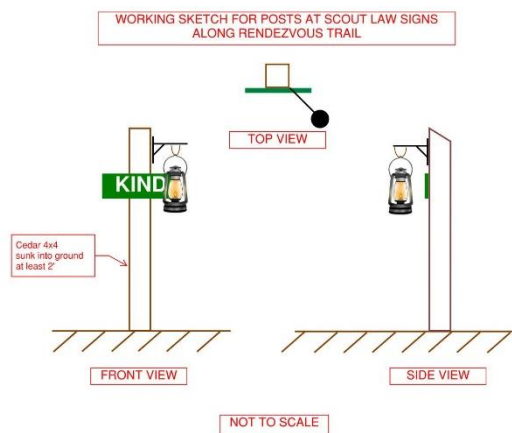
Signs, posts and other hardware have been ordered and delivered. Now we just need to do the work of installing them. Big thank you to Mike and Francie Sulgrove for sponsoring this project and dedicating it to the '82-'86 staff that Mike worked with. The old signs were a disgrace with chipping paint and rotted out posts. These new signs should last for years if not decades.



Example of condition of the old signs



One of the new signs made from routed HDPE, similar to what can now be found installed at National Forest trailheads.



Concept for new post including a lantern matching the "old west" theme of the camp.

Mountain Bike Trial Signage and Obstacles

The PVAA with working with the Council Cycling Committee and the Mad Gravel bike race organizers to build and establish a series of mountain bike trails throughout the camp, as well as a pump track with obstacles for varying skill levels. The pump track will

allow an instructor to stand in one spot and coach several scouts simultaneously through the numerous obstacles. The PVAA has also purchased about \$500 in trail marking materials to designate and provide wayfinding along the trails. Installation of the trail markers will be in May, in time for the Memorial Day Weekend Mad Gravel bike race.

Patches!

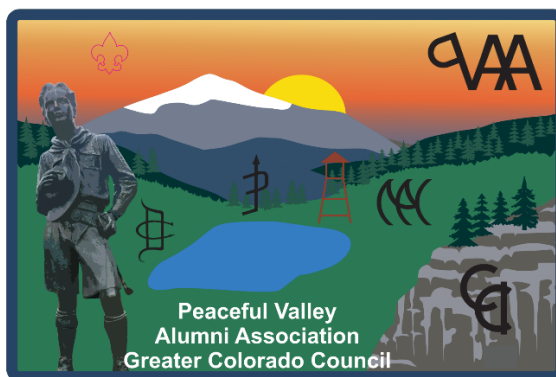
What scout doesn't love collecting patches. The PVAA is coming out with our own series of patches to sell to help raise funds. These should be available starting in mid-May at PVAA events, and we hope to sell them at the Scout Shop and the PV Trading Post.



Similar to the current council shoulder patch.



Classic "old school" red and white council shoulder patch in red and white, with camp emblems ghosted in red.



A 4" tall, 6" wide patch meant for red wool jackets or blankets.



The patch you never knew you needed.

Fundraising

None of these projects could have happened without the generous support of scouters like yourself. Please continue to donate as we take on projects that interest you, and also please encourage your fellow scouters to contribute too. Donations of any amount are appreciated and donors of \$250 or greater are recognized as Lifetime Members of the PVAA.

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Closing

As always, I'll leave you with the closing lines of the song we all sang:

Peaceful Valley you are ours

And will always be.

Peaceful Valley we'll be true

Through eternity.