

Announcem...Messages

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

- Anonymous

And that's a Wrap on the Summer



Picture of the '23 PV staff on the last day of campers for the summer. Taken by Patrick Godwin.

Updates on Current Projects

PVAA crews worked hard this spring on substantial completion on four separate projects.

1. Plant and animal identification signs along the Betty Forsyth Conservation Trail

The signs are now installed and were used by the summer staff as part of their rank requirements and merit badge programs. We are also working on informing local scout units of the recent trail improvements and encouraging them to hike the trail if they are camping on ranch in the off season.

We have noticed that the cows like to use some of the signs as scratching posts and are working on a fix to prevent damage.



2. Scout Law signs along the trail to Rendezvous

PVAA crews worked hard during the May 6th Work Day to install these signs. Thanks to Mike and Francie Sulgrove for sponsoring this project and dedicating it to the '82-'86 camp staff. And another thank you to Ranger Josh Field for using the skid steer and auger to dig the post holes ahead of the work day. The signs look great and should last many years. The lanterns add to the ambiance along the trail.



3. Trial signage along the Mountain Biking Trails

A small crew who knows the trails spent the May 6th Work Day installing trailhead signage and wayfinding trail blazes along several miles of the newly established mountain biking trails. The summer cycling merit badge program praised these efforts and are used the trails. We are also working on educating local troops and crews on the option to use these trails in the off season.



4. Exterior improvements to the Warming Shed, siding, and new camp sign

The Warming Shed is the century old building along the highway, about 500' north of the main entrance. The shed is still used by the camp and it provides valuable storage for some camp tools and equipment. The condition of the shed was quickly deteriorating. Its location near the entrance also meant that it is the first impression for many of the campers. The PVAA reached out to Hoffman Weber Construction asking for a budget to provide new siding on this century old storage building. Tim Swenson, HWC Sales Manager and former council professional, responded that they would be happy to donate the materials and labor for the siding. PVAA also pitched in some funds for non-siding related costs like fill-in framing at the old windows, doors, and other needed structural improvements. This construction was completed in early spring of 2023.

The second phase of this project was completed in mid-June when a 4' diameter aluminum PVM brand was installed on the highway facing side of the shed. This sign replaces the old painted murals and should look great for many years to come.



Before and after pictures of the Warming Shed.

There is still a third phase we'd like to complete on this project. The interior needs to be cleaned out, insulation and sheathing installed along the ceiling, and then install solar powered lights.

Next Projects

With substantial completion of all current projects, we are looking for what projects we should take on next. Please email ideas to peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com

Patches!

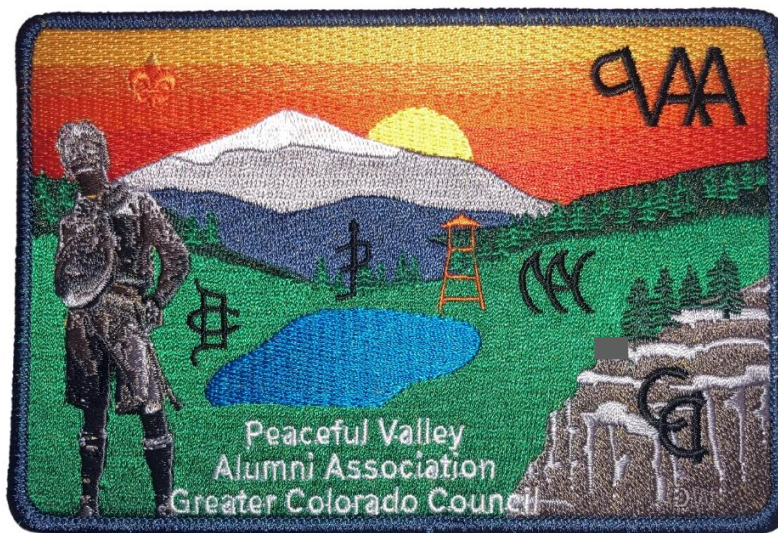
What scout doesn't love collecting patches. The PVAA has three patches for sale as part of our fundraising efforts. These are currently available at the council Scout Shop, the camp Trading Post, and from David Weaver at scout events. We are working with council to begin online sales but that might not be until this winter. All proceeds go into the PVAA's funds for projects at camp.



Similar to the current council shoulder patch. \$10



Classic "old school" red and white council shoulder patch in red and white, with camp emblems ghosted in red. \$25



A 4" tall, 6" wide patch meant for red wool jackets or blankets. \$20

The PVAA also has a 4th patch that we are handing out as a promotional item. This patch must be earned and not bought.



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.

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

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.