

Announcem...Messages

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

- Anonymous

Dates for 2024 Major Events

PVAA 2024 Schedule of Events!
Ranch Hands Work Day - May 4th
Mentor Weekend - May 31st to June 2nd

There will be smaller, more impromptu work weekends this spring depending on weather and specific tasks that need to be done. But our BIG Ranch Hands Work Day will be Saturday May 4th! Don't miss out on our biggest work day of the year.

Our 2nd annual Mentor Weekend will be from May 31st to June 2nd. Last year's mentor weekend was a big success despite the rain. We passed along a lot of info to the current staff and learned several things ourselves. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to improve the current staff, socialize with old friends, and revisit camp.

Upcoming Projects

Memorial Wall

This project is to honor and remember the former staff who have passed away. The current plan is for a large piece of corten steel (weathering steel, designed to form a patina of rust) to be installed with the ability to add brass plaques to it. Each plaque would have a single name of a former staff member. We'll also include a single QR code on the wall for people to scan to view the bios of everyone included. It will probably include the words "Gone Home" across the top along with the circle with a dot in it, a

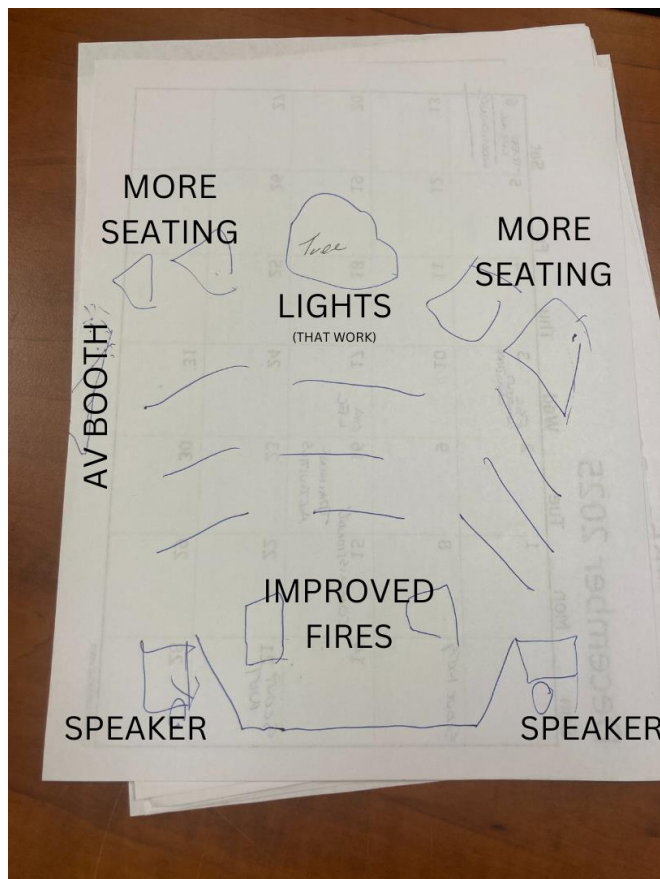
symbol that has become ubiquitous within Scouting for those who have passed. It might also include a phrase across the bottom taken from one of the camp songs. Either "With you my friends I am there." Or "We shall return here, some lucky day.". The plan is to install the memorial wall during the May 4th work weekend.

Rendezvous Renovations

Dave Whitner has asked the PVA to focus on major improvements to the Rendezvous campfire area. He has some equipment already lined up, just needs some more items and the effort to put it all together. Improvements include:

- Speakers
- AV Booth
- Lighting
- More impressive fires
- More seating and fixes to the existing seats
- Improved backdrop with doors

Here is the quick sketch of the new ideas.



Scout Law Signs along the Main Road

For several years now, Council has been hoping to refurbish the old wood Scout Law signs along the main road between horses and Dobbins HQ. The PVAA is taking on this project but will be using the same 3 layer composite material that we used for the Scout Law signs along the trail to Rendezvous. This material will look good for many years with little to no maintenance compared to the wood style that was once used. Installation is planned to take place during the May 4th work weekend with at least one prep day beforehand to cut, drill, and stain the posts.

Other Small Projects

Per Colorado state employment regulations, in order to require the current staff to wear a green class A during certain times, the camp MUST have a class A shirt available for them. Even if the staff member currently owns their own green class A shirt, the state inspectors still want to see a pile of shirts available. If you have one to donate, please bring it to Jeanette at the Denver Scout shop, or you can donate funds to buy new shirts by donating through the usual PVAA link in the Fundraising section below and email peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com directing the funds to go towards class A shirts.

The PVAA is also leading the way in naming the new mountain bike trails at camp. This would be similar to how trails are named in mountain bike trail networks. Examples are Crevice Crunch, Shiprock Sailing, Ridge Rodeo. We're working on a map as well as custom stickers to display on the trail marking signs. Having the trails named will greatly aid both the summer mountain bike program and the offseason troops who use the trails to prevent confusion and navigational errors.

A "Staff Wall" is in the works. It will feature staff pictures from all previous years along with a list of past Camp Directors, Program Directors and other top-level staff. The PVAA also hopes to include plaques for our Founding and Lifetime members.

We'd like to honor the current staff with gifts to honor their tenure. They would start out small for the first couple of years, for example a patch, and then increase as the staff years continue. Gifts like a sweatshirt, coffee cup, multi tool, and finally a nice jacket. The goal is to not only honor the current staff's tenure but to increase the awareness of the PVAA amongst the staff.

Please let David Weaver know if you are interested in chairing any of these projects.

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.