

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

May 4th is the big Ranch Hands Work Day. There are several projects lined up to install this day. Don't miss out on our biggest work day of the year.

Click here to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D44AFAD28A5FD0-48737015-2024>

Our 2nd annual Mentor Weekend will be from May 31st to June 2nd. We need alums to teach camp wide sessions and also mentor the different areas. 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.

Click here to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D44AFAD28A5FD0-48291465-2024>

Fundraising

This year's fundraising has been exceptional allowing us to proceed with many of our projects. We are still short \$1,500 for benches at the Memorial Wall and \$13,000 for

major improvements to the Rendezvous campfire area. While I know you have already made at least one donation, please consider another or a yearly donation. And please reach out to other alums you know who might be interested in helping fund these important projects. Please let David Weaver know if you'd like your donation to go towards a specific project.

Projects currently fully funded:

- Memorial Wall
- New Scout Law Signs along the Main Road
- Staff Gifts to reward tenure at camp
- Staff History Wall

Major projects not yet fully funded:

- \$1,500 for a benches and rest area at the Memorial Wall
- \$13,000 for major improvements to the Rendezvous campfire area

Upcoming Project Details

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. Most likely "With you my friends I am there." The plan is to install the memorial wall during the May 4th work weekend.

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. They will be installed during the May 4th work weekend with at least one prep day beforehand to cut, and drill the posts.

Staff History Wall

A “Staff Wall” is in the works. It will feature staff pictures from all previous years. The PVAA also hopes to include plaques for our Founding and Lifetime members as well as lists of past Camp Directors and Program Directors. It will be located in Gilwell Hall in the basement of the Dining Hall.

Staff Gifts to Reward Tenure

The PVAA would like to start a tradition of gifts to the current staff based on their tenure. This year everyone will get a patch that indicates how many summers they’ve been at PV. Anyone who is at 3 summers or more will get a custom sweatshirt hoodie and anyone who is at 4 summers or more will receive a custom yeti coffee mug. The idea being that in the future those at 3 summers would only get the sweatshirt and those at 4 would get a coffee cup. More gifts could be added in future years.

Rendezvous Renovations

Dave Whitner has asked the PVAA 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

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.

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.