

# Announcem...Messages

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

- Anonymous

## Tremendous Successes

Thank you to anyone who was able to make it to the May 4<sup>th</sup> Ranch Hands Work Day or the Mentor Weekend!

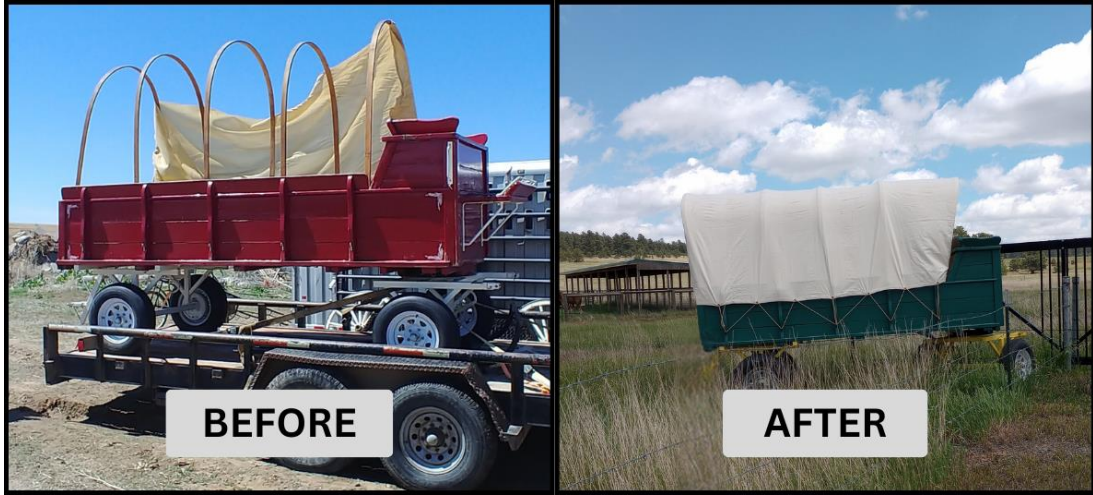
The Ranch Hands Work Day was extremely productive with the installation of the new Scout Law signs along the main road.



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We also had a small crew scraping and painting the new (to camp) horse wagon.



A second coat of stain was applied to posts for last year's Scout Law sign project along the trail to Rendezvous. All bolts were tightened due to the anticipated drying and shrinking of the wood.



And Sarah Specht even found some time to work on fences and help put up tents in staff camp.

David Weaver stuck around Sunday to knock out some small tasks including: installing some cow scratching devices on the signs along Betty's trail, installing the dedication sign on the Warming Shed, and adding trail name stickers to the mountain bike trail sign posts.



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The 2024 Mentor Weekend was also a huge success with 12 Alumni spending the weekend at camp, teaching and sharing stories with the current staff.



*Jason Newell running exercises on customer service*



*McManus doing a debrief after a team building session*

The alumni also found time to frame and install staff pictures going back to 1983. We are missing several years from 2007 through 2021. Please email [peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com) if you can help fill these gaps!



Below the frames we hope to install glass display cases to showcase different items from the camp's history. Do you have any items stashed away that would be interesting to display?

## Memorial Wall Update

We are still moving forward with the planned Memorial Wall to honor past camp staff who have passed away. Still working out final details with the material supplier. More details will be posted when they are known.

## 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. Display cases and other items still need to be priced out for the Staff History area in Gilwell Hall. 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
- Prints and frames of staff pictures

Major projects not yet fully funded:

- \$1,500 for benches and rest area at the Memorial Wall
- \$13,000 for major improvements to the Rendezvous campfire area
- ??? for Camp History display cases

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 Banquet

All former staff are invited to attend the 2024 Closing Banquet on Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. RSVP at [peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com) if you plan on attending.

## 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.

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Peaceful Valley we'll be true  
Through eternity.