

Announcem...Messages

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

- Anonymous

That’s a Wrap on the Summer



The 2024 PV staff closed out an incredible summer with high enthusiasm and the true Scouting spirit.

Congratulations to Bee Zea for receiving the Wings of Excellence staff award!

We hope to see all of you back next summer, either as a staff member or an alumnus.

Updates on Current Projects

Memorial Wall

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.

PV Camp Museum

The pictures of past camp are up and looking great. We are currently sourcing display cases as well as items to display within them. We have many of the items already but if you have a particularly old or rare item then please reach out to peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com and we'll see how it can fit in.



The museum area will be in one corner of Gilwell hall. Display cases will be under the pictures shown here, with another case along the wall to the right. Wall mounted bulletin board style cases might also be on the wall to the right and would hold the program patches. The fire extinguisher will be moved to another wall.

Large Camp Maps

As part of the Gilwell beautification efforts, we are working to update the PV topo map and then print a large (6' tall or more) copy of it to mount to one of the walls in Gilwell. It might have a dry erase surface along with the standard "scout proofing" that this would require. Depending on feasibility, we might install a 2nd copy in the main dining hall area, and a smaller copy in the dining hall loft where the staff hold meetings.

Jamboree!

The Colorado Jamboree will be September 27th – the 29th and it will be at McNeil Scout Ranch at Peaceful Valley. They are expecting 3,000 scouts and scouters in attendance and the PVAA will have a booth in the midway area. We are looking for alumni willing to help the staff the booth for some of the day during Saturday the 28th. Please email peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com if you are interested.



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 we are currently working towards:

- Memorial Wall
- Staff Gifts to reward tenure at camp - summer 2025
- PV Camp Museum display cases

- Benches and rest area at the Memorial Wall
- Major improvements to the Rendezvous campfire area

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>

Email peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com with any questions you have or suggestion for future projects.

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.