

Announcem...Messages

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

- Anonymous

Purpose:

The purpose of the Peaceful Valley Alumni Association is to provide support, both resources and mentorship, to the current summer camp staff and year-round program at Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch. To give back to the “sunlit meadows, moonlit trails, land of memory” that gave us so much while we were scouts, staff, and leaders.

Many of us ate food that was prepared in the William Kephart Dining Hall, or the Cortlandt Dietler Commissary, or the Coors Commissary. We used outhouses that were built by rangers like Sam Jackson and Chuck Forsyth. We hiked on trails and slept on tent platforms that were built by scouting volunteers. We recognize that these things did not just appear out of nowhere. It is time for us to give back and ensure that future scouts have access to the best possible materials, facilities, and staff.

Events:

The following are our planned events for 2021. These may change due to COVID restrictions.

Family Campout and Work Weekend – April 30th thru May 2nd

PVAA members can bring their families for a weekend of camping or just a Saturday of hanging out. We will be working on a variety of service projects.

Summer Camp Family Night – TBD

The current staff invite the PVAA and their families to attend the first family night of the summer. This is the one that is traditionally for the staff families, before the camp opens to scouts.

Closing Banquet – TBD

The PVAA is invited to attend the yearly Closing Banquet. Past Madden Scholars will be acknowledged along with the newest scholars and previous recipients of the yearly staff award will present it to the current year’s recipients.

Fall Family Picnic – TBD

A Saturday when the PVAA can bring their families to enjoy a day back at paradise.

Do you have an idea for an event? Let us know!

Membership Options:

- Current or Recent Staff – Free until the year that you turn 24 years old
- Yearly Membership - \$25 / year
- Lifetime Membership - \$250 total
- Lifetime Member, Founding Member - \$500 total, available only in 2021

There is an option to pay for either Lifetime Memberships with installments. Additional donations can also be made to PVAA's capital campaign fund. More information and proposed projects will be released soon.

Are you a currently registered Scout or Scouter? Please give to your local Investment in Character campaign first as your Council depends on those funds.

Please [click here](#) to join.

You can also find more information at our [website](#) or ask questions by emailing peacefulvalleyaa@gmail.com

Vision:

In August of 2019, my son's Cub Scout pack camped at PV. We wanted to take the Cubs on a short hike and as we were camping at Creede the natural choice was the Betty Forsyth Conservation Trail. I was shocked at the poor condition of the trail and its signage. It would have been impossible for anyone not already familiar with the area to complete the loop. I also remember that the original intent of the trail was to have plant identification signage along the trail, but none was present. I knew I could reach out to a few PV alums and we could get some of the work done, but I knew that it would take much more to do the entire project and to do it right.

COVID slowed things down, but a year later I was meeting with Dave Whitner discussion changing the PVAA from where it was, into a group modeled after the Philmont Staff Association and the Tahosa Alumni Association.

My vision for the PVAA is to allow both alums and current staff to identify projects at PV that they feel passionate about and would provide an impact to the camp. To raise funds for those projects, and then to provide the manpower to implement them. We can also provide mentorship to the current staff, motivating them and teaching them what it means to be a member of the Peaceful Valley Leadership Team.

- David Weaver, PVAA President

What is going on at Camp Dietler?

As the demand for a patrol-based cooking summer camp has declined, the Denver Area Council has decided to change the program offering at Camp Dietler. For the 2021 season, Dietler will host the National Youth Leadership

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Training courses. Many of you may be familiar with this program under its old name of Big Horn. Scouts will still be enjoying the wonder of Dietler, just under a different program.

We will leave you with the closing lines of the “Peaceful Valley Song”
Peaceful Valley you are ours
And will always be.
Peaceful Valley we’ll be true
Through eternity.

