

CAMP MAIL

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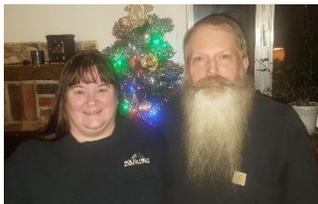
"Hello Muddah, hello Faddah, here I am at *Camp Grenada PVCC!*" Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Pleasant Valley Christian Camp. Since its founding in 1964, this camp ministry has been blessed with the love and support of many people and churches around the Puget Sound region and beyond. This year we are especially thankful for all of you who have given time, energy, and resources to help PVCC. Camp changes lives—and you make it happen.

New Faces

Manager – Hailing from Highline Christian Church, **Logan, Kim, Abby,** and **Sam Jenott** moved to PVCC at the end of February. They are elated to serve in the camp manager role and passionate to see God use this ministry for many years to come. More than ever, kids and families need camp. And more than ever, camp needs your participation and support. With your help, PVCC is honoring its heritage, continuing to provide a rustic setting that pulls people out of the hurried distractions and stresses of daily life. It is a setting where you can worship, learn, share, pray, and play, surrounded by the natural beauty of God's creation. Our motto says, "Unplug from the world, plug into God."



Maintenance – In a big answer to prayer, PVCC has been blessed with the addition of a wonderful maintenance volunteer. **Scott Collman** brings his skills and experience from many years of maintenance work at Mt. Rainier National Park. He and his wife **Tina** are long-time local residents and are deeply rooted in this community. Besides dedicating many hours each week to our camp facilities, Scott is active at his church as an elder and youth leader, serves as a board member for the Morton School District, and volunteers with Young Life. Welcome to camp, Scott!



Pandemic < Prayer

As you know all too well, 2020 has been anything but easy. We have all been enduring stay-home orders, business shut-downs, school closures, and other restrictions. Social unrest and political turmoil have rocked our nation. Here at PVCC, camp programs have been postponed and rental groups have canceled their reservations. In times of hardship, what do God's people do? We pray! We are praying for all of you—our campers, families, volunteers, donors, and supporting churches—asking God to protect and bless each one of you. We need your prayers too. Please join us in asking the Lord to prepare and position PVCC to minister effectively and reach out to a hurting world with His love.

2020 Camp Programs

Middle School Camp – In early July, Lewis County was in reopening phase 3. We were able to run a camp program! Even though it was limited to 50 or fewer campers and required extra health precautions, everyone had a great experience. The Lord used this time to reach hearts and change lives. It wrapped up on the final day with baptisms in the swimming pool!



Family Camping Getaway – Throughout the rest of the summer we opened PVCC to donation-based family camping, a social-distancing-friendly alternative to our regular Family Camp program. This allowed nearly 50 families over a two-month period to stay in the cabins or camp in RVs and tents as separate households. Although we were not able to provide food service or have large group activities, this turned out to be a great way for people to relax, enjoy the camp, and spend quality time with their families in the great outdoors.



A Note from the Board

The board of trustees is excited, unified, and confident in the vision and future of Pleasant Valley Christian Camp for decades to come. In spite of this year's challenges with COVID-19, we are positive and enthusiastic about the fruit the Lord is providing through this great ministry tool.

2020 has been the most challenging year on record for this ministry. Still, the camp is in great shape overall. We started off the year with the blessing of an incredible \$100,000 matching donation from an anonymous local family. And God is blessing PVCC in many ways—not the least of which are our new camp managers, **Logan & Kim Jenott**.

We are poised for the most amazing season of ministry—EVER. During this pandemic, while camps and rentals have been cancelled, we remain financially above water. After previously dipping into the red in some budget areas, it was as if the Lord had prepared us for this tight year with last year's decision to pare down our staff. So far this year, nine churches are regular monthly supporters, giving \$10,000 to date. Individual giving has been generous with 23 donors giving \$34,000 to date. Thanks for every donation and all your support. We are blessed to be operating in the black—even with pandemic restrictions halting most of our regular programs and rentals. The total asset value on our books is \$1.8 million AND we are debt-free with no mortgage. This makes it so much easier to manage during a crisis like we are all currently going through. It is truly the Lord's provision.

We are hoping for a conclusion to the pandemic crisis soon so we can return to thriving ministry again. Several rentals have already booked for 2021 and the demand for post-pandemic camp ministry seems like it will be higher than ever. Our summer camp projections are exciting. We have had many fantastic partners in this ministry throughout the years, and we look forward to increased partnerships and teamwork in the future. We are praying for your continued and growing involvement. Let us know if there are ways we can build together more.

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Thank You, Trustees

To our board members **Bruce Sanders, Cyndi Harrison, Dan Hamilton, Gregg Louvier, Jim Luddon, Nancy Waner, Radine Herrick, and Tyler Mosier**: We appreciate you and your dedication, direction, and vision for PVCC!



News and Needs

Volunteer Projects – Our volunteers never cease to amaze us with their hearts for camp: We are so grateful for **Josh Austin** and his church men’s group, **Kyle Bankord** and BSA troop #274, **Scott & Tina Collman**, **Myrtlema Crane**, **Ray Crane**, **Rod & Jacqui Crane**, **Jonathan Hernandez** and his crew, **Bill & Radine Herrick**, **Mike & Angie Hobby**, **Gregg Louvier**, **Steve Mayer**, **Dave Rogge**, **Bruce & Sherry Thacker** and the Shelton Christian Church youth group, **Bret & Davi Thorson**, **Mark Williams**, and **Dave Wooden**. These volunteers repaired roofs, gutters, cabin siding, water lines, windows, screens, ceiling fans, and the walk-in freezer door; weeded, landscaped, filled potholes, and cleared brush; insulated and finished the interiors of three Hillside Camp cabins; added grab rails, pickets and new stair steps for Hillside Camp cabins; insulated and put up interior walls in the Hillside Camp multipurpose building; fixed up the Gaga Ball pit and 9 Square game court, built and painted new benches for the swimming pool enclosure; restored the Creekside House’s shed and well house; constructed a new staircase and improved the footbridge to the Cross hiking trail; installed a wood stove in the Manager’s House; carpeted the Creekside House; reworked the camp’s website, online forms, and registration process, and much more. Whew!



PPP Employees – The Paycheck Protection Program allowed PVCC to employ several workers (including some of our former campers!) in the spring and early summer. With Serve Camp and other work parties being canceled, this filled a huge need. Our crew repaired electrical and plumbing issues; deep-cleaned the kitchen, cabins, and other buildings; created camp video and graphic assets; took inventory, labeled, and organized supplies; landscaped, painted signs, and much more. **Eli Carson**, **Julie Clemons**, **Riccardo Clemons**, **Oksana Dean**, **Lacey Edwards**, **Matt & Julie Eldridge**, **Cora Foral**, **Ashlyn Greget**, **John Hagala**, **Johanna Lindberg**, **Logan Nelson**, **Sydney Ray**, **Meagan Smith**, **Doug & Debi Sabourin**, **Jessica Strange**, and **Honore Thomas**, thank you for your hard work to help make camp a safe, clean, and beautiful place.



Bridge Replacement – With your generous donations to last year’s “Build the Bridge” fundraiser, we are in the final stages of replacing the old bridge across East Creek. PVCC will soon have a strong, durable bridge in place that will reliably serve the camp for many decades to come.



New Equipment – We have a new lawnmower! A generous donor purchased a brand-new, 35-horsepower riding mower for the camp. This beautiful beast makes it fun and fast to mow our many acres of grass. Other thoughtful donations include new, high-efficiency LED lighting fixtures for our maintenance shop, heaters for the ten Hillside Camp cabins, and a utility trailer. PVCC also purchased a new water heater for the swimming pool. Our old, tired furnace consumed diesel at an astonishing rate. Next summer you will enjoy basking in the pool, warmed by our new, high-efficiency, propane heater.



Winter Wish List – It takes a lot of equipment to keep our facilities safe, clean, and functioning well. PVCC has an [immediate need for a snow plow truck](#). Other



needs include a newer backhoe, commercial-grade self-feeding wood chipper, pole chainsaw, 200 amp arc or stick welder, and large stump grinder. Please let us know if you have equipment in good working order that you would be interested in donating or if you would like to contribute toward the purchase any of these items.

Looking Ahead

2021 Camp Programs – We look forward to resuming our regular summer camp programs—as well as the addition of High School Camp! Registration information will be shared soon. Need-based scholarships are available. Spread the word and save the dates for these camps:

First Chance Camp (grades 1-3) June 30-July 2

Director: **Katie Taylor**, Highline Christian Church

Middle School Camp (grades 6-9) July 11-16

Director: **Bruce Sanders**, Capitol Vision Christian Church

Junior Camp (grades 4-6) July 18-24.

Director: **Nancy Waner**, Normandy Christian Church

Family Camp (all ages) July 25-30

Director: **Radine Herrick**, Northwest Church

High School Camp (grades 9-12) August 15-20

Director: **Josh Ambrose**, Highline Christian Church

Young At Heart (adults 55+) September 8-11

Directors: **David Davolt**, Hill City Church / **Pat Dunn**, Meadow Springs Church

2021 Group Rentals – We look forward to welcoming new and returning church groups that are making reservations in 2021. We already have several groups with reservations on the calendar and a number of others who are interested in renting our camp facility.

Retreat Center – The Small Retreat Lodge/Nurse Station was damaged by a building fire in November. We are thankful that it was unoccupied at the time, that it didn't happen during the dry wildfire season, and that we were present to respond immediately. A silver lining is the potential for PVCC to build a new retreat center. As we were praying about how to proceed, the camp was blessed with a \$100,000 donation designated for starting construction of a new retreat center! We are excited to see this opportunity take shape and ask you to prayerfully consider adding your financial support to this project. This is still early in the planning process and more information will be shared as we move forward.

Hillside Camp Improvements – Great progress has been made this year on the Hillside Camp multipurpose building and cabins. We want to see it continue in 2021. Finishing Hillside Camp will allow PVCC to welcome more campers than ever by accommodating larger camps and hosting two camp programs or rental groups at the same time. Our volunteers who insulated and beautifully finished three cabins are eager to continue their work on the remaining seven cabins as we raise funds for the building materials. We also plan to finish the Hillside Camp multipurpose building with new ceiling insulation, carpeting, and a furnace. Please let us know if you would like to make a donation and/or volunteer time to help us with these projects.



Connect with Camp

We want to hear from you! Call the PVCC office at (360) 492-3451, email us at office@pleasantvalleycamp.org, or send mail to PO Box 175, Mineral, WA 98355. Please follow PVCC's social media on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Vimeo](#). Thank you for being a part of our Pleasant Valley Christian Camp community!