

The Valley View



PVC Monthly Report



Director's Update

By Beth Dales



Sitting and looking out the window at our snow-covered camp makes me long for the warm summer sun and the noises camp provides. From singing in the dining hall to loon calls lulling us to sleep at night camp is a magical place and we thought you might like to have a little bit of camp while you're counting down the days till summer like me.

Last summer was a huge success with our 222 new campers and our 208 returners, not including the wonderful LIT and CIT groups. We are well on our way to filling the PVC sessions again this summer. 1 in 5 youth campers received need-based scholarships and we are thrilled by the generosity of our donors and incredible partnerships we can continue to get kids to camp.

In 2022 we installed a new dock at Pine Island, painted Casita (one of our staff cabins), and installed a brand-new canoe/kayak launch just to name a few PVC specific projects. This year we look forward to many improvements throughout both camps. At PVC specifically we are working on replacing the electric in Shangri-La, as well as improving storage and creating a more functional life jacket station. Even more exciting news is we are in the beginning stages of planning an expansion of our beloved MacGregor Hall. PVC has outgrown the current capacity and for the last two summer (plus this coming summer) we have been using Fireside (the location below Mac Hall) to accommodate our dining needs. Architectural designs are in the works and fundraising to complete this exciting project will begin soon. We look forward to all being back in one dining hall space and singing our heart out altogether.

2023 promises to be another summer filled with adventure, making new friends and memories, as well as offering opportunities to grow, learn and engage in ways the experience of being at camp allows. We are committed to creating a welcoming and creating an inclusive community for all our campers. We can't wait to see you all this summer!

Announcements!

MEET THE DIRECTORS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

BURBANK YMCA: GYM GAMES

36 ARTHUR B LORD DRIVE, READING, MA 01867

11:30AM - 12:30PM

WALTHAM YMCA: GYM GAMES

725 LEXINGTON STREET, WALTHAM, MA 02452

3:00PM - 4:00PM

OPEN HOUSES

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH (VIRTUAL)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

2023 Camper Session Dates:

Session 1: June 25 - July 8

Session 2: July 9 - July 22

Session 3: July 23 - August 5

Session 4: August 6 - August 19

NW AND PVC FAMILY CAMP

AUGUST 20TH-26TH

55th Reunion

September 1st-3rd



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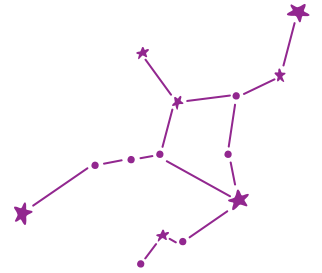
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The Board Report

By Steph Uhlmann



Hello and happy 2023 to all my PVC campers, families, and staff! My name is Steph Uhlmann; I'm the PVC Committee Chair and get to lead the awesome group of alum who dedicate their time to support camp for future generations. I started my camp journey 20 years ago, so I can't help but be a little bit reflective as I write this to you all and think about a young 9-year-old Steph anxiously wondering about the unknown and if in a couple of months when I get to camp will I make friends and will I have fun? Spoiler alert: I did. Insert your favorite camp memories here because we all have them. D.I.V.E, tie dye, water carnival, theme days, cabin nights - yeah, those summers were pretty fun.

Thirteen amazing summers later, I left the camp world to tackle whatever it is we're supposed to in our mid-twenties. But this time, this unknown didn't make me anxious. Thanks to camp, I had an amazing group of friends who to this day guide me, boost my confidence and make me laugh whenever I need it. Thanks to camp, I learned how to find my strengths so I could excel in any role I took on. And finally, thanks to camp and the many people there, I knew my voice matters (even when singing off-key in the dining hall) and to not be afraid to use it.

Camp is a special place as so many of us know. As I reflect, I know so much of my success in life with friendships and jobs is because I had a place where I could be my authentic self, grow and thrive. So whether it is your first summer or it's been a couple of summers, I hope you all feel the joy and excitement that summer will be here soon and your own set of magic memories are waiting to be made. For our alum reading this, don't miss out on returning to camp and reconnecting with friends at our 55th PVC Reunion Labor Day weekend.



D.I.V.E

Question of the Month

If you could have any view out of your bedroom window, what would you have?

Shooting Stars

'A Camper Testimonial'
with Lily D



"Lily loves camp and everything about it. She has said on more than one occasion since coming back that she misses camp and can't wait for next year. This was her favorite year yet. She bonded with her cabin (all of them), loved the activities she chose, the people she met and the activities you all planned for them! Her first year at camp was the beginning of her true growth and independence, going away from home for two weeks when she was just 9 years old. The things she learned, and the expectations and responsibility she needed to live by while at PVC most definitely helped shape the young woman she is becoming (13 next month!!!)." - Jenn, Lily's mom

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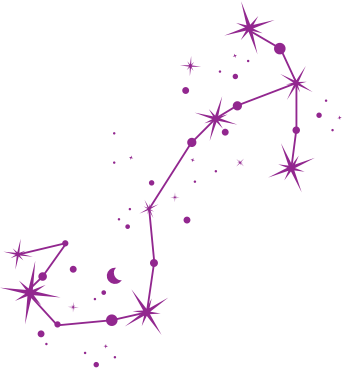
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Linda's Loons

"The Summer Staff Update"



Star Gazing

"Help us find Staff"



Apply Here

Welcome to our new Assistant Counselors

Alice Wilkerson, Belen Mathews, Caitlin Weeks, Elizabeth Faiola, Emma Williams, Frank Denny, Grace Donahue, Grace Galanes, Kai Quinones, Kelli Kamphaus, Kyleigh Lane, Maeve Padien, Mary Denny, Maya Johnson, Morgan Durand, Penelope Meisel, Talia Banafato, Tara Powell, Xolani St. Brice



We are excited to announce that we are currently seeking dynamic and experienced individuals to join our team as Head Counsellors. Our Head Counselors play a vital role in providing an unforgettable summer experience for our campers, and we are looking for individuals who are passionate about working with children and teenagers and committed to providing a safe and supportive environment. As a Head Counsellor at Pleasant Valley Camp, you will be responsible for leading and supervising a group of campers, as well as being a role model. You will be responsible for planning and leading activities, ensuring the safety of the campers, and creating a fun and positive atmosphere for the campers. At Pleasant Valley Camp, we are committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive community for all of our campers. Our staff is carefully selected and trained to provide a safe and supportive environment for all campers. If you are looking for an exciting and rewarding summer job, we encourage you to apply to join our team as a Head Counselor at Pleasant Valley Camp. We look forward to hearing from you!

Radio Check

Returning Executive Council Member:
Anna Kuklinski

Hi Everyone! I'm Anna Kuklinski (she/her), I'm from Arlington, MA but I am currently living in Amherst for school where I am studying biology. This will be my 11th summer at camp and I am so excited for this summer! My favorite camp activities are woodshop and anything on the waterfront. You can often find me hanging out in junior village! When I'm not at camp I enjoy hiking and cycling. While I love New England winter, and all things snow, I can not wait for sunny days by the lake!



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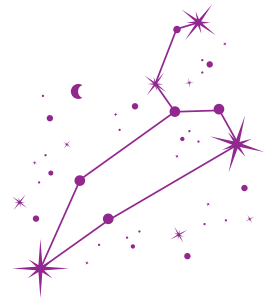
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Winter Wonderland

PVC in the Snow

As the Director of Pleasant Valley Camp, I am thrilled to share with you the beauty of our camp in the winter snow. There is something truly magical about the way the snow transforms the camp and the surrounding landscape. The snow-covered trees, the frozen lake and the crisp mountain air all come together to create a truly breathtaking scene. We invite you to come and see for yourself the beauty of Pleasant Valley Camp in the winter snow. It's truly a sight to behold, and we are sure you will be enchanted by its natural beauty.



Senior Village



Senior Bath house



Middler Village



Senior Village



Founders

55th Reunion

September 1st-3rd

We are excited to announce that we are preparing for our 55th reunion, and we would love for you to join us! Our reunion is the perfect opportunity for past campers, staff, and families to reconnect with old friends and make new memories. We are planning a weekend of activities, including sailing, high ropes, horseback, waterskiing, steam baths, campfire stories, and a big BBQ. It will be a great opportunity to relive the memories of Pleasant Valley Camp and to see how the camp has evolved over the years. An email to sign up for the reunion is coming soon! We have a number of spots available, so we encourage you to keep an eye out for that invite and sign up quickly to reserve your space. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion and to creating new memories together.



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