

THE PATHFINDER



Spring 2018

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

At Pathfinder Ranch we pride ourselves on our ability to grow and change. Over the past two years, our programs have grown, and our buildings have had new life breathed into them with fresh interior decorating.

We are also excited about all the improvements to our grounds. One project that we are especially

excited about is the reopening of our tree campaign. This campaign will not only benefit guests for years to come but also allows us to be responsible stewards of the land. Here's to continued growth in the coming years.

— Chris Fife, Executive Director



Campers admire a fresh beet from the garden in summer. (Photo: Sarah Foglesong)

SPRINGING INTO THE GROWING SEASON

Spring in the mountains tends to come in fits and starts. Sunny days can be followed by snowy nights and foggy mornings. Even though this makes for a beautiful season, it's not always ideal weather for planting out a garden. Still, the high tunnel green house is bursting with seedlings and young plants as we await the steady warmth of May and summer.

Meanwhile, the facilities team is preparing a new high-capacity compost system. The plans for this system were developed by the city of Vancouver, B.C., and will allow food scraps, weeds, and other organic matter to be more efficiently transformed into nutrient rich soil for the pasture and garden.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 15	R.O.P.E. CLUB An inclusive opportunity for participants of all abilities to enjoy outdoor pursuits.
Saturday, May 12	THE GREAT GOAT HEAD PULL Join a team of volunteers in the removal of invasive weeds; lunch to follow.
Saturday, June 23	SUMMER MEET & GREET Registered for camp? Bring a picnic lunch, meet the staff, and tour the facilities.
For more information on events, visit www.pathfinderranch.com	



Garbanzo learned to be a cool chick early in life. (Photo: Jane Mattione)

NEW CHICKS AND GARBANZO THE SURPRISE CHICKEN

The nature Center and Farm are now home to new chicks! Naturalist Jane Mattione has been a dedicated chicken mother for the past several months as she has identified fertilized eggs, monitored the developing chicks in the incubator, and introduced the new poults to the flock.

Garbanzo was the first of these new chicks to hatch, and was a great surprise! She turned out to be an Amber White, a desirable cross-breed of chicken known for its prolific egg laying— up to 300 eggs a year!

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

— Margaret Atwood



(Photo: Elizabeth Hueter-Willoughby)

There is something wonderful about seeing our campers explore the world around them – allowing them to get dirty, be a bit wild, and connect with nature on a deeper level.



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