

THE PATHFINDER



Spring 2026



DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

It seems winter has passed over the mountain and spring has arrived—although lately it feels more like summer! We've been enjoying beautiful weather here at the Ranch, and I'm excited to share some great news, recent happenings, and upcoming events with you. Once again, we participated in Coachella Valley Giving Day and were fortunate to receive an incredible gift from an anonymous donor who matched 100% of all donations. This generous match doubled every contribution and will directly support our Summer Camp Scholarship Fund, helping more campers experience Pathfinder Ranch.

We also have two wonderful community events coming up this spring. On March 28, we will host our Annual Spring Picnic. This year we're introducing our first Opportunity Drawing and will also be selling Pathfinder Ranch merchandise, with proceeds benefiting our Scholarship Fund. Then on April 18, we will come together to celebrate Earth Day at the Ranch. Both events are open to the public, and you'll find more details in this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

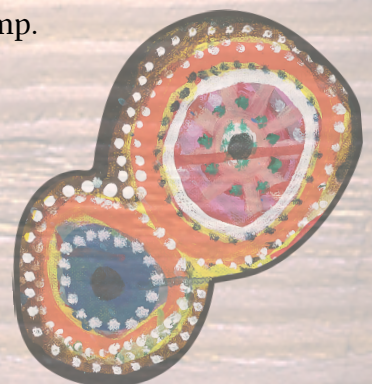
ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC

Our Annual Spring Picnic is a special time to celebrate our supporters and open the gates of Pathfinder Ranch to the community. This year's theme is inspired by the food and traditions of the Southwest, so come hungry—our kitchen staff will be preparing a delicious lunch! Guests will have the opportunity to explore camp, visit the animals, participate in a scavenger hunt, and enjoy adventure activities. Every paid registration includes one entry into our Opportunity Drawing, featuring two exciting gift packages. Additional chances can be purchased on the day of the event. Cash is appreciated for raffle tickets, though credit cards are also accepted.

If you've been wanting a keepsake from camp, this is your chance! We will have a limited selection of Trading Post logo merchandise available for purchase. Proceeds from the event support the Pathfinder Ranch Scholarship Fund, helping ensure that more campers can experience the magic of camp.

Event Schedule

Time	Activity
11:00 AM	Event begins Camp tours, animal visits, and scavenger hunt
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Southwest-themed lunch
1:00 - 3:00 PM	Adventure activities begin (Archery, Climbing, & Pony Rides - ages 7+)
3:00 PM	Event concludes



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Join us on Saturday, April 18 from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM for our free Earth Day Celebration at. We are excited to launch what we hope will become an annual event, bringing together youth, families, and community members to celebrate nature and learn about environmental stewardship. This fun, family-friendly event will feature a mix of short educational sessions and engaging activities designed to inspire appreciation for the natural world.

Throughout the day, guests can participate in programs related to ecosystem studies, water conservation, Native American culture, scavenger hunts, hikes, crafts, and canoeing.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to explore interactive booths hosted by presenters and local organizations, where they can learn about environmental initiatives and participate in demonstrations. Additional opportunities include volunteer beautification projects around the Ranch and site tours for families interested in learning more about our summer camp programs.

Earth Day at Pathfinder Ranch is a celebration of community, conservation, and connection to the outdoors. The event reflects our mission to enrich lives by providing quality programs and facilities that connect people to nature and each other.

Community groups, clubs, and organizations are welcome to participate as presenters, vendors, or volunteers, and families are invited to attend and enjoy the day together. If you are interested in being a vendor, presenter, or volunteer please contact us at carl.d@pathfinderranch.com.



DID YOU KNOW...

Pathfinder Ranch is more than summer camp and outdoor education—we also host a wide range of group retreats and gatherings. Our peaceful location in Garner Valley provides the perfect mountain setting for retreats, professional development weekends, conferences, family reunions, and community events. We are centrally located in Southern California making it a reasonable drive from our major metropolitan areas. Schools, nonprofits, businesses, faith groups, and organizations regularly host private retreats, meetings, and camps at the Ranch. Our all-inclusive program offers comfortable lodging, delicious meals, scenic hiking trails, and flexible indoor meeting spaces.

Groups can also add optional activities such as guided hikes, climbing and low ropes challenges, horsemanship, archery, canoeing, and naturalist-led workshops. Our staff will help design a program that fits your group's goals and interests. For more information, visit www.pathfinderranch.com/retreats or email us at info@pathfinderranch.com.

We look forward to welcoming your group to the Ranch!



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

At Pathfinder Ranch Summer Camp, kids ages 7–14 unplug from screens and step into a world of adventure, discovery, and friendship. Camp is a place where children can try new things, build confidence, and create memories they will carry with them for years to come. One of the most magical parts of camp is the chance to start fresh—surrounded by new friends and supportive counselors who encourage every camper to be themselves. Campers discover not only new skills, but also who they are and who they might become.

Every day is packed with exciting activities and opportunities to explore the outdoors, including horseback riding, archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, and rock climbing. Campers will enjoy spending time in arts & crafts, exploring the Nature Center, hiking scenic trails, and joining in sports, games, and team challenges. Evenings bring everyone together for the timeless traditions of camp—campfires, songs, stories, and laughter under the stars.

Our Counselor in Leadership Training (CILT) program gives teens ages 15–17 the opportunity to develop leadership skills while still enjoying the fun of camp. During this two-week program, participants learn teamwork, responsibility, and mentoring skills while working alongside our camp staff. It's the perfect experience for teens interested in becoming future counselors at Pathfinder Ranch.

Register for Summer Camp Now, Spots Will Fill Up Quickly:

www.pathfinderranch.com



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

For more than 50 years, Pathfinder Ranch has welcomed students from across Southern California to experience the outdoors in ways they never forget. Our Outdoor Education Program invites young people to step outside the classroom and discover the natural world through hands-on exploration in the forests, meadows, and streams of beautiful Garner Valley.

Many students arrive having never spent a night away from home or walked through a forest. During their time at the Ranch, they investigate ecosystems, hike scenic trails, and learn about the environment through interactive lessons and outdoor adventures. Programs may include ecosystem studies, wildlife and plant identification, water conservation, geology, and astronomy, along with exciting activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, archery, horseback riding, and team-building challenges. These immersive experiences allow students to see science in action while building confidence and curiosity about the world around them. Designed primarily for 5th and 6th grade students, the program supports classroom learning while helping students develop essential life skills like teamwork, communication, perseverance, and problem solving. Teachers consistently tell us that students return home with a deeper appreciation for nature and a renewed excitement for learning.



At Pathfinder Ranch, outdoor education is more than a field trip—it's an experience that inspires young people to connect with nature, believe in themselves, and become thoughtful stewards of the world around them.

WELCOME HUCK

Meet Huck, our newest addition to our farm. He is a lovely 9-year old Nigerian Dwarf Goat and was donated by our outstanding volunteer and long-time camp supporter, Corrie. Many of our animals are gifted to us by generous donors like Corrie. Huck fits right in with our other animals and loves the attention he gets from our staff and campers.



We are currently growing our horse herd. If you or someone you know are looking to re-home your horse, contact us at 951-659-2455 or info@pathfinderranch.com.

MAKE A DONATION

Donations support scholarships, care for our animals, and help maintain the trails and spaces where these moments happen. Every dollar helps ensure that more children can explore, learn, and grow in nature. Thank you for being part of the Pathfinder community.

Visit www.pathfinderranch.com/donate to make a monetary donation or email info@pathfinderranch.com for in-kind donations.

NEW MERCH AVAILABLE

On your next visit to camp, consider supporting our programs by purchasing new merchandise from our trading post. You'll find T-Shirts, mugs, water bottles, key chains, magnets, and much more. Some items celebrate our animals, other our activities, and even more the serene nature of our mountain home. You can access items on your account page of our website. Some items will be available for sale at our special events.

CALENDAR

Date	Event
3/28/2026	Spring Picnic
4/18/2026	Earth Day Celebration
6/28 - 7/19/2026	Summer Camp

Summer Camp Dates

Session 1 - 6/28/26 - 7/2/26 (4 nights)

Session 2 - 7/5/26 - 7/9/26 (4 nights)

Session 3 - 7/9/26 - 7/12/26 (3 nights)

Session 4 - 7/12/26 - 7/16/26 (4 nights)

Session 5 - 7/16/26 - 7/19/26 (3 nights)

Please note that session lengths may be different from previous years. Multiple sessions can be combined to create a longer camp experience without the need to pick up campers between sessions.



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