

July 18, 2024

Dear PVA Alumnus or Alumna,

The Pioneer Valley Academy Alumni Association membership is a very diverse group. The one thing we share in common is youthful time spent on a country campus as much as half a century ago or more.

We are hoping that the many different parts of our constituency will all feel welcome to join us at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, MA the weekend of October 25-27 for PVA Reunion 2024. We will be honoring the Classes of 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 as they celebrate fifty or more years in their lives since graduating from our alma mater. There will be a small memento for attendees from those classes in honor of all the classes and the fact that we are all still alive.

We want to see all of you there. We do not care if you are still an SDA or have chosen a different path. We don't care if your hair is long, short, natural, dyed or gone. We don't care if you have put on a few or many pounds. We don't care if you are still with the mate of your youth, never wed, or enjoying middle age with someone new. We just want you to come as you are – dressed in the finest and laden with gold or “forever in blue jeans;” expertly coiffed with stylish make-up or clean faced and natural; clean shaved or bearded. We want to spend time with YOU, remembering, but also sharing and celebrating the lives we have lived during the decades since we roamed our common campus.

Yes, there will be Vespers and Sabbath Morning Worship Programs, but if you would rather just enjoy the fall foliage and the beauty of the lake in the company of old friends you may. We won't be checking attendance and some of your company may surprise you. But we should warn you will also miss a lot of fun as well.

Our registration forms are finally ready. We have planned the menu with the camp cook, and details have been arranged for accommodations. Camp Winnekeag offers space for more than 200 people: mostly in bunk beds in four-bunk lodge rooms and 8-10 bunk cabins; or at a few RV and tent sites. In this packet, you will find the description of the various accommodations we have to offer at Winnekeag as well as the Registration Form and Menu. For those seeking a little more comfort and an “off-campus” location, we have prepared a list of area Hotels, Bed and Breakfast Inns and RV Campgrounds. Most of the RV Parks also have rental cabins available.

At this reunion for the second time, we are presenting a couple of options for registration, meal tickets and payment for accommodations:

- 1) **Registration forms.** The registration form is a PDF that can be downloaded, filled in, and uploaded to return to us by email. It may also be printed and mailed. Completing the registration form will help us provide seating for the correct number of people, even if registrants are not eating or staying overnight onsite. (See below for mailing address)
- 2) **Camp accommodations.** The camp accommodations do not need to be paid for in advance. You may view the suggested donation rates in the registration packet and pay in advance by mail or in the offering plate on Sabbath. Either way you should check in at the registration table upon arrival.

3) **Meal tickets.** Meal tickets can be ordered online and paid for in advance (preferred). This works well in connection with emailing your Registration Form. Or you may complete Section B of the Registration Form and mail your payment with the form. Either way, please complete the allergy section on the form if applicable.

We have worked with the cook to prepare a menu that allows us to be efficient in meeting the needs of those with special dietary needs. Please notify us of special meal requests by emailing PVAAumni1965@gmail.com. We think the camp cook does an excellent job of meeting requests for dietary accommodations.

Online ordering for meal tickets begins July 25th and continues through October 10th at <https://bit.ly/PVAAumniReunionFull5MealTicket> Click on "SELECT TICKETS". We hope this will be a quick and efficient method for ordering the meals for the weekend. Please email us at PVAAumni1965@gmail.com if you have questions about ordering online. The deadline for ordering meals is October 10, 2024, at 11:30 p.m. EST.

Please email your Registration Form to:
PVAAumni1965@gmail.com

You may also mail a printed copy of the Registration Form to:

Alex Bezerra
208 Hall Street, Leominster, MA 01453

If paying in advance, include your check made payable to:
Pioneer Valley Academy Alumni.

REFUND POLICY for accommodations or food: If for any reason your plans change prior to attending, you may receive a refund if you notify us prior to seven days before the event.

Hope to see you all in October 2024!

Yours truly,

Alex Bezerra

Alex Bezerra
PVA Alumni President
Class of 1981

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Weekend Tentative Menu

The menu was selected based upon feedback from the last reunion to be mindful of vegetarian & vegan options and food allergies.

Please specify allergies or special requests on the registration form

Meal prices: \$10 per person per meal

Saturday morning Bag Breakfast \$5 per person

Saturday Evening Pizza Plus is free to everyone who reserves a FREE ticket.

Place meal orders and pay online*** beginning July 25th through October 10th :

<https://bit.ly/PVAAlumniReunionFull5MealTicket>

On the Eventbrite website, click on "Select Tickets"

***NOTE: You will be charged a minimal service & processing fee online.

(Or mail checks with Registration form in advance to Alex at: *PVA Alumni, 208 Hall Street, Leominster, MA 01453*).

Friday, October 25

Supper

Soup & Salad, Choice of Beverages

Saturday, October 26

Bagged Continental Breakfast

Sweet Roll, Cold Cereal, Banana, Milk & Orange Juice, Choice of Beverages Cold Cereal

Sabbath Lunch

Mashed Potato & Gravy, FriChick 'n Sauce, Cooked Peas, Cooked Carrots, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls, Choice of Beverages, Seasonal dessert, Apple Crumble w/ Vanilla Ice Cream

Supper

Pizza, Salad, Veggies and Dip, Fruit, Bread/Toast, Desserts, Choice of Beverages

Sunday, October 27

Farewell Breakfast

Eggs, Tofu, Tater Tots, Oatmeal, Bagels wth cream cheese on the side, Fruit, Choice of Beverages

Advanced Registration is required for all meals.

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Lodging Available On Site

Preference will be given to parties booking two nights.

Preference will be given to Families/Groups especially those booking two nights in Pathfinder Lodge. Individuals booking four bunks (or less than four bunks together) may be accommodated in Junior/Teen Camp Cabins.

Eagle Eye Cabin – Maximum occupancy is 4 individuals. **** Suggested donation \$175 per night**

This cabin has two bedrooms, each with a queen bed, a shared bathroom, a living area, and a small kitchen. There is also a small porch for outdoor relaxing. **Email PVAAlumni1965@gmail.com for availability.**

Headquarters Guest Rooms – Maximum occupancy is 2 individuals per room. **** Suggested donation \$75 per night**

Guestrooms 1,2 & 4 have a queen bed and small dresser. Guestroom 3 has two twin beds and a small dresser. Guestrooms 1 & 3 share a bathroom. Guestrooms 2 & 4 share a bathroom. All rooms share an upper porch that overlooks Lake Winnekeag. **Email PVAAlumni1965@gmail.com for availability.**

Pathfinder Lodge – Maximum occupancy is 4 individuals per room. **** Suggested donation \$25 per person per night or \$75 per immediate family per room**

The lodge has two wings, each with seven guest rooms with two sets of bunk beds and a shared shower room on each wing. A large meeting area is located between the two wings featuring a large fireplace. Guests need to bring sleeping bags, pillows, towels, and toiletries. Linens are NOT provided.

Village Cabins –** Suggested donation \$22 per person per night or \$80 per immediate family per room

Each of the six cabins has two bunk rooms with four twin bunk beds, a counselor room with one bunk bed and a shared half bath. Maximum sleeping capacity is 18 per cabin. Cabins are hardwood floors. Guests need to bring sleeping bags, pillows, towels, and toiletries. Linens are NOT provided. A nearby centralized bathhouse has bathroom, sink and shower facilities.

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Lodging Available On Site (continued)

RV Sites – Maximum occupancy is 4 individuals per site.

RV-Electric, Water & Sewer ** Suggested donation \$40 per night

RV-Electric, Water Only ** Suggested donation \$35 per night

There are two RV sites that have electric and water hook ups and four that also have sewer hook ups. Email PVAAlumni1965@gmail.com for availability.

Tent Sites – Maximum occupancy dependent on size of site. **** Suggested donation \$10 per person per night**

There is a variety of tent sites available, from close to central campus to further in the woods for a more remote experience. Guests will have access to the central bathhouse. **Massachusetts law prohibits the use of gas or propane heaters, stoves, or lanterns and all candles inside tents.**

Please note that lodge rooms and bunks require blankets or sleeping bags. We are requesting the loan of such from those traveling by car to assist those who will be traveling by planes, trains, and buses. Please let Mark Rollins know (PVAalumin1965@gmail.com) if you can help.

*****NOTE: The suggested donation is the rate the camp charges. Please contact us if you cannot pay these rates; we still want you to attend and will make arrangements!!!***

Alumni are reminded that we are expected to leave the Camp clean. The PVA Alumni Association will be charged \$35/hour to clean any areas not deemed clean.

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Lodging Available Off Site

Hotels

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| 1. | The Colonial Hotel
Gardner, MA | 5.2 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 630-2500 |
| 2. | Double Tree
Leominster, MA | 10.0 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 534-9000 |
| 3. | Great Wolf Lodge New England
Fitchburg, MA | 7.0 miles from Ashburnham | (866) 678-9653 |
| 4. | Hilton Garden Inn Devons Commons.
Devons, MA | 16.6 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 772-0600 |
| 5. | Motel 6 Leominster
Leominster, MA | 7.6 miles from Ashburnham | (978)537-8161 |
| 6. | Spring Hill Suites Devons Commons Ctr
Devons, MA | 16.0 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 772-3030 |

Bed & Breakfasts and Inns

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| 1. | Chocksette Inn
Sterling, MA | 15.0 miles from Ashburnham | (878)422-3355 |
| 2. | The Ginger Bed
Ashburnham, MA | 0 miles from Ashburnham | Laura@the gingerbed.com |
| 3. | Howarth House B+B.
Fitchburg, MA | 6.8 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 342-2851 |
| 4. | Maguire House
Ashburnham, MA | 0 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 827-5053 |
| 5. | Monadnock Inn.
Jaffrey, NH | 15.7 miles from Ashburnham | (603) 532-7800 |
| 6. | Woodbound Inn
Fitchburg MA | 7.1 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 342-2851 |

Camping Areas

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| 1. | Pearl Hill
Townsend, MA | 13.0 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 597-8802 |
| 2. | Pines Campground
Ashby, MA | 7.5 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 386-7702 |
| 3. | Willard Brook State Forest
Townsend, MA | 13.7 miles from Ashburnham | (978) 597-8802 |

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Agenda

Friday, October 25

4:00pm Registration
6:00pm Supper
7:00pm Vespers
*Pick-up your Bagged Breakfast after vespers

Saturday, October 26

8:00am Cafeteria/Dinning Hall open with hot water for beverages and tables
10:00am Song service and testimony
11:15am Roll call & Worship Service
Speaker: **TBD**
1:00pm Lunch
2:30pm Class Photos
6:00pm Vespers
7:00pm Supper
8:00pm Open Mic & Fellowship Time

Sunday, October 27

9:00am Farewell Breakfast
10:00am Clean up – *VOLUNTEERS WELCOME*



CAMP WINNEKEAG

257 Ashby Road, Ashburnham, Massachusetts 01430, United States

YEAR-ROUND INFORMATION

Email: info@campwnkg.org

Phone: [978.598.0616](tel:978.598.0616)

Camp Winnekeag Directions

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//257+Ashby+Rd,+Ashburnham,+MA+01430/@42.6669929,-71.9019249,16z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x89e3de49475bd1ef:0x52afb300e4b23cb0!2m2!1d-71.896775!2d42.666993?entry=ttu>