

Hidden Valley Ashram



The Chalets Renovation Project

Dear Friends,

For almost four decades, the Self-Realization Fellowship Hidden Valley Ashram Center has served as a spiritual haven for men from around the world who are students of the *SRF Lessons*. They are drawn to the guest programs to experience God-centered living in a secluded ashram environment, to volunteer alongside the monks who reside here year-round, and to immerse themselves in the teachings of our beloved Gurudeva, Paramahansa Yogananda.

While our main focus at the Hidden Valley Ashram is spiritual – meditation, classes, silence, in-depth programs on Guruji’s teachings – there is also the practical side of taking care of the ashram. On an ongoing basis we have undertaken renovations to our aging buildings and infrastructure. Your generous support has made all this possible.

One of the current vital renovation projects – which was first implemented last year – involves major structural improvements and upgrades to the four chalet buildings that house visiting guests. These buildings were originally constructed, probably in the 1950s, from prefabricated kits. Built with only three-quarter inch panels, the chalets' rooms do not have the necessary insulation to withstand the heat of summer and the chills of winter. And with only a thin wall between the bedrooms, there is virtually no soundproofing.

When we began work on this project last year, we made the decision to concentrate on just one of the chalets so that we could determine the most efficient and effective ways to renovate the remaining three buildings. The renovated chalet has now been fitted out with fully insulated walls and ceilings and an acoustic grade sound insulation between its two rooms. The old single pane windows have been replaced with energy-efficient double pane glass. The bathrooms have been completely upgraded, with all new plumbing and an energy-efficient hot water heater.

Because Hidden Valley is located in a high-risk wildfire area, the outside of the building was stuccoed, the porch was reinforced with cement, and other fireproofing measures were taken.

As a result of our experience in renovating the first chalet building, we now have determined the best way to properly refurbish the other chalets. We also plan to install drought-tolerant landscaping and water-wise irrigation systems around them.

We will be utilizing a number of skilled SRF members in the vicinity of the Hidden Valley Ashram Center to do much of the work, which will save us a considerable amount of money. One generous devotee who heard we were planning the renovations donated 10% of the construction costs. However, in order to accomplish the renovation of the three remaining chalets, we need your support. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated, including your prayers for the success of this and our other maintenance and grounds projects.

Renovated Chalet in the Foreground



Our goal for the Chalets Project is \$242,000

Projected Costs:

Building renovations - \$226,000

Room fixtures and furnishings - \$9,000

Landscape and irrigation - \$7,000

How You Can Contribute

This is our annual fundraiser and donations we receive in response to this appeal will be deposited into the Hidden Valley Building Fund and will be used as outlined above, and may also be used to cover large maintenance expenses associated with the buildings, grounds, equipment, furniture, vehicles, fundraising expenses, property taxes, and any potential future property purchases.

You may contribute in any of the following ways:

By Check -

Make your check payable to Self-Realization Fellowship (SRF)

Please write "Hidden Valley Building Fund" on the memo line of the check.

Please send your check to:

SRF Hidden Valley Ashram
16455 Old Guejito Grade Road
Escondido, CA 92027

By phone - you may call Hidden Valley during office hours: 760-749-3399

By credit card (online) – [To Donate Please Click Here](#)

Your prayers and gifts are deeply appreciated and will help Hidden Valley remain a place of inspiration for the decades to come.

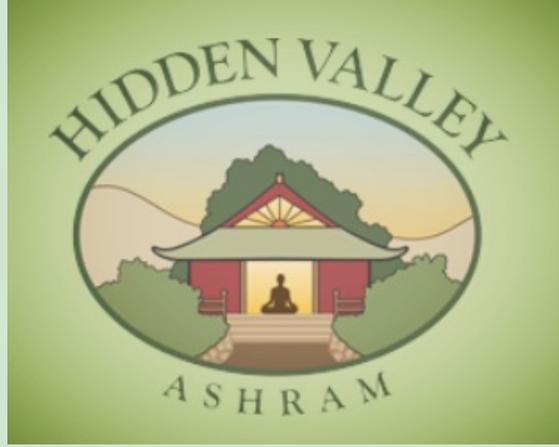
May God and the Great Ones bless us all with a greater awareness of Their presence in our lives.

In divine friendship,

Hidden Valley Ashram

"What I give to you I want you to realize yourself through your own personal communion with God. Nothing can match that understanding."

Paramahansa Yogananda



A natural place to realize your true Self

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