



Tri-Valley Sikh Center

Vand Chhakna Union Monthly Newsletter

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Khalsa School Updates

Khalsa School is back in session at the Tri-Valley Sikh Center! With 320 students enrolled and 8 levels for all skill levels, this program has been extremely successful and beneficial for our youth since we implemented it here at the Gurdwara. Students learn about Sikh history as well as how to read, write, understand, and speak Punjabi. For the second year, we are continuing to provide our Khalsa School students with opportunities to engage in seva. Our VCU members are working on teaching them the basics of langar and water seva, as well as basic hospitality skills.

Seva Opportunities for Everyone

Just a quick reminder that joining the Vand Chhakna Union is the easiest way to give back to your community and stay connected to Sikhi while still earning community service hours! Whether you are a student needing volunteer hours for school or a parent looking to get your child more involved, VCU makes it simple. We need dedicated volunteers who are willing to engage in langar, water, Khalsa School, and shoe organizing seva on Sundays. Additionally, we have special holiday events like Vaisakhi and Diwali where our members can contribute as well as special events that are organized by the VCU, like Sports Day!

New VCU Room Updates!

Our new dedicated VCU room here at the Gurdwara is still looking for decoration inspiration as well as possible event ideas! If you have any creative thoughts or input for the design, we would absolutely love to hear your suggestions at vandchaknaunion@gmail.com to make the space something special together.

Environmental Initiatives

More is being done in order to renovate and promote cleanliness at the Gurdwara. A couple of weeks ago, all the garbage bins were pressure washed and scrubbed down. Additionally, the VCU is looking into how we can better organize the shelves in the outdoor langar area, turn the huge gravel space by the new VCU room into a cemented area (more ideas for this space still in the works), and more. For comments, suggestions, or questions about environmental initiatives, email vandchaknaunion@gmail.com!

This Month in Sikh History

On September 1, 1604, the fifth Sikh Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji, installed the first official compilation of the Holy Scripture inside the Golden Temple in Amritsar. He appointed the respected leader, Baba Buddha Ji, as the very first Granthi to take care of and read from the sacred scripture. Today, Sikhs worldwide celebrate this historic event every year as Pehla Parkash Purab to honor the living voice of their faith.



Volunteer Service Awards

On Sunday, September 13th, volunteer awards were given to those who got the most hours of seva between August 2025 and July 2026.

Congratulations to the following:

Gold: Dhairyaveer Singh
Silver: Jasraj Singh
Bronze: Nanki Kaur
Bronze: Yashvir Jaj
Bronze: Akaaljit Singh

Honorable mentions for those who did not meet the full award threshold but still completed 45+ hours of seva this year:

Arjan Sandhu
Ava Grewal
Divjot Singh
Harjas Kaur Malhi
Jaden Randhawa
Mehar Soni
Sidak Singh Malhi

Sikh Sangat Word Unscrambling

LNGRAA = _____	RUUG = _____
SRDAA = _____	UGWHAERU = _____
KANNA = _____	NATIRK = _____
AIVAKSHI = _____	TASGAN = _____
AKNHDA = _____	LASHAK = _____
IJNPUBA = _____	MNATSA = _____
IIDLAW = _____	RAWGUDA = _____

Email your answers to vandchaknaunion@gmail.com to **WIN** a special prize!

Upcoming and Current Events

Dates for Clubwide VCU Meetings (subject to change):

- October 18th
- November 22st
- December 13th
- January 18th
- February 22nd
- March 22nd
- April 26th



SAVE THESE DATES!

- October 3rd Kirtan Event
- Kids Against Hunger Packing Event on October 17th from 1-2:30PM
- Red Cross Blood Donation Drive on September 26th

Tri-Valley Sikh Center
Kids Sehaj Paath
Dates: Jan 25th - May 17th

- Children & youth invited to participate in a collective Sehaj Paath
- Each child will be assigned specific ang (pages)
- Coordination & schedule via WhatsApp
- Parents are responsible for their child's assigned ang
- Help ensure paath is completed on time
- Coordinate any changes through WhatsApp

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