The background image is a landscape photograph. The sky is filled with large, textured clouds that are illuminated from below by a low sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sun itself is a bright, circular orb positioned just above the horizon line. Below the horizon, there are several layers of hazy, blue-toned mountains. In the immediate foreground, the dark silhouette of a desert ridge is visible, featuring a few small, spiky cacti and some low-lying shrubs.

**Valley of the Sun Chapter
American Pilgrims on the Camino
Chapter Meeting**

July 22, 2021

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Spirit of the Camino
- 2021 Camino Plans
- Camino Reflections
- St. James Day Celebration
- Favorite Places on the Camino
- Logo Contest Winner
- Chapter Activities – Balance of 2021
- How You Can Help
- Next Steps and Action Items

Introductions

Chapter Coordinators

- Kath Stoll
- Pruitt Layton

Core Team

- Bill Berry
- Shirley Brencick
- Ann Connelly
- Barb Erwin
- Gloria Lowe
- Tina Strickler



THE SPIRIT OF THE CAMINO

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- ☪ Live in the moment
- ☪ Welcome each day – its pleasures and its challenges
- ☪ Make others feel welcome
- ☪ Share
- ☪ Feel the spirit of those who have gone before you
- ☪ Appreciate those who walk with you today
- ☪ Imagine those who will follow you

Membership is open to all. Join us at
americanpilgrims.org/membership/

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Buen Camino to 2021 pilgrims

Jan Bestwick – Frances, SJPP to Santiago

Charlotte Helbig – Ingles & Via de la Plata from Seville

Hope Lipman – Frances, SJPP to Santiago

Gloria Brewster Lowe – Frances, Sarria to Santiago

Vernon Meyer – Frances, Sarria to Santiago

Pamela Paine – Frances, Sarria to Santiago

David Rutledge – Frances, SJPP to Santiago

Steve Wertheim – Frances Sarria to Santiago

...and to all other pilgrims planning to complete a 2021 Camino



Blessing for Pilgrims

May you find companions on the way, have guidance at the crossroads, find strength in weariness, be afforded defense in dangers, have shelter on the path, find shade in the heat, find light in the darkness, find comfort in discouragement, and have firmness of your intentions; that you may arrive safely at the end of your journey and, enriched with grace and virtue, return to your homes filled with salutary and lasting joy. —

Modified from the *Codex Calixtinus*

The Spirit of Your Camino

Everyone's Camino is basically the same – we wear good boots, we carry our essentials in a backpack, and we walk towards Santiago.

Yet the route we choose, what we carry, where we stop, and the friends we meet make each of our Camino's totally different.















PAMELA WHEELER





July 25th – The Day of St. James

During the Middle Ages, the feast of Saint James day recalled the Saint in the religious liturgy of all the churches of Christendom

The celebration of Santiago did not celebrate the birth of the saint, but commemorated his death as a martyr.

The day was established in Rome around the tenth or eleventh century.

July 25th was established as the date on which pilgrims to Compostela could obtain general forgiveness of all their sins.

Today, the festival of Santiago is celebrated more than ever and represents many more things.

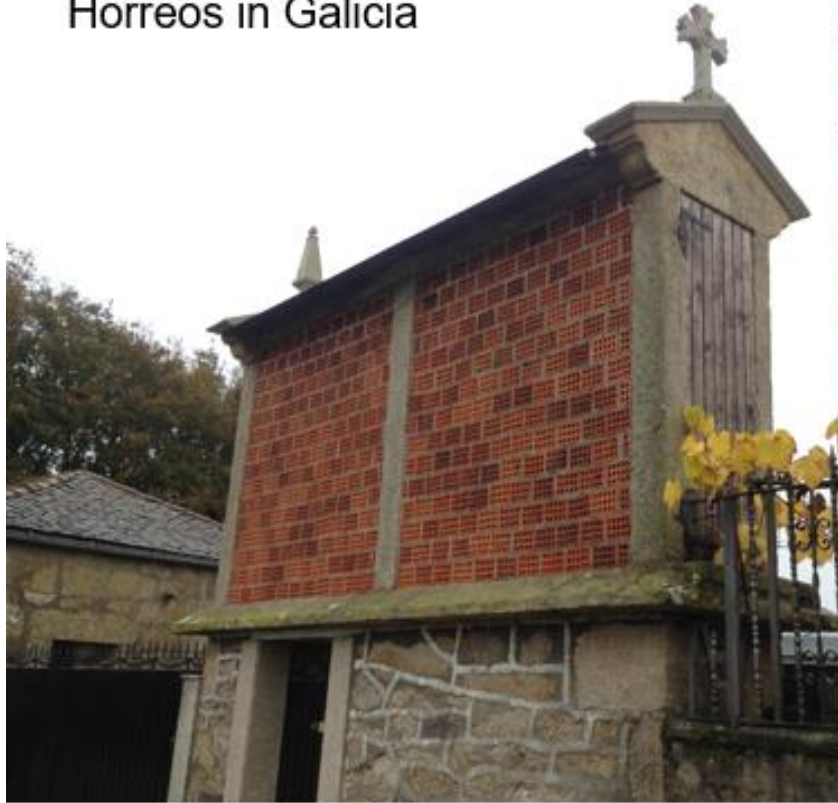
A magnificent fireworks display takes place in the Plaza del Obradoiro during the night of the 24th.

On the day of the 25th, there is a celebration of a holy mass in the cathedral.

Favorite Places on the Camino



Favorite Places on the Camino
Pruitt Layton
Horreos in Galicia







An ***hórreo*** is a typical granary from the northwest of the Iberian Peninsula (mainly Galicia, where it might be called a **Galician granary**).

Built in wood or stone, raised from the ground by pillars ending in flat staddle stones to prevent access by rodents.

Ventilation is allowed by the slits in its walls.

Do you have a favorite town or place?

Email us and let us know you would like to share your favorite place at a future meeting.

Send us some pictures and the location information and we will create the slides for you.

Email us at phoenix@americanpilgrims.org

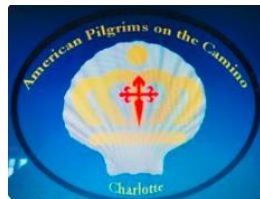
Valley of the Sun Logo Contest

We plan to ultimately have patches, stickers, t-shirts, etc. available, but first we need a good logo design

Contest Rules

- Anyone can submit a design idea
- Deadline for submission is June 30
- Judges will be the chapter coordinators and the core team
- Prize for the selected design

Logo examples from other chapters



Old Pueblo logo



Valley of the Sun Logo Contest

We received 4 submittals, and the coordinators and core team voted during our meeting on July 7.

The winner by unanimous decision is:



Activities - 2021

Monthly Hikes

Summer – no organized hikes



- Saturday **Sept 18** – Lost Dog Trailhead, Scottsdale Sonoran Preserve
- Wednesday **Oct 13** & Saturday **Oct 16** – Pima Canyon Trailhead, South Mountain
- Nov TBD - White Tank Mountain Regional Park, Waddell
- Dec – East Valley – tbd

Activities - 2021

Social Activities

- Coffee – Zoom meet up 9AM Saturday **Sept 4** & Tuesday **Sept 7**. No agenda, just talk.
- Happy Hours - tbd
- REI Presentation when possible, including a backpack fitting demo.



Activities - 2021

Monthly Zoom Presentations

- Thursday Sept 16 at 5PM
Bill and Lynda Persson / Sharing the Camino
- Wednesday October 20 at 5PM
Jan Kaplan / Camino Francés - A Pilgrimage
- Nov TBD

What you can do to make us a strong, fun chapter

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Hike Leaders** – volunteer to lead hikes
- **Mentor** – provide guidance to new pilgrims who may be training for their first Camino
- **Subject matter or topic expert** –talk at our monthly presentations, post articles to our Facebook Group page

Provide ideas/locations for social gatherings

Consider joining American Pilgrims on the Camino

Email us at phoenix@americanpilgrims.org

Join American Pilgrims on the Camino as a Member

Your membership brings you so much!

Membership benefits:

- Unique opportunity to connect with Spain and the Camino de Santiago
- Eligibility for hospitalero training
- Discounted registration for the annual American Pilgrims' Gathering
- Direct email delivery of "La Concha," the newsletter of American Pilgrims on the Camino and access to past editions
- American Pilgrims' patch
- Access to the membership database through the membership system
- The privilege and pleasure of spreading the word, sharing the Camino, and being part of an 11-century-long tradition

Membership Level: *

- ☐ Household Member - \$75/1-year
- ☐ Individual Member - \$50/1-year
- ☐ Individual Lifetime Member - \$500
- ☐ Student Member - \$15/1-year

...**and** you can request a free Credencial del Peregrino (Pilgrim Passport) by visiting the American Pilgrims website
...**and**, If you become a member not only will you receive an APOC patch, ***we'll also give you a VotS logo patch***

Next Steps and Action Items

1. Our first **Zoom coffee** will be Saturday **September 4** at 9AM. Details will be on the American Pilgrims calendar and on our Facebook page.
2. Our first **Presentation meeting** will be Thursday **September 16**. Bill & Lynda Persson will discuss Sharing the Camino. Details will be on the American Pilgrims calendar and on our Facebook page.
3. Our first **hike** will be on **September 18** at 7 am at Lost Dog Trailhead in the Scottsdale Preserve. Details will be on the American Pilgrims calendar and on our Facebook page. There will be a sign-up form for hikes.

Next Steps and Action Items

4. Our next **quarterly Chapter Meeting** (Zoom) will be **November 18th** at 5:00 pm.
Meeting focus: Tales from the Camino from local pilgrims – Welcome Back!
5. Today's quarterly Chapter meeting presentation will be posted on our American Pilgrims and Facebook pages shortly.
6. Email us if you are interested in volunteering or helping with future activities, (local places to meet, favorite places, hike leader, mentoring, topic expert, etc.)
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Watch our web page and Facebook group for more information and upcoming events.

Keep in contact with us on Facebook or Chapter page

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/382089232918428>

VALLEY OF THE SUN CHAPTER PAGE

https://americanpilgrims.org/iwpmap_directory/valley-of-the-sun/



American Pilgrims on the Camino - Valley of the Sun Chapter

CHAPTERS CALENDAR

<https://americanpilgrims.org/calendar/>



[◀ All Locations](#)

Valley of the Sun Chapter

QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

A scenic landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds that are illuminated from below by the sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sun itself is a bright, glowing orb positioned low on the horizon, partially obscured by the clouds. Below the horizon, there are layers of rolling mountains and hills, their details softened by atmospheric haze. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a hillside is visible, featuring a few cacti and sparse vegetation.

ULTREYA!

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On July 25th the Apostle Santiago is celebrated; it is the day of Santiago el Mayor and many celebrate it.

During the Middle Ages, the feast of Saint James meant a special day as it recalled the Saint in the religious liturgy of all the churches of Christendom. In addition, privileges or “indulgences” were created, that is, the possibility of obtaining forgiveness of sins for the pilgrims or the faithful who attended mass in Santiago or the churches under its aegis.(ee-jis)

The celebration of Santiago did not celebrate the birth of the saint, but commemorated his death as a martyr, an end that together with his being a very close disciple to Christ, conferred on him the character of an apostle and a saint.

There are many references that indicate the year 44 as the date of the martyrdom of Santiago, however, the choice of July 25th does not seem to be based on any historical data but, rather, following other criteria such as seeking the coincidence of that date with the feast of San Cristóbal, a saint greatly venerated in the Middle Ages, with whom it was decided to link St. James. In any case, the celebration of the day of Santiago is a very old rite, a feast day established in Rome around the tenth or 11th century, when there is evidence of its being celebrated in the Roman basilica of San Peter’s.

With the passage of time, July 25th was established as the date on which the pilgrims to Compostela could obtain general forgiveness of all their sins, a forgiveness that could be extended throughout the whole year when the feast day fell on a Sunday. The beginning of those special years or Compostela Holy Years is not documented, although the data indicates that they began to be celebrated at the end of the XIV or the beginning of the XV century, and that they would have been inspired by the Jubilee of Rome around the year 1300.

Today the festival of Santiago is celebrated more than ever and represents many more things: the religious and aspects of forgiveness are maintained, but other aspects have been added and, above all, festivities, where pilgrims from all over the world unite and congregate in different parts of the city.

As part of the current celebrations, there is a magnificent firework display which takes place in the Plaza del Obradoiro during the night of the 24th. In recent years the fireworks have been accompanied by projections and audiovisual shows on the facades of the cathedral and other historic buildings in the square.

On the day of the 25th, there is a celebration of a holy mass in the cathedral, during which the King or a delegate of the Royal Household makes a traditional offering to the Apostle Santiago.