

Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center Breaks Ground on 'The Yard'

New activity hub enhances the venue's transformation and expands recreation opportunities for events

GILROY, CA, UNITED STATES, August 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center](#) has officially commenced construction on "The Yard," a major guest-facing capital improvement and part of the venue's ongoing transformation into one of Northern California's premier outdoor gathering destinations.



The Yard at Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center

The Yard represents a visible milestone in a series of enhancements planned for the Hecker Pass venue. Designed to complement the property's expansive outdoor gathering spaces, The Yard will provide guests with new opportunities to connect, play, and create lasting memories during corporate picnics, festivals, community celebrations, overnight camp experiences, nonprofit events and private gatherings.

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“Great events are about more than the venue—they are about the experiences people share while they are there,” said Trevor Wilson, Vice President Strategy and Business Development for Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center. “The Yard is being designed as a place where colleagues become teammates, families enjoy friendly competition, and guests of every age can relax, play and connect. It represents another important step in creating a venue where every event feels unique and memorable.”

When completed, The Yard will feature:

- Multi-Use Sport Court that can be used as a full basketball court, two pickleball courts, or for volleyball or badminton.

- Two Bocce Courts featuring a Pacific Pearl surface, a high-performing, all-weather playing surface designed for consistent play.
- Multi-Purpose Lawn Area with options for two horseshoe pits, two bag toss courts, four tetherball stations, and space for a variety of additional lawn games and activities.

The Yard has been thoughtfully designed to give event organizers another way to elevate the guest experience. Whether serving as the centerpiece of a company picnic, encouraging team building during a corporate retreat, creating friendly competition at a family reunion, or providing recreational activities during a festival or overnight camp, the flexible space will allow organizers to customize experiences that extend beyond traditional event programming.

Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center has selected California-based Court Builders Northern California to complete the project.

"Selecting the right construction partner was an important part of this investment," Wilson said. "Court Builders Northern California brings extensive experience creating high-quality recreational facilities, and we are excited to partner with a California company that shares our commitment to craftsmanship, performance, and long-term durability."

Construction of The Yard is part of a broader investment in Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center as the venue continues its multi-phase transformation. Additional guest amenities, gathering spaces, and other improvements are planned to further establish Hecker Pass as a premier destination for outdoor events in Northern California. The venue remains available for hosting events as development progresses toward an official "grand reopening" in 2027. For more information, visit HeckerPassEvents.com.

About Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center

Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center is a versatile outdoor destination in Gilroy, California, designed for gathering, celebrating, and creating unforgettable memories. Set beneath mature trees and surrounded by expansive green spaces, the venue accommodates corporate events, company picnics, festivals, concerts, trade and consumer shows, nonprofit and community events, private celebrations, and overnight camp experiences. Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center is a doing business as (DBA) of Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and inspire families, especially children, to appreciate horticulture and the importance of trees in our lives by providing fun and memories in a beautiful garden setting. Revenue generated by Hecker Pass Outdoor Events Center helps support that mission and the organization's long-term sustainability. Learn more at HeckerPassEvents.com.

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