

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

May 5, 2015

April 2015 Highlights

- April is historically a busy month for volunteer events with the start of spring and Earth Day activities. Several groups volunteered at various parks this month including: Starbucks, Patagonia, Wells Fargo, Cabelas, Hidden Valley HOA, and several UNR Fraternities. Event sites included Hidden Valley, Crystal Peak, Bartley Ranch, Davis Creek, and Rancho San Rafael.
- The KNPB Explore the Outdoors event held in partnership with Washoe County at Rancho San Rafael Park was very well attended with approximately 3000 visitors estimated throughout the event. Parking ran smoothly thanks to a collaborative effort between parks staff and Rancho San Rafael's adopting fraternity Theta Chi. Shift of volunteers covered the entire event to make sure event participants and other park guests knew where to park. A crew of Theta Chi volunteers also helped with park cleanup before and after the event.
- Parks staff partnered with an Environment Studies class at Truckee Meadows Community College to work with students for 15 hours on a project related to the environment. The students then wrote a paper to describe their project and the environmental impact. Students volunteered at Lazy 5 Regional Park, at the Galena Creek Visitor Center, and with Park Planner Cheryl Surface. We look forward to a continued partnership in future semesters.

Upcoming Events

- The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful "Great Community Cleanup" takes place on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00am-12:00pm. Participating county parks include Sun Valley Regional, Lockwood, North Valleys Regional, Hidden Valley Regional, Ambrose, Dorostkar, and Galena Creek Regional. The volunteer appreciation picnic that takes place after the event will be held at Rancho San Rafael.

April Volunteer Hours/Value:

Volunteer hours were up significantly due to several reoccurring volunteer groups and an influx of Eagle Scouts. Increases in intern hours were due to additional Job Corp and Museum intern hours.

	April 2015	April 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	Fiscal YTD 2013/2014	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,520.75	1,596.5	57.9%	23,716.5	13,580.25	74.6%
# of Intern Hrs	310.25	196.25	58.1%	2,246.50	2,455.25	-8.5%
Total Dollar Value*	\$65,311.17	\$40,426.52	61.6%	\$598,966.41	\$361,600.52	65.5%

**The hourly rate of \$23.07 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.*