

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting – November 7, 2017

September & October 2017 Highlights

- We have had an increase of UNR students volunteering over the last two months, mostly at Rancho San Rafael Park. We had a group of 13 that volunteered at the Arboretum on 9/11, which is now a national day of service, and a co-ed fraternity and students from Argenta Hall volunteering with the Rancho San Rafael park rangers.
- Three volunteers at the Regional Shooting Facility volunteered a total of 241 hours in September!
- Students from the Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology (AACT) have been working to restore the banks around Herman’s Pond at Rancho San Rafael to make fishing more accessible, and another AACT student is helping to restore a tractor located in the park.
- The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Truckee River Cleanup was another huge success. Participating Washoe County Parks included Mayberry, Dorostkar, Ambrose, Lockwood, and Rancho San Rafael as a watershed park. In total we had 216 volunteers.
- Harley Davidson Financial donated \$1500 to purchase seedlings for restoration in the Little Valley Fire area of Washoe Valley. The volunteer day was a true collaborative effort with Washoe County, The Nature Conservancy, Nevada Land Trust, Nevada Division of Forestry, and Nevada’s Natural Resource Conservation Center. These partners in addition to 16 volunteers planted over 550 trees and shrubs!

September Volunteer Hours/Value:

Hours were down in September mostly due to a large Job Corp painting project which took place in 2016. We have also not been able to secure a Children’s Cabinet or Job Corp intern in quite some time, although we have interviewed potential candidates.

	September 2017	September 2016	% Increase	Total for YTD 2017	Compared to YTD 2016	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	2,091.25	2,829.5	-26.1%	14,976.25	16,076	-6.8%
# of Intern Hrs	0	271	-100%	1,000.5	2,179.25	-54.1%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$50,482.78	\$73,047.78	-30.8%	\$385,678.74	\$430,093.69	-10.3%

October Volunteer Hours/Value:

Hours were down in October mostly due to a large Job Corp welding project which took place in 2016, as well as several LDS Groups that were part of a service initiative last year. We have just secured a Job Corp intern for the Arboretum.

	October 2017	October 2016	% Increase	Total for YTD 2017	Compared to YTD 2016	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	895	1,670	-46.4%	15,871.25	17,746	-10.6%
# of Intern Hrs	43.75	80	-45.3%	1,044.25	1,988.25	-47.4%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$22,661.43	\$41,230.00	-45.0%	\$408,340.17	\$464,938.93	-12.2%

*The hourly rate of \$24.14 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.