

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
September 1, 2020

July Volunteer Updates

- July Volunteer Hours: There were a total of 1,015.25 volunteer hours in July. Last July, there were over 1,600 hours, but any amount right now is pretty remarkable considering the circumstances. However, the staff is feeling the loss and working extra hard to fill the gaps without additional volunteer assistance and work crews (which isn't reflected in these numbers).
- We had 14 different individuals volunteering at the Arboretum throughout the month of July for a total of 225 hours! Many of these volunteers spent more than 40 hours in the Arboretum throughout the course of the month.
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful was able to reschedule many of the cleanups originally planned for early May as part of the Great Community Cleanup. As a result, we had a volunteer group at Crystal Peak Park who filled almost an entire 20 yard dumpster with invasive Knapweed, another group cleared weeds from a large area by the skate park at North Valleys Regional Park and installed a new picnic table, and volunteers removed loads of invasive weeds and wrapped trees along the Truckee River at Lockwood Park. In total, 65 volunteers served a total of 260 hours during the three events. We are very appreciative of KTMB for organizing the volunteer sign ups, and providing tools and project leaders to help complete these projects.
- Eagle Scout candidate Stone Rasmussen and his Boy Scout Troop 1847 spent a day repairing and upgrading the Lower Pollinator Garden at the Galena Creek Visitor Center. Stone raised over \$700 and together with his troop fixed the steps leading to the garden, repainted and repaired the fence, added some new plants, and added markers to all of the plants, which will be linked to a guide to help visitors identify what's in the garden. In total, Stone spent about a year planning this project and he and his volunteers served 93.5 hours completing it.
- Although we are no longer operating in phases, the following COVID-19 modifications to volunteering will remain in place until further notice:
 - Individual volunteers and groups of no more than 25 people are allowed.
 - Volunteers must practice social distancing amongst each other and the public. Parks staff can help facilitate this by placing volunteers away from busy areas of the park when possible.
 - Volunteers must have a face covering accessible at all times in case they need to interact with anyone or use the restroom.
 - Volunteers must supply their own cloth gloves (we can provide disposable) and are asked to bring their own tools whenever possible.
 - We are not providing sunscreen, water, or snacks at this time.