

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
February 2022

December Volunteer Updates

- December Volunteer Hours = 295.75
- The annual “Christmas Trees for Special Families” event at Rancho San Rafael Park was a success thanks in part to volunteers. Several individual Rancho San Rafael volunteers that normally help with the community garden came out to assist families in picking out their perfect tree and selecting treat bags filled with crafts and goodies. After the event, Kappa Phi Lambda did an excellent job sweeping up all the pine needles left behind in the parking lot.

YEAR END SUMMARY

Overall in 2021, Washoe County Parks had a total of 8,149.25 volunteer hours, which was a slight increase over 2020. There were less Covid restrictions in 2021, but the pandemic definitely still played a factor in group size and the ability of many corporations to take the day off to volunteer. Environmental factors, such as extreme heat and smoke over the summer, were also the factor.

The estimated national value of volunteer time is currently \$28.54 per hour according to independentsector.org, equating the total volunteer time in 2021 to a value of \$232,579.60! Another interesting way to look at it is to equate the volunteer time to the equivalent number of full time employees – and in this case, the time is equal to an additional 4 employees.