



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting  
May 24, 2023

## **March Volunteer Hours = 327.25**

Volunteer hours were less than half of the previous March due to cold, snowy weather, however many volunteers still worked indoors or braved the elements. This included Arboretum volunteers (shoveling snow, removing broken limbs, and working in the greenhouse), Nevada National Guard Youth at Bartley Ranch, Bowers docents preparing the museum, Galena Creek Visitor's Center volunteers, Hive at Lazy 5 volunteers, and UNR ASUN iServe and ACCT High School at Rancho San Rafael Park.

## **April Volunteer Hours = 2,005**

We had such diversity in our volunteer groups, all throughout Washoe County Parks in April. Here's a breakdown:

- Arboretum volunteers working in the gardens and preparing for the May Arboretum Society plant sale
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 401 at Dorostkar Park and Lockwood Park/Trailhead
- Red Carpet Events at Mayberry Park
- LDS Church Missionaries at Davis Creek Regional Park (179 hours!) and Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Cub Scout Pack 55 at Galena Creek Regional Park (still shoveling snow mid-April!)
- Starbucks at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Trout Unlimited at Lockwood Park/Trailhead
- Rancho San Rafael Regional Park had ACCT High School, Tesla, UNR Pre-Dental Society, and the Washoe County Leadership Academy who donated \$5000 and partnered with our staff and the UNR Cooperative Extension to create an educational and productive day building garden beds and preparing the community garden.
- Girl Scouts planting trees at Cold Springs Park
- Gear Hut plogging (picking up litter while jogging) at Huffaker Trailhead and North Valleys Regional Park
- Amazon at North Valleys Regional Park
- Wildwood Open Land Foundation at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park

The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Great Community Cleanup also took place on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> with volunteers at Red Hill Open Space, Rancho San Rafael, Swan Lake Nature Study Area, Dorostkar Park, Crystal Peak Park, and Lockwood Park/Trailhead with a total of 160 volunteers participating for 4 hours at Washoe County sites alone.