



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting January 24, 2024

November 2023 Volunteer Hours = 476.5

Volunteers included:

- Arboretum gardeners and May Arboretum Society members
- Tim Torell, wildlife researcher and photographer at Bowers Mansion Regional Park
- LDS Church missionaries at Davis Creek
- Galena Creek Visitor's Center volunteers
- Hive volunteers that unlock the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Discovery Room volunteers at Rancho San Rafael Park
- UNR's APhiO Service Organization helping with the "Meet the Turkeys" event at Rancho San Rafael Park
- TMCC Promise Scholarship students serving 14 hours at Bowers Mansion Regional Park, 54 hours at Sun Valley Regional Park, 44 hours at Lockwood Trailhead, and 24 hours at Rancho San Rafael Park. All Promise Scholarship students are required to volunteer 8 hours per semester to retain their scholarship, so we work closely with them to coordinate events to help them reach their goal.

December 2023 Volunteer Hours =439.25

Volunteers included:

- Arboretum gardeners and May Arboretum Society members
- Tim Torell, wildlife researcher and photographer at Bowers Mansion Regional Park
- LDS Church missionaries at Davis Creek
- Galena Creek Visitor's Center volunteers
- Hive volunteers that unlock the pickleball courts at Lazy 5 Regional Park
- Discovery Room volunteers at Rancho San Rafael Park
- TMCC Promise Scholarship students serving 93.5 hours at Lazy 5 Regional Park, 28 hours at Lockwood Trailhead, 12 hours at Pah Rah Trailhead, 15 hours in the Discovery Room at Rancho San Rafael Park, 8 hours helping with Tuba Christmas at the May Museum, and 25 hours helping with Christmas Trees for Special Families at Rancho San Rafael. All Promise Scholarship students are required to volunteer 8 hours per semester to retain their scholarship, so we work closely with them to coordinate events to help them reach their goal.
- Community volunteer Cynthia Reed reported a total of 72 hours throughout 2023 picking up dog waste at Whites Creek Trail, South Valleys Park, and Hidden Valley Dog Park.



2023 YEAR END SUMMARY

Although hours in November and December were twice the usual amount due to the TMCC volunteers, overall total volunteer hours in 2023 were down by 11.7%, totaling 8,415.25 hours (still very impressive!). The decrease appears to be due to the loss of volunteer hours at the Regional Shooting Facility and smaller average volunteer group size.

The estimated national value of volunteer time is currently \$31.80 per hour according to independentsector.org with the Do Good Institute, equaling a value of \$267,604.95 in 2023. 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 having an additional 4 employees.