



Park Districts Report – August 2015

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
September 1, 2015

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Bowers Mansion Pool continues to be popular with the public on weekends from 10am - 7pm. We hope the public enjoys the extended hours. The pool is open weekends only through Labor Day.
- Sierra Nevada Job Corps has begun working on mortaring some rock walls in the Plaza Picnic Pavilion at Bartley Ranch Park. They are providing free labor and parks is providing materials for the project.
- The 28th Annual Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival took place on August 15. There were 600 people in attendance for the performances and the event ran smoothly.
- The Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater had 7 dates booked in August. Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Tuesday, August 4, the Community Health Alliance August 15, Reno Tahoe Music Festival Elton John and Journey revisited performances for August 21 & 22, and Silver Dollar Chorus August 29th.
- Reno 5000 has their final race scheduled at Bowers Mansion Park on Sunday, August 30th. They have 600 participants signed up to run a 5K, 10K, or half marathon.
- August was a busy month for weddings at both Bartley Ranch Park and Galena Creek Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Vaughn Middle School will be putting on a cross country race at Hidden Valley Park on Thursday, September 3rd.
- Damonte Ranch High School will organize a high school cross country race at Bartley Ranch Park on Friday, September 18th. They anticipate 250 racers in 4 heats.
- Sierra Nevada Performing Arts association will be presenting Cinderella on September 4-6 and 11-13. They have four rehearsal dates scheduled as well. Tahoe Players will be presenting on the stage for the first time from September 18-20. Finally, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office will do their awards ceremony at the theater on September 25th.
- Edible Pedal will be staging a century bike ride on Sunday, September 20th. The Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise has put on this event now for 5 years and they expect 1000 racers to participate. They offer a 100-mile ride, a 50-mile ride, and a 10-mile family fun ride.
- The Truckee River Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th. We will have organized groups of volunteers helping at Crystal Peak Park, Mayberry Park, and Dorostkar Park.
- The Juvenile Diabetes Association will organize the "Battle of the Rattle" 5K run and use Huffaker Hills Trailhead for a water stop. Their race will be Saturday, September 26th. They have done a great job over the past 9 years and we anticipate the same for this year.
- Reno Wheelmen will be sponsoring a cyclo-cross bike race at Hidden Valley Park on Saturday, September 26th. They anticipate 50 riders and have been using the park for many years for these events.



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NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- UNR Civic Engagement volunteers worked at Rancho on 8/22. 14 students came and helped prep the launch field for balloon races.
- Park Rangers attended the Tabletop Scenario for Balloon Races. This is held at the EOC and brings together all the players to discuss potential disaster mitigation if something were to occur at the races.
- The pony rides will be continuing at Rancho on Saturdays and Sundays from 10-1 in the Nevada Farms and Families area.
- The Lazy 5 Summer Concert Series ended on 8/19. The total attendance for the series was over 4700.
- Several large company picnics were held at Rancho San Rafael, including Dolan Automotive Group.
- The splash parks at Lazy 5 and North Valleys parks went to Saturday/Sunday only operation when school went back in session.
- Fall league play began again at all fields.
- A new exhibit entitled "Farewell to Summer, Welcome to Fall" is on display at the Rancho San Rafael Visitor Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Great Reno Balloon Races will be at Rancho on 9/11, 12, and 13.
- A new event featuring Cyclocross racing will be held at Rancho on 9/19.
- The Obsolete Iron Car Club will hold their annual show and shine at Lazy 5 on 9/5.
- There are several high school cross country races scheduled at Rancho.