

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
June 2, 2015

May 2015 Highlights

- The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) Great Community Cleanup took place on Saturday, May 2nd. This year was another great success with a total of 720 volunteers, 348 of which were located at Washoe County Park properties! Our participating parks were Ambrose, Dorostkar, Galena Creek Regional, Hidden Valley Regional, Lockwood, North Valleys Regional Park, Sun Valley Regional Park and Swan Lake. Volunteer tasks included weed abatement, other vegetation removal, trail maintenance, and litter/illegal dumping removal. KTMB provided an extremely valuable 236 yards of dumpster space, and this year the majority of those dumpsters were green waste dumpsters which were brought to RT Donovan for composting.
- Washoe Golf Course takes advantage of several volunteers during operating season for a significant number of volunteer hours. Ten Golf Marshals at Washoe Golf Course volunteered for a total of 217 hours in May. All Marshals are return volunteers from last year. Another volunteer with the maintenance division of the golf course volunteered for 36 hours.
- Missionaries from the LDS Church are going to begin volunteering at various Washoe County parks. The missionaries will be assigned to a particular park in their ward and will volunteer in groups of two for six week cycles, for approximately 4-10 hours per week. The LDS Church requires their missionaries to perform community service each week in addition to their work for their church, and since most are from out of town they felt this was a good way for them to feel more connected to their community.

Upcoming Events

- An employee with the Children's Cabinet will begin working at the May Arboretum for the summer. Washoe County Parks has a partnership with Children's Cabinet in which Children's Cabinet compensates their students for working up to 20 hours a week at our parks, and in return we help them to gain valuable work experience. Another Children's Cabinet employee is already working at North Valley's Regional Park on weekends. Volunteer Coordinator Denise Evans attended a career faire at Children's Cabinet to help select the candidate.

May Volunteer Hours/Value:

Volunteer hours continue to be up significantly in the Peavine District due to projects at the Regional Archery Facility completed by classes from Job Corp, as well as Eagle Scout hours. Volunteer hours elsewhere remain steady.

	May 2015	May 2014	% Increase	Fiscal YTD 2014/2015	Fiscal YTD 2013/2014	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	4,127.0	2,692.75	53.3%	27,843.50	16,273.00	71.3%
# of Intern Hrs	233.5	414.25	-43.6%	2480.00	2,869.50	-7.3%
Total Dollar Value*	\$100,596.73	\$70,062.85	43.6%	\$699,563.14	\$431,663.37	62.1%

**The hourly rate of \$23.07 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.*