

Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting
January 15, 2019

End of Year Summary & December Highlights

- Washoe County Parks had a total of almost 17,000 volunteer hours (16,653 to be exact) in 2018! That amount of hours is equivalent to 8 additional full time employees and has an estimated national value of over \$430,000. While the hours were basically flat year over year, the volunteer program still continues to grow in scope and quality since its inception in 2009.
- Several Arboretum volunteers turned in year-end totals for all of 2018 in the month of December, skewing the numbers higher than usual. Most volunteers enter their time each day they volunteer in a binder in the Arboretum office, but others do work on programming, etc. from home and keep their own logs. In addition, many volunteers continued to brave the cold and enjoy some time working in the gardens.
- Despite the chilly weather, the park rangers at Lazy 5 worked in conjunction with Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation to plan and execute a very successful tree planting along the skate park.

December Volunteer Hours/Value:

	December 2018	December 2017	% Increase	Total for YTD 2018	Compared to YTD 2017	% Increase
# of Volunteer Hrs	956.50	308.5	210%	16,653	17,021.75	-2.2%
# of Intern Hrs	6.25	150	-95.8%	848	1,340.75	-36.8%
Total \$\$\$ Value*	\$23,770.30	\$11,068.19	114.8%	\$432,099.69	\$443,270.75	-2.5%

*The hourly rate of \$24.69 used for calculating the dollar value is based on the estimated national value of volunteer time as reported by www.independentsector.org.