



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting November 2023

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Washoe County Parks staff hosted Bowers Mansion Living History Day on October 21st with various period demonstrations as well as mansion history talks and self-guided tours of the Bowers Mansion.
- Park Ranger Andy Brown lead Fall Photo Hikes on 10/21 at Galena Creek Park, 10/28 at Thomas Creek Trail and Bartley Ranch Regional Park on 11/4 helping many residents in getting those perfect fall photos.
- Park Rangers Red Muratori and Brett Hartman held an introduction to the new Washoe County Junior Ranger Program at South Valleys Library on October 19th. The new program and guides have been very popular with our youngest park users.

SOUTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- On November 28th Washoe County Staff will harvest 60 trees from the area near Galena Creek Regional Park to give out as part of our Christmas Trees for Special Families program which also helps to thin, overgrown areas of the forest and promote overall health of the surrounding ecosystem.
- Com in From the Cold series will return to Bartley Ranch on January 6th in the Western Heritage Interpretive Center and will feature the “Monday Night Volunteers” from Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association.

NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- San Rafael Regional Park hosted the CMYK festival from 2pm-9pm. It featured lots of music and food as well as Yoga and lots of dancing. The drone show was the highlight of the night and was appreciated by concert attendees and local residents alike.
- Park Rangers Bob Holland and Celia Walker will be leading a hike to explore Washoe County’s Regional Archery Facility and take in the wonderful views on October 22nd.
- Meet The Turkeys returned to Rancho San Rafael on November 5th. Over 2500 people enjoyed the family photo opportunities and lots of fall themed crafts



- Park Ranger Chris Smyzcek hosted a program all about the Mammals in Washoe County in the Cottonwood Room at Lazy 5 Regional Park and had about 25 attendees.

NORTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- Rancho San Rafael will host the Christmas Tree for Special Families tree distribution on December 7th from 3pm-7pm. Trees will be given to foster and adoptive families in Washoe County as well as active-duty members in the Nevada National Guard
- Wildlife Wednesdays continue at Lazy 5 Regional on December 13th with Elean Larsen discussing the restoration of the Rosewood Lakes Nature Study and its impacts on our local wildlife.