



Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting March 2025

SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- *Programs on the Porch* has been going strong every Wednesday evening since the beginning of June with an average attendance of 150 people per show. Some of the performers were Rough Edges, Front Porch, Coyote Crossing, and Sage Creek.
- On Saturday, June 21st, Rangers participated in the Regional Junior Ranger Program at Mira Loma Park in Reno. This event had an attendance of 500 people and brought together local agencies to engage families in outdoor education and fun activities.
- On June 26th and July 3rd the South Region Rangers teamed up with the Reno South Valleys Library for a Summer STEAM programs with an average attendance of 25 children.
- On Sunday, June 29th Bowers Mansion hosted the "History of Washoe Valley and its Mining Heydays." Junior Ranger Program which highlighted the importance of our local area in the Comstock era.
- *Evenings on the Ranch* has been a huge success on Wednesday evenings with an average of 200 attendees enjoying a relaxing evening at Bartley Ranch Regional Park
- The *Galena Campfire Program* series has had an average attendance of 150 people. Families have enjoyed a short educational program followed by a musical performance by groups including Jazz Dixie Review, Rick Sparks and the Overland Band and Sagebrush Rebels Trio
- Artown has hosted the Monday night series at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater with a full house nightly
- Up! The Creek will be held at Reno Public Market July 19th to support the Fire Restoration efforts at Davis Creek Regional Park

SOUTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- A Junior Ranger day will be held at Crystal Peak Park on August 9th to discuss "Life at the Pond" and how we impact our aquatic neighbors in our community
- Galena Creek Regional Park will continue to host Campfire programs through August 9th ending with a performance by Chautauquan Steve Hale as General John C. Freemont
- KTMB will be coordinating the Truckee River Cleanup on September 13th with sites at Crystal Peak and Dorostkar parks with the wrap up bbq at Bartley Ranch



NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- In early May, Rangers in the Peavine District worked with students and faculty at Peavine Elementary School to hatch a small group of baby chicks. After hatching from their eggs and spending some time in the classroom with the students, the chicks arrived to their new home at Rancho San Rafael's Nevada Farms and Families Area to live alongside "Max" the rooster and "Cranberry" the turkey.
- The baby chicks were also the theme of a special *Junior Ranger Adventure Day* hosted on Sunday, May 18th in the Nevada Farms and Families Area attended by more than 20 Junior Rangers and their families.
- More than a thousand visitors attended the special 20th Anniversary Celebration of the *Lazy 5 Summer Music Series* on Saturday, June 7th, featuring several hours of live entertainment, a car show, a craft fair, food trucks and appearances by local dignitaries.
- The Park Rangers in the Pah Rah District have been busy hosting the 20th year of the *Lazy 5 Summer Music Series* each Wednesday since June 11th. The series continues to be a popular destination for the Spanish Springs community, with 500-1,000 enjoying the family-friendly atmosphere and on-site food vendors each week.
- The second annual *North Valleys Community Fair* to showcase public and non-profit services available to North Valleys residents was hosted by Peavine District Park Rangers on Thursday, June 12th, in partnership with Reno Street Food's new Thursday evening food truck events at North Valleys Regional Park.
- North Region Park Ranger staff participated in the 4th annual *Regional Junior Ranger Day* hosted in partnership with Rangers from the City of Reno, Carson City Parks and Nevada State Parks at Mira Loma Park on Saturday, June 21st.
- Pah Rah District Rangers hosted an art-themed Junior Ranger Adventure Day on Saturday, July 19th at Lazy 5 Regional Park, which focused on sketching images of birds and other animals as part of nature journaling.

NORTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- UNR Extension Master Gardeners continue to host free garden talks in the Community Garden at Rancho San Rafael each 3rd Thursday of the month through September from 6-7:30pm.



- The *Lazy 5 Summer Music Series* continues each Wednesdays through August 13th at Lazy 5 Regional Park starting at 6pm, featuring live music from a range of musical genres from local and regional artists each week, as well as food trucks and raffles.
- North Region Ranger staff will coordinate and lead several cleanup and beautification projects as part of the annual KTMB Truckee River Cleanup, happening on Saturday, September 13th from 9am-12pm. Sites will include Lockwood Trailhead and Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.
- A geology-themed *Junior Ranger Adventure Day* will take place at Rancho San Rafael's Nevada Farms and Families Area on Sunday, September 14th from 10:00am-11:30am.