



## Open Space and Regional Parks Commission Meeting November 2024

### SOUTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Truckee River Cleanup was on September 21<sup>st</sup> with over 20 sites including Lockwood Park among others with a BBQ that followed at Bartley Ranch Regional Park
- The Nevada Youth Employment Fall Festival was hosted at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bartley Ranch had over 300 kids enjoying fall activities including carnival games, and a petting zoo.
- Junior Ranger Adventure Day will be held at Bowers Mansion Regional Park on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-2pm. Kids were treated to a tour of the Historic Bowers Mansion and a guided hike to explore the various ecosystems surrounding Bowers Mansion Park
- Bowers Mansion Living History Day was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. There were lots of stories shared and over 130 people got to experience the self-guided tours and historic activities in the park.

### SOUTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- We will be harvesting trees on November 21<sup>st</sup> to continue the fuels reduction program at Galena Creek Regional Park and then giving those trees out to the community through our Christmas Trees for Special families program on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Washoe County Junior Ranger Program will continue at Bartley Ranch Regional Park on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. The theme will be Exploring our Western Heritage
- Bartley Ranch Regional Park will be a site for KTMB's Christmas tree recycling program. The program will begin on December 26<sup>th</sup> and will run through January 6<sup>th</sup>.



## NORTH REGION HIGHLIGHTS

- Truckee River Cleanup was held on September 21<sup>st</sup> with over 20 sites including Rancho San Rafael and Lockwood Park among others.
- Over 20 volunteers from the UNR Pre-Dental Society planted 50 native shrub seedlings around the Basque Monument on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> as part of a renovation of the area.
- Junior Ranger Adventure Day was held at Lazy 5 Regional Park on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, featuring the “Animal Olympics”.
- Meet the Turkeys returned to Rancho San Rafael Regional Park on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>. The original date was rescheduled due to inclement weather.
- Davis Creek’s Ranger Nick Steuer presented a “Wildlife Wednesday” program at Lazy 5 Regional Park on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## NORTH REGION UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Dragon Lights Reno “Year of the Dragon” display continues at Rancho San Rafael through November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Trees for Special Families will commence for the 12<sup>th</sup> year, with the harvest of White firs taking place on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Galena Creek Regional Park, and distribution to the families planned for Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.
- Discovery Room Volunteers and Peavine District Rangers will team up to present three “Discovery Room Craft Days” on the first three Saturdays in December (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) from 10:30am-1:30pm.