



National Volunteer Week

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In 2024, first time volunteer camp host, Travis Nelson, decided to test out the waters and jump in the deep end, taking his first assignment at Lucky Peak Lake's exceedingly busy Macks Creek Campground in Idaho. After a short time getting oriented, Travis quickly found himself in his natural element. He found great reward in keeping sites tidied and ready for the next round of guests, busied himself with minor groundskeeping tasks, and could always be found out in the park engaging with visitors. Travis supported park rangers with timely report of incidents and emergencies and was a huge force multiplier in public safety in this remote area without cellular services. While volunteering felt a little uncertain at first for Travis, taking chances and having fun won the summer for all.



camp host

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camp host



safety

supported ranger
public safety
efforts



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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S ROWING TEAM

Second Saturdays! Lake Washington Ship Canal (LWSC) gardener, Marena Yarnell, created recurring monthly volunteer days for addressing groundskeeping and invasive species management needs at the project's Fremont and Montlake Cuts. A regularly recurring event improves volunteer abilities to plan ahead and participate in greater numbers. In just a few months, over 60 volunteers from the University of Washington men's rowing team along with other community members have assisted in restoration efforts by removing massive amounts of English ivy, blackberry, morning glory, and other invasives. The LWSC team of volunteers is a great example of building and sustaining volunteer engagement!



removal

coordinates
removal of
invasive species



**volunteer
multiplier**

recruits and
organizes other
volunteers to
support effort



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To all of our volunteers
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