

GAINING GROUND

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



SUMMER NEWSLETTER | UTAH OPEN LANDS | JUNE 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| JUNE 21 | WEED WHACK AND TRASH TAKEDOWN AT WHEADON FARMLAND PRESERVE |
| JUNE 23 | KILLYON CANYON GARLIC MUSTARD PULL |
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| JULY 15 | NORTH ROUND VALLEY BIODIVERSITY SURVEY |
| AUG. 5 | KIMBALL ARTS FESTIVAL |

LEAVE IT LOVED: WEED WHACK AND TRASH TAKEDOWN AT WHEADON FARMLAND PRESERVE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023 | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | PARK AT 13965 SOUTH BANGERTER PARKWAY.

Visit Salt Lake and Outdoor Retailer are teaming up with Utah Open Lands and Salt Lake County to Leave it Loved at the Wheadon Farmland Preserve. The Weed Whack and Trash Takedown will be a hands-on opportunity to learn about effective weed removal techniques, such as solarization and how restoring native plants to the area helps reduce threats from

wildfires. Visit Salt Lake, Utah Open Lands, Salt Lake County, Keep Nature Wild and Outdoor Retailer will be on hand and encourage you to sign up and be the volunteer force that will be enhancing the natural climate resilience of this 62 acre open space on the south end of the Salt Lake Valley. To register for this event, please click [HERE](#).

GARLIC MUSTARD PULL AT THE KILLYON CANYON CONSERVATION PRESERVE

FRIDAY, JUN 23, 2023 | 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM | PARK AT LITTLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT.

Join Utah Open Lands and Salt Lake County for a garlic mustard pull at the Killyon Canyon Conservation Preserve! Come Challenge Your Inner Steward and connect with like-minded individuals while making a meaningful impact on our local environment. No prior experience is required; all you need is enthusiasm and a willingness to get your hands dirty. Our knowledgeable team along with Salt Lake County's expertise will provide guidance and training on the proper techniques to identify and safely remove Garlic

Mustard. The area we will be working in is about a 2 mile hike from the trailhead, so please wear comfortable clothing, sturdy footwear, and bring plenty of water. Gloves and trash bags will be provided on-site. Please note that this event is open to volunteers of all ages, although participants under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. To attend, please RSVP to Alli Eroh (alli.eroh@utahopenlands.org) to secure your spot.

KOMBUCHA FOR A CAUSE WITH HK BREWING COLLECTIVE

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM | 370 ASPEN AVE. SALT LAKE CITY

Join us for refreshing beverages as Utah Open Lands teams up with HK Brewing Collective for "Kombucha for a Cause." This weekly event series hosted by HK Brewing Collective provides a platform for local nonprofits to connect with the community, raise awareness about their missions, and enjoy a delightful atmosphere at the HK Brewing Collective taproom. As you sip on handcrafted brews at HK Brewing Collective's taproom and mingle with fellow guests, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the vital work

Utah Open Lands undertakes to preserve and protect the natural beauty of our beloved state. HK Brewing Collective is generously donating a portion of their sales from the evening directly to Utah Open Lands, ensuring that your enjoyment directly contributes to our conservation efforts. By supporting this event, you'll be helping to safeguard Utah's open spaces, wildlife habitats, and scenic landscapes for generations to come.

ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP WITH SALT LAKE COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH, 2023 | 12:00-1:00PM | VIRTUAL

Join us for a Virtual Environmental Wellness Workshop with Salt Lake County. Listen to Executive Director, Wendy Fisher, share how to Leave spaces Loved through the choices we make. Explore the concept of

climate resilience and how you can Challenge Your Inner Steward. Check the UOL website for a link to the virtual workshop closer to the event. Hope to see you there!

NORTH ROUND VALLEY BIODIVERSITY SURVEY

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | NORTH ROUND VALLEY TRAILHEAD

Join us at North Round Valley for a Biodiversity Survey (bioblitz)! By attending, you will play a crucial role in helping Utah Open Lands identify the diverse flora and fauna that call North Round Valley home. This event is organized in partnership with the Natural History Museum of Utah and Park City Municipal Corporation.

This fun and free outdoor event is open to participants of all ages. Bring your keen observation skills and get hands-on practice in identifying plants and animals using the iNaturalist app. Explore the beauty of North Round Valley while contributing to citizen science! No RSVP needed.

KIMBALL ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2023 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | MAIN STREET, PARK CITY

Discover the enchantment of the Park City Kimball Arts Festival, a premier art extravaganza in its 54th year. This festival features over 200 talented artists, live music, local cuisine, and engaging activities for kids. This year, the Kimball Art Center introduced their exhibition series, "Between Life and Land," exploring our profound relationship with the environment through the lens of

30+ esteemed artists. On Saturday, Utah Open Lands is partnering with the Kimball Art Center to engage your little ones in sensory activities and leaf rubbings, sparking their imagination and instilling a love for nature. Let's cultivate a stronger bond with the land and inspire the next generation to protect and preserve our precious environment.

MEET THE SUMMER INTERNS



ADVENTURE AWARE GUIDES

Encouraging a transformative shift in how recreators interact with their surroundings, Utah Open Lands launched our Adventure Aware Guides last week. As part of our Leave It Loved campaign, UOL hosted an Adventure Aware Clinic on Tuesday, June 13th, at the Front Climbing Club where attendees had the opportunity to watch a video on Castleton Tower, showcasing how outdoor recreationists can challenge their inner steward. Participants of the clinic left with their very own pocket-sized Adventure Aware Guides and a renewed sense of environmental stewardship. In conjunction with the Adventure Aware Clinic, Utah Open Lands has employed a Recreation, Use, and Education summer intern, who will be stationed at trailheads this summer, offering practical information on "Leave it Loved" practices. This initiative aims to educate trail users about responsible stewardship while simultaneously reducing human impact on open spaces. Adventure Aware Guides are available [HERE](#).




BECOME A CONSERVATION AMBASSADOR WITH UOL

Calling All Conservation Enthusiasts! Join Utah Open Lands as a Volunteer Conservation Ambassador and make a difference in preserving Utah's natural beauty! As a Conservation Ambassador, you will play a vital role in promoting environmental stewardship and engaging with the local community. Utah Open Lands will provide you with comprehensive stewardship training to equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills for your role. As a Conservation Ambassador, you can expect to receive specialized training from the Utah Open Lands team, engage in hands-on surveying and cataloging plants and wildlife at various Utah Open Lands properties, and participate in community outreach initiatives to share our Leave it Loved campaign. Joining the team as a Conservation Ambassador not only allows you to contribute to the preservation of Utah's natural heritage, but also

provides a chance to connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for conservation. To be a successful Conservation Ambassador, we are looking for individuals who are committed to the principles of environmental stewardship and conservation. Excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with diverse audiences are essential. You should enjoy working in both field and community settings, with a willingness to learn and adapt. Additionally, you should be able to commit to a regular schedule and attend training sessions and events. If you're ready to take your commitment to conservation to the next level, we would love to have you on board as a Conservation Ambassador at Utah Open Lands! To apply, please click [HERE](#) and fill out an application. Thank you for your dedication and passion for conservation!



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