

## Arizona Trail Association Volunteer Program Report

01/2022 – 05/31/2022

**Volunteer Hours Reported: 8712**

**Volunteers Engaged: 308**

The first half of 2022 was a big season for volunteers on the AZT. The first quarter saw volunteer hours up by almost 20% over 2019's high water mark! As we move into the heat of summer and activities slow down somewhat, the program is keeping busy by implementing a new CRM system which is integrated with the new CRM for membership and donors. This change will not only make hours reporting easier for volunteers, it will also allow us to examine the ways that volunteers and members are related and how to better leverage both populations to best support the ATA's efforts. Despite what many people believe, data *is* sexy!

We are also thrilled to welcome two new staff members to the Volunteer program. Chrissy Fichter has joined us in a brand-new position – Volunteer Engagement Specialist. The position is a grant-funded internship supported by the Partnership for the National Trails System, we are sure it will increase our capacity to keep up with the increased administrative load of our growing volunteer program. Olivia Woods has joined us as the Northern Arizona Field Coordinator. You can learn more about Chrissy and Olivia on our [Staff page on the website](#).

### Key Events and Programs:

**Trail Skills Institute:** So far this year 38 volunteers have participated in 5 Trail Skills classes presented in our partnership with Flagline Trails. This year we've begun to offer some of the sessions mid-week to accommodate a wider range of schedules.

The schedule for the second-half of 2022 is now posted and classes are filling up quickly!

**Steward Conference:** In-person Steward Conferences are back and better than ever. In late September 2021 we met at Kentucky Camp, exploring native foods and absorbing the history of those adobe bricks. In April we met back at the Pine Community Center to swap stories and talk about the future of the Steward program. Virtual Trainings will continue as a way to reach more stewards and roll out information about the new digital systems (and because everyone loves Zoom SO much).

### New Stewards:

Matt & Maria Moore	19c	Superstition Wilderness
Alix Shafer	19f	Superstition Wilderness
John Schilling	15b	Black Hills
Alex Derr	23d	Mazatzal Divide
Jon Shouse	4a	Temporal Gulch

### ATA Hosted Volunteer Events (Not including Trail Skills, VETS or SOS outings)

<u>Reavis Canyon</u> – January 7-8	<u>Superstitions</u> – Mar 22	<u>Whiterock Mesa</u> - April 13
<u>Rincon Valley</u> – Jan 15	<u>Whiterock Mesa</u> – Mar 24	<u>Raz the Haz in the Maz</u> – Apr 22-24
<u>Alamo Canyon</u> - Jan 20-23	<u>Casa Blanca Canyon TH</u> – Mar 25	<u>Camp Cook Festival</u> – Apr 22-23
<u>Saguaro National Park</u> – Feb 19	<u>Tortilla Mountains</u> – Mar 26	<u>Coconino Rim</u> – Apr 23-24
<u>Coronado Memorial</u> – Feb 26	<u>Rincon Valley</u> – Mar 26	<u>Temporal Gulch Build</u> - Apr 30
<u>Reavis Ranch (Volunteer Vacay)</u> – Mar 10-13	<u>Saguaro National Park</u> – Apr 1-3	
	<u>Casa Blanca Canyon TH</u> – Apr 1	



Congratulations to Bill Hiscox for reaching his 1000 hour volunteer award! Also reaching 1000 hours this quarter: Richard Duerden, John Matteson, Doug Jensen.



Trail Skills Participants evaluating the scenic value of a cliff on the Sunflower North Reroute.





It's rare that we have to rope volunteers in for the hike – but in this case, we felt it was necessary. Bill Vicary with Sugar, Rooster and Scout. Without their strong backs, our Superstitions event would not have been possible.



With food like this – it's no wonder folks keep coming back! At the Camp Cook Training – learning to make cinnamon monkey bread