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# UDC NEWS

### **Accessible Nature's Majesties**

### **Camp Chairperson?**

UDC is looking for a camp chairperson for UDC Camping July 2025. Any of you Deaf campers out there wanna be the next UDC Camp Chairperson for July 2025? UDC officers will help the next camp chairperson. It's an exciting job. You get to meet, work, and talk with lots of good and fun people. Interested? Contact the UDC Executive Board asap.

#### Nominations?

Have someone in mind that you want for the next UDC President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for term 2025 and 2026? UDC needs names, please contact UDC Vice President Eric Bryant. He will help make sure the nominated names are given to Carol Sanderson, the neutral voter counter and monitor.

There are more information on the UDC group Facebook page. The votes for the next UDC officers will be on November 16 at the Deaf Center. Hope to see you all there!



### **Summer Leaving, Already?**

Someone said, "August is like the Summer's Sunday". It's true, isn't it? All the fun we had together this Summer was nothing short of amazing and is ending too soon. One thing that always remain are the unforgettable memories. The good times many of us had include the cornhole tournaments back in April and July, the late night card games in the Rivers Edge RV Resort Clubhouse, SUP'ing on Jordanelle Reservoir, catching trouts in Provo River, eating good food with friends, and plus many other fun activities in the Heber Valley area.

What do we do with ourselves between now till Summer 2025? There's lots of things we can do between now till Summer 2025. Here's some "to do" ideas or list of things to do:

- Reserve a campsite at Echo Island Park Resort for July 10-13, 2025.
- 2. Winterize your travel trailer or RV.

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## Deaf People and Politics

So many things to do and not enough time to do it all? That seems to be the common theme among the members of the Deaf communities here in Utah and elsewhere in the USA.

There's more to life than politics. Have you noticed that politics have become so nasty that nothing good comes out of the politicians from all political parties? Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, Green Party, Constitution Party, and Natural Law Party

We live in a democratic society in which all of us should have the right to be politically active in various ways. Is this really true? Deaf people are one of several minority groups who have experienced a sense of oppression and feeling of futility in changing their lives. In other words, many deaf people feel a sense of "civic disenfranchisement" (feeling of being left out of the political process). How do we, as Deaf Americans, become a part of the decision-making process of the government? Vote, that's how!

By voting as Deaf Americans, we are actually able to dictate what our futures will be for ourselves, for our children, and for all the Deaf people living in this great and beautiful country. Between now and November 4, 2024, find the leader that fits your's and your family's own future, dreams, and hopes. Once you have done that, vote for the candidate that

- 3. Prepare for Winter like pull out your snowshoes of skis.0, 2024
- 4. Put away all the stuff used during the summer like tents, bbq grills, beach toys, camping equipment and etc...
- 5. Go to the Deaf Outdoor Summit at the Deaf Center November 16 9am-5pm.
- 6. Think about nominating names to fill the vacant UDC officers seats. Let Carolyn Sanderson know asap.
- 7. Get the fishing poles and lures out for the UDC Fishing Tournament at Lost Lake east of Kamas on Hwy 150 (Cash prizes awarded for biggest fish). Date: (Oct 5) Meet at Chevron gas station (2 N Main Street, Kamas, UT 84036) 8am. WATCH FOR FLYER COMING SOON!
- 8. Vote for new UDC officers Nov 16, 2025 at the Deaf Center
- 9. Participate in outdoor recreation classes during the Deaf Outdoor Summit (TBA soon). November 16, 2025.
- 10. Cornhole Tournament for cash awards (TBA soon).

This is just a short list of suggested things to do between now till Summer 2025. Watch for the monthly UDC newsletters for more announcements and scheduled events.



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you want to run your country.

Someone asked me the other day, "How do we know who to vote for when the media and politicians are spreading so much falsehoods and lies about themselves and about their political opponents? The only answer I could come up with was this, learn everything you can about the candidates and go with what your gut tells you and then pray and hope it is the right choice or vote.

The candidates will never know our needs and wants as Deaf Americans. It's up to us to decide who runs our country, protect our future, and remove barriers in the lives of Deaf Americans.





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