

UDC NEWS

Utah Deaf Campers, Inc.



Editorial

This is UDC's 1st Newsletter. The UDC Board is very happy that the UDC Bylaws and PPM has been completed. Things have calmed down considerably because of these two important documents. Having said that, the executive board felt it was important for the UDC members to know what is going on in UDC. A monthly newsletter will be provided for the UDC members and friends.

Regular Meetings

According to the new UDC Bylaws, we will have regular meetings once every 3 months. In other words, The next meeting will be **March 4, 2024**. Please be aware that going forward, regular meetings should be on the 2nd Saturday of the month a regular meeting is held. This is also in compliance with UDC Bylaws. At every regular meeting, the members will be informed what month, day, and time the next regular meeting will be held.



Its that time of the year

When things are ramping up for the Spring and Summer Activities. The camping committee is working hard 24/7 to prepare and get everything ready for an amazing camping event at River's Edge campground. The corn hole tournament committee is working tirelessly setting up the tournament at the Deaf Center in Salt Lake City. The executive board is getting UDC to become a 501(c)(3) organization. The UDC board is hoping UDC will become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization sometime in the middle of March 2024.

These are exciting times for Utah Deaf Campers. 2024 will be a great year since many new things will be happening. Be sure to watch for announcements or newsletters about it. Better yet, come to the regular meetings to see what UDC is all about.

Committees

The UDC board is looking to create a few new committees for a variety of projects such as activities for children, fund raisers, treasurer assistance, and more. If interested, please contact Eric



Growth

Since 2018 UDC has grown from 8 members to 100 plus members now. Many more is expected to join in the upcoming months. Starting January and February of 2024 alone, the memberships jumped 25%.

- The growth spurts are due to changes made in the UDC executive board structure, the new UDC bylaws and UDC PPM.
- Growth is expected to rise substantially once UDC has its own website and exposure to the public via UDC venues. Right now the website is "under construction". Hopefully sooner than later we will have a website for all to see and use.

Bryant for more information or to become a committee member at ericbryant@gmail.com.

Fundraising, Donations, or Sponsorships

Eric Bryant, UDC Vice President and Clark Gaudette are working together as a team to contact potential donors. They are having great success in generating interests from donors to donate or support. UDC cannot support all the members alone which explains why Eric and Clark are searching for donors, sponsors, or opportunities for fundraising.

Many of these donated items will be used during fundraisers, drawings, and a variety of other ways to help UDC raise enough money to support UDC events or venues. The fundraisers will be in line with UDC's mission, "Accessible Natures Majesty ". Be sure to ask one of the UDC Board members what it means :)

A Thank You from UDC

Here are a few things already received from some donors:

Two Fly Fishing kits from a UDC member, a gift card from SCHEELS, and Cornhole Bags from SEVA CORNHOLE. UDC sincerely appreciates the generous donors and their amazing donations.



Utah Deaf Campers, Inc. express their sincere thanks for the generous donations from SEVA Cornhole, SCHEELS, and Doyle Page.

UDC 2024 Schedule

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 2	10 am-12noon.	Regular Meeting	Deaf Center Lecture Hall
March 2	12 noon-1:30pm.	Lunch	Deaf Center Gym/Kitchen
April 27	8am-6pm.	Cornhole Tournament	Deaf Center Gym
May 4	10am-12 noon.	Regular meeting	Deaf Center Lecture Hall
July 11-14	2pm.	UDC's 5th Anniversary	River's Edge @ Heber Valley