

UDC NEWS

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UDC Website is here!

As promised, the Utah Deaf Campers website is up and running. Kudos to Eric Bryant for getting it set up and posting it on the World Wide Web! The website address is: utahdeafcampers.org. This website is where future announcements, newsletters, pictures, meetings, and schedules will be.

Enjoy!

Dues/Fees

UDC Treasurer wants to remind all of those that are coming to UDC's 5th Anniversary Camping Celebration at River's Edge Campground in Heber City, Utah, to make sure each of your campsites, RV sites, and cabins are paid in full 30 days before day of arrival.

Also, reserve and purchase your meal tickets or combo tickets before June 22. That way, Chef Shon Foster and UDC Board Officers can order enough food for everybody that have meal tickets.



Utah Outdoor Recreation

Utah is all about **outdoor recreation**. It is known for many amazing outdoor activities. If you're seeking a weekend of hiking or backpacking, Utah has countless options. For starters, one could spend years exploring all of the nooks and crannies of just one of the five national parks, 44 state parks, nine national monuments, five national forests and two national recreation areas. That's a whopping 22.8 million acres of public lands which make up almost 42 percent of Utah outdoors. These lands range from snowcapped mountains of remote mountain ranges to wild rivers and colorful red rock canyons.

Places to Go

Since many of you campers and visitors will be at River's Edge Campground during July 11-14, 2024, here are a few **places to go** that are close by:

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UDC Schedule

July 11 2pm Check Inn

5pm Icebreaker/
refreshments

July 12 8am American Breakfast

10am Bocce and Ladder
Golf Tourney

5pm Central Texas BBQ

5pm Social and Games

July 13 10am Cornhole Tourney

12 noon Paella Lunch

5pm Social and Games

5pm Raffle Drawing

July 14 11am Check Out

For UDC Members

Breakfast \$15

Lunch \$15

Dinner \$25

All meal combo \$50

1. Jordanelle State Park
2. Heber Valley Artisan Cheese
3. Wasatch Mountain State Park
4. Mirror Lake Recreation Site
5. Mirror Scenic Byway
6. Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon
- 7.. Alpine Loop Scenic Backway
8. Cascade Springs (Hwy 92)
9. Timpanogos Cave National Monument
10. Midway

Most of these beautiful places are within 30 miles from River Edge Campground. Go check these beautiful places out! In fact, some of these offer good hiking trails, kayaking, bird watching, mountain biking, or even taste some delicious cheese.

Plan your trip

A lot of experienced travelers plan their trips weeks or months in advance and for a good reason. During a well planned trip, travelers get to see and do more things. Here's a few good resources for creating great and exciting trips for yourselves, friends, or family.



Plan your trip (cont)

UDC Schedule (cont)

For Non Members

Breakfast	\$15
Lunch	\$15
Dinner	\$30
All meal combo	\$55

Games \$5 per player per game Bocce,
Ladder Golf, Cornhole

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The internet is a great place to start planning for trips and finding trip ideas like TripAdvisor.com, WanderLog.com, Expedia.com, Travelocity.com. Sometimes Chamber of Commerce sites are amazing sources for finding locals' favorite activities, food, and upcoming events. For example Moab Area Chamber of Commerce has staff on site that will help you find Moab residents favorite things to do, favorite bike trails, favorite food places and etc.

There are many tourist apps that will connect you to places to visit, best beaches, best trails, best places to rest your tired old bones and muscles, plus many more like Hopper for Travel opportunities, TopoMaps for trail hiking, or TripIt for amazing road trips.

What a lot of travelers miss during trip planning are the local sporting goods stores like REI, Sportsman Warehouse, Recreation Outlets. These people know more about hang out spots, places to fish, places to hike, places to kayak that are close by. A great source for travel planning, for sure.

Another amazing travel planning source are the FaceBook groups like Utah Deaf Campers, Western States Deaf Campers, or Deaf Travelers. You can ask members of the FB groups for suggestions or experience visiting a certain place or event.

Heidi and I always check out those FaceBook groups for happenings before, during, or after going on a trip. For example, a Dear Springs Ranch Facebook group member posted a comment about seeing the Dragon Throat Cave near by the ranch. I looked it up on the internet and found it. The cave is near Kanab, Utah. In the photo, the cave looks like you're looking into the dragon's throat.

During trip planning, there are lots of good sources out there that can help you, friends, or family plan an amazing trip! If not sure, ask around, 🗣️ around! Happy Travels!