

# UDC NEWS

## Cornhole Tournament | 5th Anniversary | Donations

### Editorial

The 4/27/2024 Cornhole Tournament at the Deaf Center was a huge success! It would not have been possible without the donors' generous support; **REI, Scheels, Recreation Outlet, Lees Market Place, Seva, 5 Star Interpreting, and Home Depot.** UDC also wants to thank the volunteers who helped with the the Cornhole Tournament logistics; Suzanne Reese, Rosa Rathburn, Jolene Poe, Heidi Gaudette, Norman Reese, Darrell Hovinen, and Miguel Cano. When you see them, pat them on the back for a job well done!

If any of you know someone or a business that wants to donate something or cash, let UDC Public Relations Clark Gaudette know as soon as possible. He will contact them and help them through the donation process so that they can reap in the tax benefits they deserve.



## Here are the winners of the cornhole tournament!

28 teams played their heart out during the tournament. While pitching their cornhole bags, they prayed their bags would give them a woody or a cornhole. "Woody" just means that the bag landed on the board or the "Cornhole" means that the bag went inside the 6" hole at the top of the board.

As you can see in the pic above, these cornhole players played their best game and won their hard earned cash awards. The players are as follows from left to right in the pic: Scott Russell, Doyle Page, Bob Ogren, Matt Acken, Joseph Featherstone, Joseph Kane, Ashley Hooper, James Kellog, Kelli Maggi, Serena Dorch, Lori Smetana (not in pic), and Bob Smetana (not in pic).

Good job, y'all!!! 😊👍

## Donors

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**SCHEELS**

**REI co-op**

**HOME DEPOT**

**Lee's Market Place**

**SEVA**

**5 Star Interpreting**

Utah Deaf Campers, Inc.'s good health depends the donors' support. Without them, we would not be able to do what they do today providing outdoor sports, activities, and access to all that nature has to offer that is affordable or free for all deaf participants.

Donors are purpose-driven.

Donating to charity feels good and motivates people to want to make a positive difference in the world.

Donors trust your organization.

Donors come to your organization because they believe in your purpose and feel satisfied after giving.

Donors understand their impact.

Donors appreciate seeing the impact of their generosity.

Donors have a personal

connection to your purpose. For many donors, charitable giving is highly personal. Perhaps they have a child, a friend, an employee or a loved one that is deaf.



April 27 UDC's 1st Cornhole Tournament



## Donors (cont.)

Donors want to be a part of something meaningful.

Donors want to feel like their gifts are going towards something significant.

Supporting UDC's mission to provide accessible nature's majesty for the underserved deaf community is something significant.

Donors are engaged. UDC can engage donors by inviting them to a UDC event, a banquet, or play cornhole with the deaf participants. These are just a few of many things we can do to keep donors engaged.

Donors appreciate tax benefits. Donors value the financial incentive of giving. UDC is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization. UDC can offer certain tax deductions and can give donation receipts for donations over \$250. For example, if a business donate \$100 in June and again in December \$150, this will meet the \$250 minimum requirement for tax deductions.

Donors are important to Utah Deaf Campers, Inc. because with their support, UDC can continue to provide access to nature that is affordable or free for the deaf communities here in Utah.

## UDC's 5th Anniversary Campout Event

This will be the event of 2024! Why, you ask? The camping committee has so many surprises and things planned for all of the UDC's 5th Anniversary Campout participants. Here's peek at what some of the many things they have planned for you:

\*American breakfast, \*Paella lunch (it's a Spanish cuisine from Valencia, Spain), \*Central Texas BBQ dinner by world class Chef Shon Foster, \*Cornhole tournament, \*Bocce tournament, \*Ladder Golf tournament, activities for young children, and plus many more exciting activities for all camping participants and visitors.

If you are interested in learning more about this event, please email Clark Gaudette - [publicrelations@utahdeafcampers.org](mailto:publicrelations@utahdeafcampers.org) or Lorin Melander - [secretary@utahdeafcampers.org](mailto:secretary@utahdeafcampers.org). They will be happy to answer any of your questions about this Campout event. See the map of the campground below? As you can see, the campground is surrounded by rivers everywhere. And, just above this campground is the Jordanelle Reservoir. Amazing place to celebrate UDC's 5th Anniversary!

**Note:** UDC has been around for 6 years. Because of the COVID, UDC was not able to do anything during 2019-2020. In other words, UDC went one full year of not being able to do anything but wait for COVID to go away. For this reason, we are celebrating 5 years instead of 6. :)



## Tick/Mosquito Season

The weather is warming up and has been a very wet season so far. Know what that means? It's tick and mosquito season! If not, it's coming whether we like it or not.

These pests are known to carry pathogens that cause diseases in humans. There are over 900 tick species around the world but only 25 are considered nasty to humans. There are 3600 species of mosquitos around the world. Female Anopheles mosquitos are what we get bitten by mostly here in Utah. These mosquitoes are carriers/vectors of diseases. By transmitting diseases, as many as 725,000 people die each year.

How do we protect ourselves from these pests? There are many options to help avoid these pests. Citronella incense keeps mosquitos away, walking in center of trail to avoid brushes and tall grass where ticks live, don't eat bananas helps avoid mosquitoes, apply EPA approved mosquito repellents on clothing, wear long sleeve and light colored clothing helps keep ticks away, avoid wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

These are just a few of many ways to avoid these pests during outdoor activities. Be safe and protect yourselves from these pests.

## Deaf Utahns

Did you know that Utah Workforce Services Rehabilitation reported that there are 600,000 people here in Utah that have some sort of hearing loss? Wow, that's a lot of people, huh? That's almost one in every five that experience hearing loss. 10% of these same people use ASL as their primary language.

All the more reason to have different organizations providing access to a variety of things. Most of these organizations that help the members of the deaf communities get funding through donations, private grants, foundations, or government grants. Utah Deaf Campers, Inc. is one of these organizations.

### UTAH DEAF CAMPERS SCHEDULE

#### **May 6, 2024**

5:30pm UDC Board Meeting at Downtown Harmons

#### **July 11, 2024**

2:00pm River's Edge Campground check in.

5:00pm Ice Breaker and games at Clubhouse

#### **July 12, 2024**

8:00 am American Breakfast.

10:00 am Cornhole tournament (\$5/person). \*may change\*

5:00 pm Central Texas BBQ Dinner at Pavillion

5:00pm Social and games at Clubhouse

#### **July 13, 2024**

10:00 am Bocce/Ladder Golf (\$5/person) \*may change\*

12 noon Paella lunch (a popular rice dish from Valencia, Spain)

5:00pm Social and games at Clubhouse

Look for the flyer recently posted on Utah Deaf Campers FaceBook Group or your email for cost to participate in these scheduled venues listed above.

**Note:** Any day visitors are welcome to participate in any of the activities listed above. However, River's Edge Management requires day visitors to buy \$10 parking/ restroom passes. Be sure to get the \$10 parking passes from the UDC Treasurer Heidi Gaudette. Trust me, it's worth it! The \$10 fee will cover cost to provide extra restrooms and parking spaces for day visitors.