



## 2018 Annual Report

Friends of Snow Canyon State Park is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organized in 2011 and incorporated in 2012.

### Board of Directors

President	Chuck Schwartzberg
Treasurer	Janice Heller
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Member	Betty Marianetti
Member	Sandy Nelson
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Member	Cori Mantle-Bromley
Member	Marcie Eberwine

### Non-Voting Members

Park Manager	Kristen Comella
Trail Steward Captain	Don Hite

### Newly Installed Board Members

Barry Neff  
Kathy Edwards  
Sue Gordhammer

## Summary of 2018

### I. **Mission**

The Mission of the Friends of Snow Canyon State Park is to support the mission of the Park; to preserve and protect the ecological, historical and recreational integrity of Snow Canyon State Park through public awareness and education, and to promote the development of facilities and responsible recreation for present and future generations.

### II. **Protect - Preserve - Enjoy**



Snow Canyon State Park offers a great opportunity to immerse yourself in breathtaking natural beauty and abundant cultural resources all within a few minutes of your home. As a member of Friends of Snow Canyon, you can also celebrate knowing that your contribution helps to protect and preserve these natural and cultural resources now and for generations to come.

### III. **Public Awareness and Education Events During the Past Year**

Friends of Snow Canyon continues to promote public awareness and education. Our focus this year was to expand our host of educational programs for our members. In keeping with our statement of purpose to *support educational programs on the ecological, historical, cultural and recreational features of the park*, we offered the following programs:

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF LICHEN WITH DR. MARIUS van der MERWE

THE FASCINATING WORLD OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS  
WITH UTAH BIOLOGIST RICK FRIDELL

THE SECRET LIVES OF WILDFLOWERS WITH PARK MANAGER KRISTEN COMELLA

NATIVE PLANTS OF SNOW CANYON WITH KAYE WHITEFEATHER ROBINSON

GEOLOGY WITH ASSISTANT PARK MANAGER JORDAN PEREZ

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE DESERT TORTOISE  
WITH UTAH WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST ANN MCLUCKIE

ORIONID METEOR SHOWER WITH PARK NATURALIST JENNY DAWN STUCKI

ANNUAL MEETING, RANGER GUIDED HIKES AND POTLUCK IN THE PARK

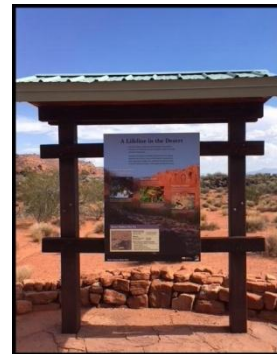
#### **IV. The Trail Stewards Program at Snow Canyon State Park:**

Our Trail Steward Program, funded by FOOSC, is staffed by dedicated volunteers who serve as goodwill ambassadors to the Park. Under the joint leadership of FOOSC volunteer Don Hite and Park Assistant Manager Jordan Perez, Trail Stewards meet and greet visitors to the Park and answer questions about the Park's natural history, including flora and fauna as well as geology and local history. Trail Stewards also maintain trails and participate in work-along projects under the supervision of Jordan Perez. Their presence in the Park helps to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources within the Park. There are currently 64 trained Trail Stewards.

Trail Stewards volunteered over 2400 hours in both Meet and Greet and specific Trail Improvement Projects. They eradicated invasive tamarisk, refined trails by marking borders, removed and swept social trails, installed new trail markers and trimmed vegetation. And - they scrubbed graffiti. General membership volunteers joined Kristen throughout the year for 5 events, totaling 100 hours, improving the park.

#### **V. Promote the Development of Facilities:**

Friends of Snow Canyon proudly supports the park through annual memberships and donations. This year, we gave \$8,000 to the Park for new park benches, wayside exhibits at the Sand Dunes Parking Lot and Jenny's Canyon Trail, new trail signage with maps and for reprinting of park brochures. Since our inception, Friends has given the Park approximately \$31,000 toward projects outlined by the Park Manager, Kristen Comella.



#### **VI. Expressing Gratitude**

***Never underestimate the power of a small group to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.***

**Margaret Mead.**

Friends of Snow Canyon is completing its seventh year of supporting Snow Canyon State Park. We have many former Board members to thank for our success. Our new Board members bring a wide range of talent, ideas and perspective to our organization.

Friends of Snow Canyon thanks all of its members for their support and interest in protecting the Park. This year, we are particularly thankful to The Red Mountain Resort and Spa for its Stewardship Sponsorship and generous use of its Snow Canyon Room for member events. We also thank Joel Bingham for his generous support of Friends of Snow Canyon for his Stewardship Sponsorship.

## VII. Friends of Snow Canyon Retrospective

Today, Friends of Snow Canyon has a total of 178 memberships representing approximately 300 members. It expanded its memberships by 9.2% over this time last year, and added two membership levels to include a Golden Plus membership and a Stewardship Sponsor membership.

## VIII. Membership Levels

- Individual \$20 (membership for one adult)
- Family \$30 (for the entire family)
- Supporter \$50 (for an individual or family and includes two complimentary one-day park passes)
- Golden \$100 (for an individual or family and includes four complimentary one-day park passes)
- Golden Plus \$250 (for an individual or family and includes four complimentary one-day park passes plus recognition in the Annual Report)
- Stewardship Sponsor \$1,000 (for individuals or corporations and includes recognition in the Annual Report as well as on our website)

## IX. 2017/18 Timeline

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
11.04.2017	Annual Meeting and Potluck in the Park
12.11.2017	Holiday Newsletter
01.18.2018	Member Event - Explore the World of Lichen with Dr Marius van der Merwe. Twenty-six members joined Dr van der Merwe for his talk on the importance and significance of lichen.
02.21.2018	Member Event - The Fascinating and Diverse World of Reptiles and Amphibians with Utah Division of Wildlife Biologist Rick Fridell. Red Mountain Resort generously offered Friends its Snow Canyon Room. Approximately Sixty-Eight members and guests attended.
03.09.2018	Call to Action for new Board members
03.12.2018	March 2018 Member Events announcement
03.27.2018	Notice of Park Closures
03.27.2018	Volunteer Opportunity - Tamarisk Removal

- 04.11.2018 Member Event - The Secret Lives of Wildflowers with Park Manager Kristen Comella. Twenty-Four wildflower enthusiasts joined Kristen for this popular event.
- 04.17.2018 Volunteer Opportunity - Wipe Out Graffiti Along the Petrified Sand Dunes. Seventeen members rolled up their sleeves to scrub graffiti from the beautiful sandstone formations.
- 04.24.2018 Member Event - Native Plants of Snow Canyon with Kaye Whitefeather Robinson
- 05.03.2018 Member Event - Geology in Snow Canyon with Assistant Park Manager Jordan Perez. Twenty-eight members attended this popular event.
- 05.08.2018 Volunteer Opportunity - Wipe Out Graffiti Along the Petrified Dunes - Round 2. Fifteen volunteers helped out with scrubbing graffiti in round 2.
- 07.16.2018 Summer 2018 Newsletter
- 08.31.2018 Volunteer Opportunity - Puncturevine Spraying
- 09.01.2018 Welcome Back Newsletter/Fall Events
- 09.11.2018 Member Event - The Life and Times of the Desert Tortoise with Utah Division of Wildlife Biologist Ann McLuckie. Twenty dedicated members braved the 100+ degree heat for this popular educational field program. They found tortoise burrows, tracks, and even an adult desert tortoise cooling off under the shade of a creosote bush.
- 09.27.2018 Member Event - Searching for Scorpions - twenty scorpion enthusiasts armed with ultraviolet lights illuminated the sand dunes and bushes to look for this arachnid. Park Manager Kristen Comella helped our members locate a few resident scorpions for this educational event.
- 09.29.2018 Volunteer Opportunity - In Celebration of National Public Lands Day, six volunteers worked to spruce up the Scout Cave Trail including removing social trails, trimming encroaching vegetation, refining trail borders and removing graffiti in Scout Cave. Two members, BJ Behnke and Katy Peterson, hiked to Scout Cave, devised a system for removing paint from the sandstone and worked several hours.
- 10.20.2018 Park Naturalist Jenny Dawn Stucki guided twenty-seven enthusiastic members on an early morning hike to enjoy the “falling stars” of the exciting Orionid meteor shower.
- 11.03.2018 Annual Meeting, Ranger guided hikes and Potluck in the Park. Consistent with past annual events, Friends is offering two ranger guided hikes in Snow Canyon, one on the Cinder Cone with Park Manager Kristen Comella and another more gentle walk on West Canyon Rd with Park Naturalist Jenny Dawn Stucki.
- 12.10.2018 Holiday Newsletter/Spring Events
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**Thank You For Your Support!**

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