

# RURAL CONNECTIONS

## Kids Shine at the Indian Springs Warrior Competition

Kids showed their athletic skills at the Warrior Competition in Indian Springs on Saturday, May 28. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event was presented by the Indian Springs Volunteer Fire Department. A total of 45 kids competed in 12 events that included walking the rope, running, sit-ups, push-ups, carrying fire hoses, a belly crawl and a slip-n-slide finale. An awards ceremony was held at the Community Center following the event. First through third place trophies were awarded in 4 age categories. All of the kids did great and every single one of them completed the course with a smile on their face!





# Saturday June 11 GO Mt Charleston celebrates national **get outdoors** day

Explore the many ways to enjoy the Spring Mountains  
through demonstrations and activities for all ages!

Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway

2525 Kyle Canyon Road



9am - Noon Science Safari - Butterflies!

Noon - 4pm Exhibits & Activities

8:30pm - 10pm Astronomy Experience



Visit [www.GoMtCharleston.com](http://www.GoMtCharleston.com) for details!



Southern Nevada Conservancy

# Ryan Frank Chosen As Indian Springs Star Graduate

Every year the Clark County School District presents the Star Graduates program which honors outstanding graduates who are notable for their academic excellence or for overcoming the odds. Each High School principal is asked to select a Star Graduate from their senior class. The selected student is then showcased on the CCSD website with their photo and a story about what makes them shine.



Ryan Frank of Indian Springs High School is the 2016 Valedictorian, a member of the National Honor Society, a two-year MVP in Varsity Football, an All-Conference baseball player and was voted Homecoming King by his peers. Beyond the long list of Ryan's accomplishments, the true nature of his merit stems from his ability to inspire. When asked about his greatest high school accomplishment, Ryan wrote: "I was asked to volunteer coach an elementary football team. Most of the kids showed up with no gear, cleats or warm clothes. Nonetheless, they were so happy to be involved that it resolved my determination to do everything that I could to make their experience great. That rag tag group of kids never complained about the cold, injury or difficulty. They were genuinely sad for the season to be over and every one of them thanked me and called me 'Coach.' I have been humbled by the positivity and determination of those kids in old shoes and mismatched clothes. They are my inspiration to never slow down or give up. That team is my biggest accomplishment." Congratulations to Ryan Frank of Indian Springs High School!



To see more of this year's Star Graduates visit: <http://ccsd.net/students/star-graduates/#>

Also see what the Las Vegas Review Journal had to say about Ryan and his family: <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/education/valedictorian-helping-out-his-hometown-means-more-academic-athletic-feats>

## Community Members Support Annual Mountain Cleanup

On May 19<sup>th</sup> U.S. Forest Service and non-profit partners serving the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, including Southern Nevada Conservancy, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and Great Basin Institute, hosted the 9th annual Go Mt. Charleston Spring Cleanup.

The event boasted its largest number of volunteers to date with over 300 participants consisting of community members and local businesses and organizations in the Las Vegas area. The event had a dozen leaders overseeing multiple groups who cleaned over 25 of the most used sites. Cleanup participants helped to remove over 3,700 pounds of litter before the busy summer season hits.

"We had a fantastic turnout this year," said Leonie Mowat, Operations Director for GO Mt Charleston. "We could not have made this happen without all the great support we got from our community partners, and we love that their participation grows each year. It's awesome to see everyone from the Las Vegas valley come together to take care of this gorgeous alpine retreat."

Every winter, thousands of visitors flock to the Spring Mountains to play in the snow. Unfortunately, as the snow melts and wildflowers begin popping up, so does unsightly litter. In past years, volunteers picked up the normal cans, bottles and broken sleds, but have also hauled out a car muffler, abandoned hardware, old tires, and more. Each year the cleanup has taken place, over 3,000 pounds of debris have removed.

Illegal dumping on public lands continues to be a serious problem. Dumping destroys the natural beauty and habitat of National Forest System land and discourages people from visiting where dumping occurs.

For information about volunteering with Go Mt. Charleston: email [volunteer@gomtcharleston.com](mailto:volunteer@gomtcharleston.com) or call Kira West at 702-872-0550.

For additional information on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, please visit [www.fs.usda.gov/htnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf)



# Food, Fun, and Hula at the Indian Springs Luau

On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> the High Desert Seniors hosted their annual community luau at the Indian Springs Community Center. Residents, friends and family dined on specialties such as kalua pork, lomi salmon and chicken long rice. While enjoying the delicious food, attendees were entertained by traditional island music and dancing. As you can see, some of the audience members joined in on the fun. Proceeds from the event help to fund the trips and activities put on by the High Desert Seniors throughout the year.



## Events for June – Northwest

- **Wednesdays** – Coffee Talk at the Indian Springs Community Center, 10:30 am\*\*
- **Mondays and Tuesdays** – Open Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center, 5 to 9 pm
- **Wednesdays** – Open Rec at the Indian Springs Community Center, 11 am to 3 pm
- **Thursday, June 2** – Mt. Charleston TAB Meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, June 7** – Club Read Kick-off at the Indian Springs Library, 12 noon
- **Thursday, June 16** – Indian Springs TAB\* Meeting at the Indian Springs Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, June 16** – Movie and a craft at the Indian Springs Community Center, 3 pm, Cost \$1
- **Saturday, June 11** – Summer kick-off swimming and movie in the park, Indian School, watch for flyers for details
- **Tuesday, June 21** – Elephant and Piggie puppet show and craft, ages 0–11, Indian Springs Library, 3:30 pm
- **Thursday, June 23** – BINGO at the Indian Springs Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 30** – Mt. Charleston TAB\* Meeting at the Mt. Charleston Library, 7pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board    \*\*For information, contact Teresa Hazel at 702-879-3890

## Indian Springs High School Senior Walk

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the graduating seniors from Indian Springs High School donned their caps and gowns and made a final triumphant walk through the halls of the school. They started out in the elementary school and made their way through the middle school and the high school. Their fellow students lined the halls to cheer them on and give them high fives. This was a very special way for the seniors to say good-bye to their school and to inspire the young students following in their footsteps.

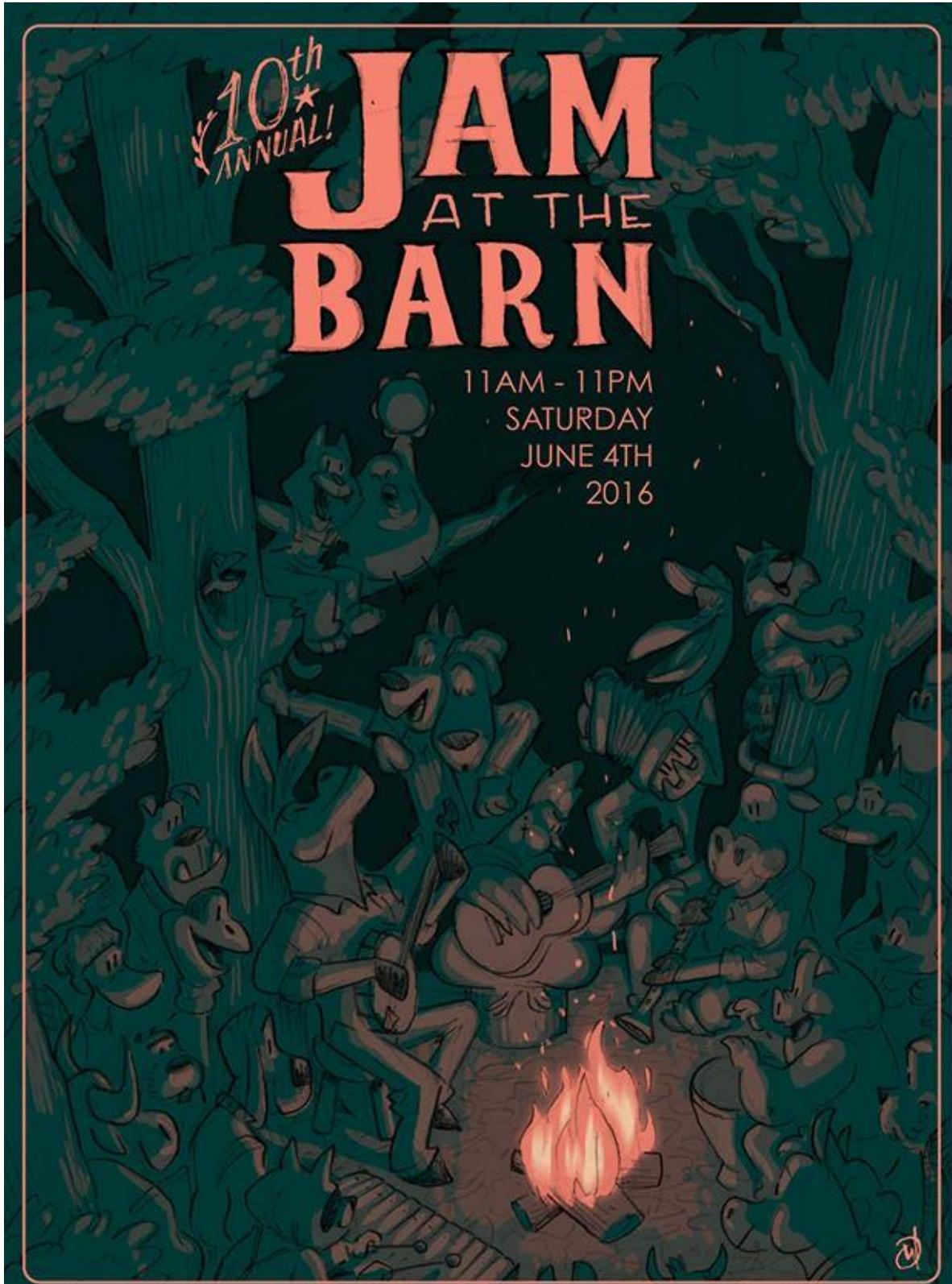


# Sandy Valley Spring Fling Had Something for Everyone

The Keystone Foundation hosted Sandy Valley's Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 7. The day started out with a competition in the arena to support the Sandy Valley Little Britches kids. Adults and kids were matched up in teams and competed against the other teams in 4 of the regular Little Britches Rodeo events: barrels, poles, flags and goat tying. It was a lot of fun to watch and the money will help the rodeo kids pay for their trip to the National Finals this summer.

While the competition was heating up in the arena, there were plenty of other activities to explore including a chili cook-off, crafts sales, delicious food at the cook shack, and great entertainment provided by singer, Diana Drake. The day ended with the dedication of the Linda Drake Memorial Park.





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# JAM AT THE BARN

11AM - 11PM  
SATURDAY  
JUNE 4TH  
2016

**FEATURING:**  
 KIDI BAND  
 TUNEFOLDER  
 CHORD FOUR  
 JAKE ROSENZWEIG  
 CAMERON CALLOWAY  
 DOUBLE FIST ENSEMBLE  
 ALBY AND HIS DREAMBOATS  
 ARIANA DAUB AND JORDAN SAENZ  
 DUNKELPEK  
 DREW DAPPS  
 SIMILAR FASHION  
 ON THE OTHER HAND  
 CALIFORNIA'S BELLOW  
 DANCE OF THE PLANETS  
 A HORSE, A SPOON, A BUCKET



JAM AT THE BARN IS A GRASS ROOTS FESTIVAL DEDICATED TO PRESENTING MUSIC AND ART FROM ACROSS THE MAP. A GRAND CELEBRATION OF SUMMERTIME, HELD IN THE BEAUTIFUL HIGH DESERT MOUNTAIN VILLAGE OF BLUE DIAMOND, NV

FOR MORE INFO: JAM AT THE BARN ON FACEBOOK OR JAMATTHEBARN@GMAIL.COM

## Events for June – Southwest

- **Every Wednesday** – Sewing/craft group at the Goodsprings Community Center, 4 pm
- **Every Wednesday** – Adult/Teen basketball from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Sandy Valley School Gym, \$2.00. People are welcome to come walk around the gym, too.\*\*
- **Wednesday, June 1** – Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 2** – End of school fun at the Sandy Valley Community Center, 12 noon
- **Saturday, June 4** – Free sports physicals and immunizations for students at the Sandy Valley School, sponsored by the Sandy Valley Volunteer Fire Department
- **Saturday, June 4** – Jam at the Barn in Blue Diamond, 11 am to 11 pm, see ad on previous page
- **Tuesday, June 7** – *Elephant and Piggie* puppet show and craft, ages 0–11, Blue Diamond Library, 1 pm
- **Thursday, June 9** – 3D Drawing at the Blue Diamond Library, ages 6–11, 4 pm
- **Tuesday, June 14** – Sandy Mesquite Valley Dev. Assoc. meeting at the SV Community Center, 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, June 14** – Sandy Valley CAC\* meeting at the SV Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 15** – Mountain Springs CAC\* meeting at the Mtn. Springs Fire Station, 6:30 pm
- **Saturday, June 18** – Sandy Valley Community Breakfast, 8 am to 10:30 am at the Senior Center, \$3.50 for the best pancakes & sausage or biscuits & gravy
- **Thursday, June 23** – Make your own book and decorate it, ages 6–11, Blue Diamond Library, 4 pm
- **Tuesday, June 28** – Goodsprings CAC meeting, Goodsprings Community Center, 7:30 pm
- **Thursday, June 30** – Celebrate Club Read with some crafty fun, ages, 0–11, Blue Diamond Library, 2 pm
- **Wednesday, June 29** – Red Rock CAC meeting, Blue Diamond Library, 7 pm

## Worth the Trip Into Town: Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort

Located on the southeast corner of Las Vegas Blvd. and Washington Avenue, the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort is the only US state park located in a city that houses the first building ever built in that city. That building is the fort that was constructed by Mormon missionaries on the site in 1855 along the Las Vegas Creek. After less than two years, the Mormon effort was abandoned and the site was later developed into a large-scale ranch that included a small store and blacksmith shop to serve travelers and nearby mining communities.

In the late 1800s, the ranch was passed on to Archibald and Helen Stewart. Although Archibald was killed in a gunfight in 1884, Helen, with the help of her father and others, continued to operate the ranch. In 1902, Helen sold the ranch and water rights to the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad. A new town, Las Vegas, sprang into existence in 1905 when the rails reached the valley.

Visitors to the site today can take a trip back in time as they explore the remains of fort, view the artifacts in the ranch house, tour the museum, and experience the running water in the spring. The site is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is just \$1.00 per person for ages 13 and over, kids 12 and under are free. Cash or check only.



Throughout the month of June, special programs will be offered every Saturday.

**Saturday, June 4**, 11 am and 2 pm – Fort Tours – This guided walk-through covers the timeline of settlement on the site and includes a discussion of historical visuals, artifacts and natural resources.  
p.m.

**Saturday, June 11**, 10 am to 2 pm – A Garden in the Desert – A ranger will be on the site of our flourishing Pioneer Garden to discuss the wide variety of crops with park visitors. Come learn all about the plants that original settlers grew and observe harvesting and processing techniques.

**Saturday, June 18**, 10 am to 3 pm – Build Your Own Fort Replica – Ever wish you could take the Fort home with you? Well now you can! Build your own replica of the Old Fort using Popsicle sticks, construction paper and more.

**Saturday, June 25**, 11 am – History Talk: The Civil War in the American Southwest – A ranger-led lecture on the historical context, military campaigns, and personalities of the Civil War in the American Southwest. Learn about the impact of the war on the development of the Southwest, the impact of the fighting in the west on the outcome of the war and how the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort contributed.

## Events for June – Northeast

- **Mondays at the Moapa Valley Library** – ABC Kids: nursery rhymes, songs, dances and stories for ages 3–5, 11:15 am; Read with Me! Readers of all skill levels welcome for one-on-one, no pressure reading practice with our Teen Volunteers for ages 5 to 11, 4 pm
- **Tuesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Circle Time: interactive songs, fingerplays and rhymes for ages 0–18 months, 11:15 am; Computer basics: learn the concepts of computer use, 3 pm\*\*
- **Wednesdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Hands on computer assistance at 11 am; Computer Topics at 3 pm; Computer Logic 4:30 pm \*\*
- **Thursdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Tiny Tots: Songs and stories. Ages 18–36 months at 11:15 am
- **Fridays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Handicrafters; join crafting companions to share your knowledge and creativity, 10 am; Teen Space: Play games, watch movies and be creative, bring your own snacks, from 1:30 pm, Grades 6 –12; Story Hour: Drop off the kids after school for a variety of stories, jokes, science experiments and more. Ages 5–12. 4 pm \*\*
- **Saturdays at the Moapa Valley Library** – Game on: a group for anyone who likes games, focused on preteen and teen play 12 pm; Crafternoon: youth & adults can make a new craft every week at 2 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, June 2** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm
- **Friday, June 10** – Club Read Kick-Off at the Moapa Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Wednesday, June 15** – Moapa Valley TAB\* meeting at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 7 pm
- **Tuesday, June 14** – Board Game Bonanza at the Bunkerville Library, 2 pm
- **Tuesday, June 21** – *Elephant and Piggie* puppet show and craft, ages 0–11, Moapa Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Thursday, June 23** – Fratello Marionettes present Mother Goose Land, Bunkerville Library, 9:30 am
- **Friday, June 24** – Fratello Marionettes present Mother Goose Land, Moapa Valley Library, 11:15 am
- **Tuesday, June 28** – Decorate your own Bucket List jar, Bunkerville Library, 2 pm
- **Tuesday, June 28** – Moapa TAB\* meeting at the Robinson Justice Court & Community Center, 7 pm
- **Thursday, June 30** – Bunkerville TAB\* meeting at the Bunkerville Community Center, 7 pm

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board    \*\*For details call 702-397-2690

# Summer Programs At Your Community Library

June starts off a summer full of fun at your local library. The Fratello Marionettes will be presenting “Mother Goose Land,” while a puppetry production of *Elephant and Piggie* will include the chance to make your own puppet to take home. There will also be several different events that celebrate the summer long Club Read program. For more information about these events, Club Read, and other activities at your library, visit: [www.lvccld.org](http://www.lvccld.org)



# CLUB Read!

Club Read, the Clark County Las Vegas Library District’s free program for Kids and Teens, kicks off on Wednesday, June 1 and continues through Saturday, August 20. Entertaining programs throughout the District will help toddlers, children and teens enjoy the summer and prevent what some call the “summer slide.”

Summer reading helps children keep their brains active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and succeed. According to a study funded in 2015 by the U.S. Department of Education’s Innovative Approaches to Literacy, summer is the time that students either leap ahead or fall behind. In the summer months, all children are at risk of losing some of the learning obtained during the school year. More than 80 percent of children from economically disadvantaged communities can lose one to three months of reading skills over the summer because they lack access to books, learning resources and enrichment opportunities such as trips to the library.

Parents can take charge and make reading a priority, as well as fun, by stopping by any library branch to pick up a reading log starting June 1. Each age group has their own log: birth to 5 years of age, 6 to 11 years of age and 12 to 17 years of age. Participating is easy! Read either 20 books or 10 hours and receive a book, and entry into the grand prize drawing for a \$50 Target gift card. Club Read is co-sponsored by Las Vegas–Clark County Library District Foundation.

For a complete list of all Club Read programs, visit the website at [www.lvccld.org](http://www.lvccld.org) or stop by your nearest branch.

## Events for June – Southeast

- **Thursday, June 2** – Club Read Kick-off at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm\*\*
- **Thursday, June 9** – *Elephant and Piggie* puppet show and craft, ages 0–11, Laughlin Library, 11:15 am
- **Thursday, June 9** – Club Read Craft Buffet at the Laughlin Library, 11 am
- **Thursday, June 9** – Brown Bag Book Club at the Laughlin library, 11 am\*\*
- **Friday, June 10** – Plant your lunch. Join staff from Star Nursery as they teach you about gardening, then decorate a biodegradable soil and see bag that you can take home and plant, Laughlin library, 11 am
- **Friday, June 10** – Folias Flute and Guitar Duo Concert at the Laughlin Library, 2 pm
- **Tuesday, June 14** – Laughlin TAB Meeting at the Regional Gov. Center, 1:30 pm
- **Wednesday, June 15** – Searchlight TAB meeting at the Searchlight Community Center, 6 pm
- **Sunday, June 19** – Movie Matinee at the Laughlin Library, 1:30 pm\*\*
- **Saturday, June 25** – Children’s Craft at the Laughlin Library, 3 pm\*\*

\*TAB = Town Advisory Board \*\*For more information call the Laughlin Library at 702-507-4060





**“Discover Nevada State Parks” Day  
Saturday, June 11  
Free admission to all 23 State Parks**

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Nevada residents and visitors are invited to “Discover Nevada State Parks” on Saturday, June 11. Park visitors will receive free day use admission and free fishing (no license required) at all of Nevada’s 23 State Parks.

This statewide event encourages Nevadans to explore the many exciting and affordable recreation opportunities right in their own backyards. “Nevada’s 23 state parks offer a great diversity of outdoor opportunities,” said State Parks Administrator Eric Johnson. “For example, visitors can explore the slot canyons of Cathedral Gorge, tour a genuine ghost town at Berlin-Ichthyosaur or spend a relaxing afternoon fishing at Cave Lake.”

Discover Nevada State Parks day is also an opportunity for visitors to take the passport challenge and add a stamp to their passport booklet, or if they don’t have one yet, to pick one up while visiting a state park. Once visitors have their passports stamped at 15 different parks, they earn a free annual pass to all Nevada State Parks.

For more information on the Nevada State Parks Passport Booklet, or to find a list of state parks, please visit [parks.nv.gov](http://parks.nv.gov).

**WHAT:** “Discover Nevada State Parks” Day

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 11

**WHERE:** All Nevada State Parks

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