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## October News & Updates

Temperatures are dropping, the leaves are changing, and that light dusting of snow on the mountain tops reminds us that a wintry wonderland is not far off.

For us at the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, fall is a time of transition: the end to our summer programs and the beginning of winter program planning. Despite the lull in outdoor events and volunteer days, there's a strong sense of anticipation in the office, and the energy is palpable!

Read on to learn more about our **trail crew's season recap**, the **upcoming volunteer orientation**, and **our newest staff member**.

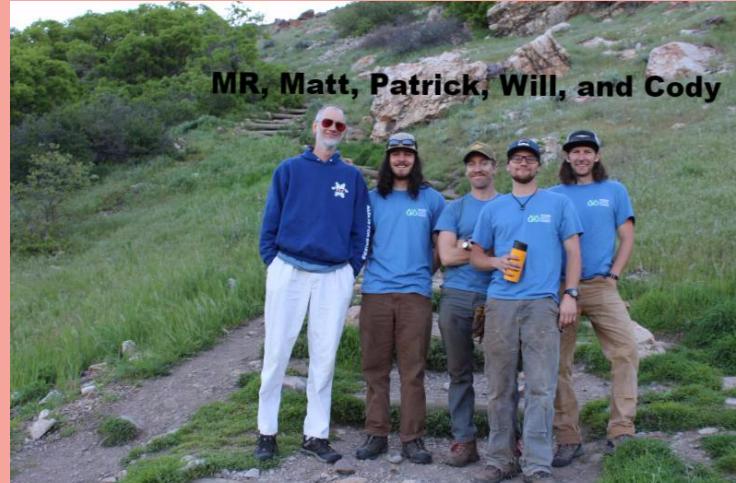
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### A summer spent on CCF's Trail Crew

By Patrick Morrison, 2017 Trail Crew Member

When the trail crew met for our first day on the job, we found ourselves in a what would turn out to be a unique situation: we were all in the same room, sans tools, chain saws, and trail dirt. More importantly though, most of the trail crew was new to the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, and for two of us, new to trail work in general. Experienced or not, we all had an overwhelming excitement to get started. Our office was about to become

the tri-canyons for the next six months. The season progressed, the blisters came and went, and soon enough we found ourselves an efficient crew able to crack tread with the best of them. Now at season's end, it's rewarding to look back at a few of the things that truly made this season of work remarkable. ...[Read more](#)



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Looking to lend a hand? Join us at our October Volunteer Orientation!

We are always looking for motivated, energetic people to join our wonderful volunteer team. Volunteering is an opportunity to meet new people, learn a new skill set, and connect with the



community about preserving your local watershed.

Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will be holding a volunteer orientation next week, and YOU are invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of this event is to share who we are, what we do, and the multitude of ways you can get involved. We will provide dinner, too!

Details:

- When: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 6-8 PM
- Where: The Wasatch Community Room at the [Salt Lake City REI](#) (3285 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84109)
- How to sign up: **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** so we know how much food to bring. Click the button below to sign up on our Google Form.
- *Can't make it?* Fill out the form anyway, and we'll send you a link to a recording of the event.

Questions? Contact the Community Engagement Coordinator, Elise, at [volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org](mailto:volunteer@cottonwoodcanyons.org).

[Register for Volunteer Orientation](#)

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**"Hello" from the newest staff member at Cottonwood Canyons Foundation,  
Elise Hinman**



Hi! I'm the new Community Engagement Coordinator for the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. I moved to Salt Lake City about three months ago from New York, where I was working on my Ph.D. in Botany at Syracuse University. How did I find myself in Millcreek, Utah, you may ask? Why, the beautiful recreation area you've got right in your backyard, of course! The Cottonwood Canyons are amazing places to recreate (I personally enjoy hiking, fishing, and rock climbing), and I'm so lucky that my new job has taken me up the canyons every week during our summer season to learn about the wildflowers!

However, I recognize the Wasatch-Utah-Cache National Forest's need for protection, preservation, and stewardship, and I know you do too—I've met SO MANY wonderful wildflower volunteers who are not only extremely knowledgeable of the native plants growing in the Wasatch Range, but are passionate

about sharing what they know with others, which they achieved with great success at the Wasatch Wildflower Festival. We doubled the number of people attending wildflower tours at Brighton, Solitude, Alta, and Snowbird from last year (over 2,000 people in 2017!), and what do you know? Our volunteer wildflower guides didn't skip a beat!

The Salt Lake Area is filled with community-oriented people, like our wildflower guides, eager to take action to ensure these wild places stick around for generations to come. Does this describe you? Come volunteer with us! The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation would not BE if it weren't for our fabulous group of summer and winter volunteers. Get outside! Make new friends! Share what you know! We would love to have you. I know what it's like to be the newbie in the group, but we will make sure you feel welcomed and appreciated for all of your efforts. No experience necessary; you just need to care about the canyons and have a desire to do something about it!

I look forward to meeting you at one of our many events. Until then, I'll see you in the Facebook and Instagram posts, and e-newsletters!

Regards,  
Elise

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