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## 2024 OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER PROJECTS & SKILLS TRAININGS

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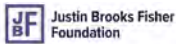
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**VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR  
COLORADO**

# 2024 PROJECT & TRAINING CALENDAR

**LEGEND:**

● EASY

■ MODERATE

◆ DIFFICULT

▲ TRAINING

▲ SPECIAL 40TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

**MARCH**

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Date	Project, Training, or Event Name	Nearest Town	Min. Age	Difficulty
MAR 2	▲ OSI Instructor Training @ Denver or Virtual	Denver or Virtual	21	--
MAR 14	▲ Crew Leader Refresher @ Virtual	Virtual	16	--
MAR 23	▲ Adult CPR and First Aid Certification & Recertification @ Denver	Denver	18	--
MAR 27	▲ Intro to Crew Chef Webinar @ Virtual	Virtual	16	--
MAR 30	▲ Tool Manager Training @ Lakewood	Lakewood	18	--

**APRIL**

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APR 6-7	▲ 40th Anniv. I River Bank Restoration @ Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area	Fruita	14	■
APR 13	Pelican Trail Resurfacing @ Jackson Lake State Park	Orchard	16	●
APR 13-14	▲ Wilderness First Aid Certification @ Denver	Denver	18	--
APR 20	▲ Adult CPR and First Aid Training Certification @ San Luis Valley	Del Norte	16	--
APR 20-21	Trail Maintenance @ Picture Canyon: A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project	Campo	14	■
APR 26-28	▲ Chainsaw Training and Certification @ San Luis Valley	Del Norte	18	--
APR 27-28	▲ Crew Leader for Trails Hybrid Training @ Castlewood Canyon State Park	Franktown	16	--
APR 27	▲ 40th Anniv. I Cameron Peak Fire Reforestation @ Poudre Canyon - Day 1	Rustic	14	●
APR 27-28	Riparian Restoration @ Southern Plains Land Trust	Lamar	18	■

\* Earth Day † Arbor Day

**MAY**

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\* Colorado Public Lands Day

MAY 3-5	▲ Crosscut Training and Certification @ San Luis Valley	Del Norte	18	--
MAY 4	▲ Backcountry Crew Chef Training @ Evergreen	Evergreen	18	--
MAY 4	Half Day: Farm Season Kickoff @ Loveland	Loveland	10	●
MAY 4-5	▲ Intro to Trail Design @ Mt. Blue Sky Outdoor Lab	Evergreen	18	--
MAY 4-5	▲ Crew Leader for Ecological Restoration Hybrid Training @ Weld County	Greeley	16	--
MAY 4-5	▲ 40th Anniv. I Jumbo Mountain Trail System Improvements @ Paonia	Paonia	16	■
MAY 11-12	▲ 40th Anniv. I Accessible Trail Construction @ No Barriers Mountain Campus	Livermore	14	■
MAY 15	VOC's 40th Anniversary Gala	Denver	--	🍷
MAY 18	Cameron Peak Fire Reforestation @ Poudre Canyon - Day 2	Rustic	14	●
MAY 18-19	Wildlife Habitat Restoration @ Bonanza	Bonanza	16	●
MAY 18-19	Top of the Pines Trail Maintenance @ Ridgway	Ridgway	16	■
MAY 23	Weekday: Community Food Garden Planting @ Community Ministry	Denver	8	●
MAY 29	Weekday: Community Food Garden Planting @ Civic Center Park	Denver	8	●
MAY 30	Weekday: Community Food Garden Planting @ Harvard Gulch Park	Denver	8	●
MAY 31	▲ Crew Leader for Trails Hybrid Training @ La Veta	La Veta	16	--

# June 1: Summer & Fall Projects Open for Registration

## JUNE

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\* National Trails Day

† National Get Outdoors Day

JUN 1	▲ Noxious Weed Training @ Conifer	Conifer	18	--
JUN 1	Beaver Brook Trail Maintenance @ Golden	Golden	16	■◆
JUN 1-2	Trail Accessibility and Inclusion Project @ La Veta	La Veta	16	●■
JUN 1-2	Bull Sorcerer Trail Construction @ Del Norte	Del Norte	16	■◆
JUN 1-2	▲ Crew Leader for Trails Hybrid Training @ Golden Gate Canyon State Park	Golden	16	--
JUN 4	Weekday: Community Food Garden Planting @ Governor's Mansion	Denver	8	●
JUN 6	Weekday: Community Food Garden Planting @ Observatory Park	Denver	8	●
JUN 8	Half Day: Farm Season Kickoff @ Growing Gardens	Boulder	8	●
JUN 8-9	▲ Crew Leader for Trails Hybrid Training @ Ridgway State Park	Ouray	16	--
JUN 8-9	Fence Reconstruction @ Vega State Park	Colbran	16	■
JUN 12-15	Duncan Cabin Archeology Adventure @ Crestone	Crestone	16	●
JUN 14-16	▲ Chainsaw and Crosscut Training and Certification @ Buffalo Creek	Pine Grove	18	--
JUN 15	▲ 40th Anniv.   Forest Health @ Cal-Wood Education Center	Jamestown	18	■◆
JUN 15	Shurview Natural Area Trail Construction @ Greeley - Day 1: A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project	Greeley	16	■
JUN 15	▲ Rock Skills Hybrid Training @ Castlewood Canyon State Park	Franktown	16	--
JUN 16	Noxious Weed Removal @ Kelsey Campground	Sedalia	8	●
JUN 22-23	14er: Trail Maintenance and Construction @ Mt. Shavano	Salida	18	◆
JUN 22-23	Family Camping - Lost Pond Reroute Restoration @ Mueller State Park	Divide	10	●■
JUN 28	Women's Project - Weekday: Trail Construction @ Mt. Blue Sky Outdoor Lab	Evergreen	16	■◆
JUN 29	▲ 40th Anniv.   Pride Project: First Creek Riparian Restoration @ Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge	Commerce City	10	●■
JUN 29-30	Fence Removal @ Saguache Park	Saguache	16	■

## JULY

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JUL 9	Weekday: North Sky Trail Construction @ Boulder	Boulder	14	■
JUL 13	▲ Rock Skills Hybrid Training @ San Isabel National Forest	Nederland	16	--
JUL 13-14	Trail Maintenance @ Devil's Head Fire Lookout	Sedalia	16	■◆
JUL 13-14	Noxious Weed Removal @ Moon Pass	La Garita	12	●■
JUL 19	Weekday: Noxious Weed Removal @ Mt. Evans Wilderness - Day 1	Evergreen	12	■
JUL 20-21	Salt Creek Trail Maintenance @ Eagle: A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project	Eagle	16	■◆
JUL 20-21	▲ 40th Anniv.   Gunnison Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement @ Poncha Pass	Villa Grove	16	■◆
JUL 20-21	▲ Wilderness First Aid @ Denver	Denver	18	--
JUL 22-26	Weeklong Crosscut and Trail Maintenance @ Continental Divide National Scenic Trail	South Fork	18	◆
JUL 26	▲ 40th Anniv.   Half Day: Noxious Weed Removal @ James Peak	Nederland	8	●
JUL 27-28	▲ 40th Anniv.   Second Creek Trail Maintenance @ Berthoud Pass	Winter Park	16	■◆
JUL 27-28	Ridgway Area Trails System Construction @ Ridgway	Ridgway	16	■◆

## AUGUST

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\* VOC's 40th Birthday

AUG 1	Weekday: Park Improvements @ Washington Park	Denver	12	●■
AUG 3	Raccoon Trail Reroute @ Golden Gate Canyon State Park - Day 1	Golden	16	■◆
AUG 3-4	Cottonwood Caging Riparian Restoration @ Dolores River	Naturita	18	■
AUG 4	▲ 40th Anniv.   Raccoon Trail Reroute @ Golden Gate Canyon State Park - Day 2	Golden	16	■◆
AUG 10-11	▲ 40th Anniv.   14er: Trail Maintenance @ Mt. Democrat	Alma	18	◆
AUG 10-11	Beaver Dam Analog Construction @ Cumbres Pass	Chama, NM	16	●■
AUG 13	Weekday: Trail Construction @ Boulder	Boulder	14	■
AUG 14	Weekday: Noxious Weed Removal @ Mt. Evans Wilderness - Day 2	Evergreen	12	■
AUG 17	Firefly Trail Reroute @ McCloskey Natural Area	Greeley	14	■
AUG 17-18	Lost Lake Trail Construction @ Buena Vista	Buena Vista	16	■◆
AUG 17-18	Russian Olive Removal @ Blanca Wetlands	Alamosa	18	■◆
AUG 22-25	American Lakes Trail Maintenance @ State Forest State Park	Walden	18	◆

# SEPTEMBER

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\* National Public Lands Day

SEPT 6	Weekday: Trail Maintenance @ Aiken Canyon Preserve	Colorado Springs	14	■
SEPT 7	VOC's 40th Anniversary Wash Park Celebration	Denver	--	🔥
SEPT 7	Fence Removal @ Harris Park	Bailey	14	● ■
SEPT 7-8	Noxious Weed Removal @ Trickle Mountain	Saguache	16	■
SEPT 8	Wetland & Riparian Habitat Restoration @ Majestic View Nature Center	Arvada	18	■ ◆
SEPT 14-15	14er: Trail Maintenance @ Grays and Torreys	Silverplume	18	◆
SEPT 14-15	Trail Maintenance @ Nature and Wildlife Discovery Center Mountain Campus	Beulah	14	■
SEPT 17	Weekday: Cobalt Trail Reroute @ Boulder Valley Ranch	Boulder	14	■
SEPT 21	Outdoor Play Space & Nature Park Development @ Sapling Grove Apartments	Denver	12	● ■
SEPT 21	Shurview Natural Area Trail Construction @ Greeley - Day 2: A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project	Greeley	16	■
SEPT 21-22	ASL-Supported: Trail Construction @ Cal-Wood Education Center	Jamestown	12	■
SEPT 22	Shurview Natural Area Trail Construction @ Greeley - Day 3: A Mike O'Brien Memorial Project	Greeley	16	■
SEPT 24	Community Food Garden Harvest @ Harvard Gulch Park	Denver	8	●
SEPT 25	Community Food Garden Harvest @ Observatory Park	Denver	8	●
SEPT 26	▲ 40th Anniv.   Community Food Garden Harvest @ Civic Center Park	Denver	8	●
SEPT 28	Trail Maintenance @ Axton Ranch	Coal Creek	16	■ ◆
SEPT 28-29	▲ 40th Anniv.   Perimeter Trail Maintenance @ Ouray: A Steve Austin Memorial Project	Ouray	16	■
SEPT 28-29	Trail Construction @ Greenie Mountain	Monte Vista	16	■ ◆

# OCTOBER

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OCT 2	Community Food Garden Harvest @ Governor's Mansion	Denver	8	●
OCT 5	Forest Health & Fuels Reduction @ Berrian Mountain Park	Evergreen	18	◆
OCT 9	Community Food Garden Harvest @ Community Ministry	Denver	8	●
OCT 12	Russian Olive Removal @ Greeley	Greeley	18	■ ◆
OCT 12-13	Trail Maintenance @ Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	Cortez	16	■
OCT 15	TBD Trail Work @ Boulder	Boulder	14	■
OCT 19-20	▲ 40th Anniv.   ADA Trail Improvements @ Ridgway State Park	Ridgway	14	■
OCT 26	Russian Olive Removal @ Brighton	Brighton	18	■ ◆
OCT 26-27	Noxious Weed Removal @ Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area	Grand Junction	18	■ ◆
NOV 2	▲ 40th Anniv.   OctOOLberfest	Lakewood	18	■
TBD	Volunteer Awards & Appreciation Volunteer on 3+ projects this year to snag an invite to this annual event!	TBD	--	🔥

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**REGISTER FOR A PROJECT TODAY AT VOLUNTEERVOC.ORG**

More projects coming soon! After registering, you can expect project-specific information and updates.



**JOIN THE VOC GIVING COMMUNITY**



Your gift supports your favorite local trails and parks across the state. Your donation will keep us moving forward together!

Support the 2024 project season at [voc.org/support-voc](https://voc.org/support-voc)

## STAY INFORMED AND INSPIRED

Sign up for VOC's newsletter and follow along on social media @voc\_colorado to stay up-to-date on new projects, fun ways to get engaged, and more.



To register or learn more about a project, visit [volunteervoc.org](https://volunteervoc.org) or call 303-715-1010 ext. 111.

Group, youth, and corporate volunteer opportunities available.





# HERE'S TO 40 MORE

## 2024 MARKS FOUR DECADES OF:

- Committed volunteers
- Relentless hard work
- Community building
- Positive impacts on Colorado's environment

Over the years, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) has worked hard to intentionally evolve with shifting environmental and community needs. What started as a 3-project season in 1984 has grown to a nearly 100-project season in 2024. And it won't stop there.

2024 is a year of celebrating past, present, and future volunteers, donors, partners, and supporters who make up the heart of the organization. The VOC community is driven by the shared goal to leave a positive impact on the people and places that make Colorado so special.

There's a lot left to do; so many people to engage and so many natural spaces to protect. Join VOC this season to keep the momentum going for another 40 years and beyond.



## DISCOVER NEW PLACES. LEARN NEW SKILLS. MEET NEW PEOPLE.

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) provides fun and meaningful volunteer experiences for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to help care for Colorado's incredible outdoor spaces.

VOC hosts everything from half-day planting projects in Denver to overnight camping projects in the mountains to youth-friendly single day projects. Find what's right for you!



## VOLUNTEER WITH VOC!

Need help finding the right fit? Contact [abby@voc.org](mailto:abby@voc.org), call 303-715-1010 ext. 111, or visit [volunteervoc.org](http://volunteervoc.org).

### Not interested in getting your hands in the dirt? VOC has other volunteer opportunities, too.

- Support volunteer chefs on overnight projects
- Photograph VOC projects and events
- Provide assistance with office & administrative needs
- Help manage VOC's tool cache
- And more



### Free to volunteer

All you need is a good attitude and closed-toe shoes.



### No training needed

VOC will teach you what you need to know.



### No long-term commitment

Sign up for as few or as many projects as you'd like.



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# THE 2024 VOLUNTEER SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Celebrate VOC's 40th anniversary with special projects and events. It will be a year filled with incredible opportunities to get outside and give back.

- Revisit VOC's first-ever project site at Second Creek Trail
- Celebrate VOC's 3rd Annual Pride Month Project and 6th Annual Women's Project
- Break a sweat working on trail improvements on three Fourteeners
- Help protect endangered species with habitat restoration efforts
- Visit hidden gems across the state
- Party like it's 1984
- And so much more!

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