Adopt-a-Spot Code of Conduct for Volunteer Groups

As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I understand that my participation in this program is volunteer based and I will not be paid for my time and services. I also recognize that my participation and my team’s participation is voluntary and if at any point I and my team need to terminate our partnership, we will notify the volunteer coordinator of this.

As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I and my team will respect the area in which our partnership focuses. I and my team will be good stewards and advocates for the program as well as advocates for the conservation and restoration plans set forth by Salt Lake City Parks and Public Lands and partnering non-profit organizations.

As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I am committing to one year of volunteer work in the adopted area. I promise that my team and I will engage in at least one project per month in our adopted area. Whether we focus on maintenance and conservation projects, community outreach and information projects, or citizen science projects, I and my team will give at least two to three hours of service per month. I recognize that the months in which this varies is November through February due to weather. However, I recognize that between March and October, I and my team will commit to two to three hours per month or 16 to 24 hours of service per year.

As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I promise to stay engaged with the program and to keep in touch monthly with the volunteer coordinator. I will send all planned Adopt-a-Spot event details to the volunteer coordinator at least one week in advance and will check in within three days after each event with a post-project summary. As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I realize that if I do not maintain contact with the volunteer coordinator for two months, I and my team will be removed from the program and any recognition signs in our adopted area will be removed.

As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I understand that my team does not have sole adoption rights in the area in which we work. I recognize that other adopters may steward and volunteer events take place in the same location I and my team are volunteering. I understand this will be based upon specific site needs as deemed appropriate by city staff. I recognize that recognition signage will reflect all partners in an area.

 As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I understand that I can borrow supplies and tools from Salt Lake City Corporation for projects. I understand that if I and my team need to borrow supplies, I must notify the volunteer coordinator at least two weeks in advance. I understand that I am responsible for the supplies checked out during volunteer projects and that if any supplies go missing or are damaged, I and my team will be held responsible for replacing them.

As an Adopt-a-Spot volunteer, I will participate in all necessary trainings and will encourage members of my team to attend trainings as well.

Finally, I understand that Parks and Public Lands in conjunction with Service in the City has discretion to cancel any Adopt-a-Spot partnership at any time. I understand that the program is under no obligation to renew any partnership for the same location and/or with any group.

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