

HPHC Las Vegas Shine City Project: Planting Trees on Mt. Charleston

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On April 30, 2022, in celebration of Arbor Day, Shine City Project helped to plant trees at Mt. Charleston! Our Shine City Project volunteers joined a couple hundred volunteers from other organizations, groups, families, and individuals in order to help plant ponderosa pine saplings in various areas of Mt. Charleston. Our volunteers made our way to the Cathedral Rock Picnic Area where we met some staff members for the event. After signing in and receiving some orientation and guidance, our group grabbed some gloves, shovels, watering cans, and ponderosa saplings, and we were ready to begin!



Trekking up a nearby slope, our Shine City Project volunteers broke up into small groups and looked for areas worthy of a new sapling. We looked for spots that were open and not so dense and rocky, and places

that could receive enough sunlight. Additionally, we had to be mindful of not planting directly into areas with a lot of foot traffic in order to prevent our saplings from being stepped on. With this in mind, we could give our saplings a greater chance for survival.



Once a nice spot has been located, we broke the Earth with our shovels and made way for a new sapling! After a hole was made deep enough, we placed the sapling into the hole and moved the dirt back in. Finally, we provided some water for our thirsty sapling and moved on to the next location! In the end, our group of nine volunteers helped to plant around 40 or so saplings! We hope our saplings will quickly grow well into mighty ponderosa pine trees in the future! We enjoyed our time at Mt. Charleston!

