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Greetings,



FRIENDS OF THE FOREST WELCOME EVENT

OCTOBER 15, 2025 2:00 P.M.

RED ROCK RANGER STATION

On October 15, starting at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building of the Red Rock Ranger Station, Friends of the Forest (FOF) will host a Welcome Event. This event is free and open to the public, particularly new residents looking for rewarding volunteer opportunities. Friends of the Forest is a long-time partner of KSB and has received many Awards of Excellence, most recently to their Graffiti Removal and Cultural Resources Site Documentation teams.

At this event, you'll learn about Friends of the Forest and the activities you can volunteer for. You'll hear from District Ranger Alex Schlueter about the value FOF brings to the Forest Service, from our Friends of the Forest President, Melissa Pontike about the benefits of membership, and from our Volunteers about the FOF activities they are doing.

FOF supports the Red Rock District by assisting in the maintenance of trails, educating visitors at the Red Rock Visitor Center, removing graffiti, reducing damage caused by human impact, engaging in research projects as citizen scientists, enhancing the outdoor experience for all, and more. It provides a way for volunteers to establish long-lasting friendships while contributing to the community and making a real difference. FOF offers volunteer opportunities for everyone: inside or out, alone or with others, easy or strenuous.

Friends of the Forest is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that has just reached 700 members. Those volunteers put in more hours per year than any other Forest Service group in the country, reflecting a vital, constantly renewing organization making significant contributions to the community.

To help protect and preserve the beauty of Red Rock Country, please join Friends of the Forest on Wednesday, October 15 at the Red Rock Ranger Station, 8375 State Route 179, at 2:00 pm. Committee Chairs will be there to answer any questions you may have. For more information about Friends of the Forest, please visit www.friendsoftheforestsedona.org.

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