

Trail Happenings

Steward Moab

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What is Steward Moab?

Steward Moab is a newly established nonprofit organization created to continue and expand the **Moab Trail Ambassador Program**. Its leadership team is the same group that built the Moab Trail Ambassador Program into an award-winning, nationally and globally recognized model for visitor engagement, stewardship, and community collaboration. As a result, the program's long-standing partnerships, trusted relationships, and collaborative leadership approach remain firmly in place as Steward Moab moves forward.

Steward Moab leadership has helped launch a variety of projects that support Moab's recreation community and improve the dissemination of important visitor information. These efforts include the Back From Beyond Podcast, a visitor planning video tool, the Moab Guide Summit, and a regional human waste education initiative - each designed to assist the community in enhancing visitor experiences and protect the landscape that makes the Moab area unique.

Back from Beyond Podcast

Back From Beyond Podcast has won an award! The award recognizes Molly Marcello's talent in producing quality programming that highlights the dedication of Grand County Search and Rescue. Molly's storytelling is captivating, powerful, and immersive. It draws listeners into the heart of search and rescue missions and the challenges of backcountry safety. She skillfully narrates the human moments of these experiences, highlighting the commitment of the Grand County Search and Rescue team and the very important message to always be prepared for emergencies in the rugged Moab landscape.



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Listen to Back from Beyond

Pick your team. Make your impact. Shape the story. For our local and visiting community, we have a fun opportunity! We're curious what story the Moab community wants to hear! We have a donation opportunity, where you can donate to specific rescue stories, create teams and pick the topic of a Season 2 episode.



Donate to Back From Beyond to make a season two possible!

Best Day Ever Film Screening with adaptive athlete Greg Durso & local trail designer Tyson Swasey

Steward Moab, in partnership with the Kelly Brush Foundation, will host a screening of the award-winning documentary *Best Day Ever* on Thursday, April 10, 2026, in Moab, Utah. The evening will feature the film followed by a live panel discussion with Greg Durso, adaptive mountain biker and Program Director at the Kelly Brush Foundation, and Tyson Swasey, a local Moab trail builder at the forefront of adaptive trail development in the region.

Best Day Ever is a critically acclaimed short documentary that follows adaptive mountain bikers Greg Durso and Allie Bianchi as they navigate daily life with disability and discover freedom, connection, and joy through riding in Vermont's Green Mountains. The film has earned more than a dozen festival awards and official selections internationally, including Audience Choice honors and Best Mountain Sports Film recognition.

The event marks a meaningful intersection of film and community — spotlighting Moab's growing role as a destination committed to expanding outdoor access for all people.

This portion of the event is supported by: Kelly Brush Foundation Moab to Monument Valley Film Commission Steward Moab



Purchase ticket here

Day Two

Trail Work Day with Grand County Active Transportation & Trails and Moab Trail Mix Committee

The morning after the Best Day Ever screening, Moab's Spring Spruce Up on Saturday, April 11 puts volunteers to work across nine trail and stewardship projects — from adaptive cycling trail maintenance with GCATT and raptor route upkeep at Sand Flats, to tree planting, fencing, weed management, and rock work at sites spanning Onion Creek, Indian Creek, Utahraptor State Park, and beyond.

Volunteers gather at the MARC from 8–9 a.m. for coffee and project sign-ups, head out by 9 a.m., and wrap around 3 p.m. That evening, return to the MARC at 5 p.m. for a celebration dinner from Spitfire Smokehouse, prize drawings, and live music. Volunteers can also snag a spot on a free Sunday mountain bike shuttle up Sand Flats Road, provided by Whole Enchilada Shuttle Company and Western Spirit Cycling Adventures.



Register here

This portion of the event is supported by: Grand County Active Transportation & Trails, City of Moab, Moab Trail Mix Committee, The Landmark Project

National Recreation Trail Photo Awards

Two of Steward Moab's photos have won the 2025 National Recreation Trails Photo Contest for Trail Safety and Training and Education. Conveying the work of Steward Moab is challenging, and Corie Spruill provided a visual perspective that accurately represents daily efforts. Her photos capture the meaningful connections staff build with visitors and the landscape. These awards directly recognize her talent in illustrating those connections and Steward Moab was fortunate to be the focus of her work.

These photos offer a glimpse into a job that requires daily connection with hundreds of people. Multiply these moments by 40,000+, and that's roughly how many conversations the Moab Trail Ambassador team has with visitors each year. A 2023 evaluation of the Program showed that Ambassadors enhanced visitors' experiences. Staff are trained to foster positive interactions with the Moab landscape, reinforcing learning and connection through Moab-branded incentives available only through engagement with our team. Each year, Steward Moab updates on-trail stewardship to encourage visitors to return and continue connecting with our program.

Receiving international, national, and state recognition acknowledges the type of engagement Steward Moab prioritizes: thoughtful and personal interactions at high-use sites like Corona Arch.



NRT Photo - Training and Education



NRT Photo - Trail Safety

Grand County Trail Mix and the City of Moab

SPRING SPRUCE UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026
MOAB, UT

A day of service for our parks, trails, and recreational resources

Friday 6:30pm: Screening of 'Best Day Ever'

- @Star Hall,
- Pre-Event cost: \$5 children, \$15 adult. Door Cost: \$10 children, \$20 adult
- See attached flyer for more details!

Saturday 8am: Coffee and Project Sign Up

- @The MARC

Saturday 9am-3pm: Work Day!

Saturday 5pm-8pm: Appreciation Celebration

- @The MARC

Sunday 12:30pm: Free Bike Shuttle for Volunteers!

- Raptor Route Shuttle Provided by Whole Enchilada Shuttle and Western Spirit!

Movie Tickets Here:

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STEWARD MOAB presents

BACK FROM BEYOND

MOAB SEARCH & RESCUE STORIES

Recognizing the work of Produced by

To foster responsible connection to Moab's public lands through education and collaborations that protect and enhance non-motorized and motorized recreation experiences for all

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