

# CITY OF IDAHO FALLS



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## City to Celebrate Arbor Day

### Volunteers Sought to Assist With Tree Planting at Rock Garden Amphitheatre

**Idaho Falls, Idaho, April 16, 2013** – Residents and visitors are welcome to help celebrate Arbor Day with the Idaho Falls Shade Tree Committee on Friday, May 10 at 10:00am in the Rock Garden Amphitheatre in Taylor's Crossing just off of Pancheri Drive next to the Snake River.

The new rock garden is the site of this year's Arbor Day tree planting celebration as work continues on the landscaping and planting of more than 12 trees and 200 perennials.

"The City of Idaho Falls is dedicated to the preservation and care of our urban forest and is proud of being named a Tree City USA from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year," said Greg A. Weitzel, Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation. "We hope folks will come out and help us celebrate by planting trees at this great location", he added.

Volunteers are encouraged and welcome to help with the planting as several species of trees will be planted that are appropriate for the new park to add beauty, shade and protection from the wind for the green belt walking trail.

**What:** Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration

**Where:** Rock Garden Amphitheater  
Taylors Crossing at Pancheri Bridge  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

**When:** Friday, May 10, 2103 10:00 a.m.

**Arbor Day:** <http://www.arborday.org/>

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit conservation and education organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, celebrate and nurture trees. It began in 1972 and is now one of the world's largest nonprofit conservation organizations dedicated to planting trees. It also recognizes more than 3,300 communities nationwide with Tree City USA status. The Foundation plants and distributes more than 10 million trees each year.

**Idaho Falls Shade Tree Committee:** <http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/>

Idaho Falls is an official Tree City USA. To maintain status, the city must celebrate Arbor Day and establish a Shade Tree Committee to govern tree ordinances and organize the Arbor Day event annually. The committee consists of seven members. Contact Matt Hill, Chairman for more information.

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### **About Idaho Falls:**

Situated along the Snake River at the western edge of the world famous Rocky Mountains, Idaho Falls has all the features of big city living, but still embraces a small town charm. Our skyline consists of the majestic Teton Mountain Range, and in our backyard is the world's most famous park - Yellowstone.

As the regional center for healthcare, shopping, and entertainment, Idaho Falls is attractive to small and large businesses alike and consistently finds itself listed in the top ten rankings of many prestigious magazines, newspapers and professional community research publications.



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