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Hello Friend,

All of a sudden it became summer in Prescott! One day we had the heat on in the office and then the next day we were digging the air-conditioners out of winter storage. This time of year, we're always blessed with flowers blooming and the hillsides greening up - this year more so than others. In the yard at the office we've always had mariposa lilies. While I haven't seen them yet, we do have a number of beardlip penstemons (*Penstemon barbatus*) that are providing a nice show. And, just the other day, we met a garter snake down by the creek.



Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup

It's that time of year when we all want to be outside. This year has been a bit different due to COVID-19 and we've created a way for folks to get outside and lend a helping hand.

The [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#) is an online campaign held throughout May (before our rescheduled Cleanup on September 19) where people can get outside and make a difference. You can help Prescott Creeks by visiting local creeks and waterways, documenting conditions, and sharing the results. Annual cleanups have yielded an average of almost 3 tons of trash and debris. Almost 6,000 volunteers collected 48.7 tons over 13 years. Can't get out in the field, but still want to be involved? [Donate to make a difference](#). [Complete the](#)



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How Participate In the Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup

1. *Go Outside with Purpose & Intent*
2. *Collect Information*
3. *Collect Trash*
4. *Like, Follow, & Share on Social Media*
what you find with the following tags:
[#VirtualGraniteCreekCleanup](#)
[#PrescottCreeks](#)
5. [Submit a form found](#) on the Prescott Creeks website to document your participation

Those submitting a form or making a donation during the **Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup** will be entered to win a prize!

Full [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#) details are available at the Prescott Creeks website.

#GivingTuesdayNow

[form](#) or [donate](#) on our website to be entered in a weekly drawing to win a prize.



Keeping [CDC recommendations for social and physical distancing](#) in mind (groups of 10 or less with 6 foot spacing, and masks recommended), visit local creeks and waterways during the month of May.

The [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#) offers citizens and Prescott Creeks the unique opportunity to get outside during the COVID-19 crisis (that resulted in rescheduling of the Granite Creek Cleanup September 19, 2020). A major challenge for Prescott Creeks is to identify areas most in need of attention during the Cleanup event. Volunteers during the [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#) can walk the creeks and document conditions with photographs, videos, narrative descriptions, and stories. Share these with Prescott Creeks through our Facebook event [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#).



We chose May 5th as the kick-off day for the [Virtual Granite Creek Cleanup](#) because it coincides with [#GivingTuesdayNow](#), a global day of giving and unity created as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19.

[#GivingTuesdayNow](#) is an additional day of giving and does not replace the December event planned for 2020.

Support Creeks in many ways:



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[Volunteer](#)



[Donate](#)

You can make a difference by contributing in one of the ways above. Please visit www.PrescottCreeks.org for more info.



Prescott Creeks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to achieve healthy watersheds and clean waters in central Arizona for the benefit of people and wildlife through protection, restoration, education and advocacy.

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