

UIMF Participates in UVU Tree Logging Service Project for the Be the Change Tour



On October 25, 2018 the Utah Valley University's (UVU) Social Impact club invited Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) members and other UVU students to participate in a tree logging service project for the Be The Change Tour. In this service project, students were assigned into different groups and designated areas to map all of the trees on campus and create data points to help UVU become an accredited tree

campus. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, 5 standards have to be met to become officially recognized as a tree campus. For standard 1 the college or university must have a Campus Tree Advisory Committee which must include at least one representative from each audience listed including; a student, faculty member, facility manager, and a community member. Standard 2 includes a Campus Tree Care Plan that is well thought out and includes goals and a sustainability plan. The 3rd standard must also include a Campus Tree Program with dedicated annual expenditures. Standard 4 requires an Arbor Day observance and lastly, to comply with standard 5 the college or university must have a service learning project that involves all members from the audiences previously listed. UVU has strived to complete all of these standards and is now nationally recognized as a tree campus.

As a UIMF member, it was a rewarding experience to participate in this service project and great cause. It was especially a great service project to be involved with to continue the celebration of Sustainability Week at UVU. The main agenda of UIMF is sustainable development or sustainability, partnering with the United Nations in their 17 Sustainable Development Goals to further implement sustainable life around the globe. Because that is our agenda or mission statement, Sustainability Week has definitely been our forte and has given us ample amounts of opportunity to raise awareness to our club. This week has given us a gateway to let students and faculty at UVU know who we are and what we are all about. Participating in the tree logging event not only allowed us to participate in a sustainable development activity, but it also gave us connections with other clubs on campus. I really believe everyone, including myself, benefited from playing a role in this significant event. Being able to serve others and my university was very rewarding. Being involved with this will benefit many for years to come and has undoubtedly contributed to the goals of sustainable development.

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