
POINT-IN-TIME COUNT 2026

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

JANUARY 29 - 31

4:00 AM - 6:00 AM



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT 2026

VOLUNTEER AGENDA

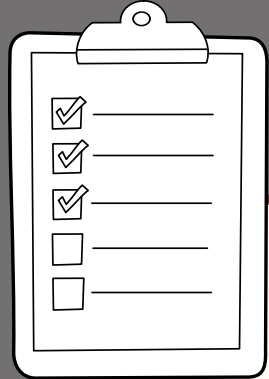
- **PIT BACKGROUND & GOALS**
 - **SALT LAKE VALLEY OVERVIEW**
 - **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - **SPECIAL POPULATIONS**
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“ACCURATELY COUNTING UTAHNS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IS CRITICAL, AND WE RELY HEAVILY ON VOLUNTEERS TO GATHER RELIABLE DATA. WITH THE HELP OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS, WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITHOUT SHELTER ACROSS THE STATE.”

-WAYNE NIEDERHAUSER 2025 UTAH STATE HOMELESS COORDINATOR



PIT BACKGROUND



THE POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT IS A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO ASSESS THE ISSUES AND IMPACT FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. THIS NATIONWIDE EFFORT IS PRIORITIZED, ORGANIZED, AND IMPLEMENTED BY STATE AND LOCAL CONTINUUMS OF CARE (COCS) AS IT OFFERS KEY INSIGHTS INTO THE CAUSES, CIRCUMSTANCES, AND POPULATION IMPACT.



VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT REGION-WIDE PIT COUNTS TO A SINGLE-NIGHT ASSESSMENT OF THE HOMELESS SITUATION IN THE COUNTY, STATE, AND NATIONWIDE. FOR THREE DAYS, VOLUNTEERS GATHER INFORMATION IN A COORDINATED EFFORT REGARDING A PERSON'S HOMELESS SITUATION PERTAINING TO THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 28, 2026. VOLUNTEERS ALSO OFFER USEFUL ITEMS LIKE WARM CLOTHING AND FOOD DURING THESE INTERACTIONS.

PIT BACKGROUND

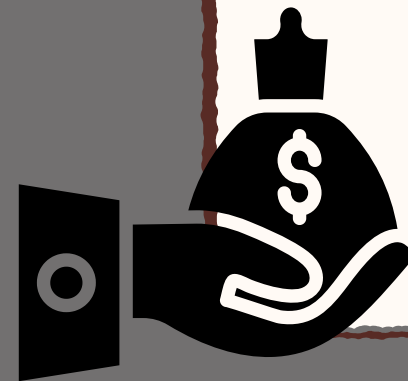


POLICY

- COUNT OF BOTH SHELTERED AND UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS
 - HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT
 - COUNTS AT EMERGENCY SHELTER FACILITIES
- ONE POINT OF DATA, NOT THE ONLY POINT

INFORMS

- FUNDING FROM FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SOURCES
- WINTER PLANNING AND SYSTEM CAPACITY NEEDS

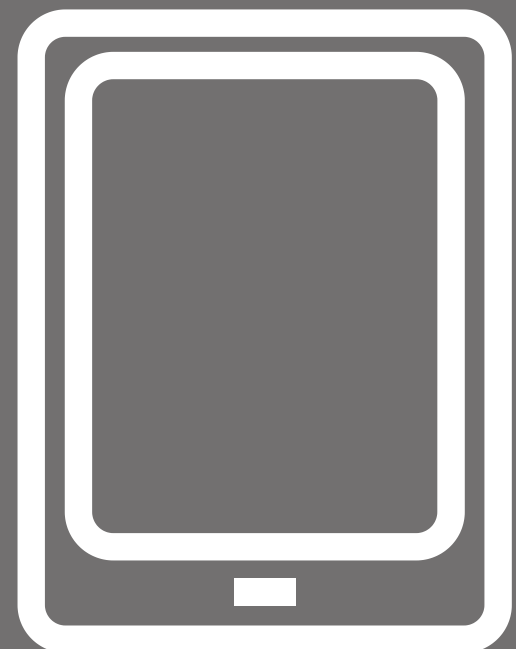




**PIT
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- **TEAM COORDINATION**
- **APP USAGE**
- **MINI-TRAININGS OVERVIEW**
- **HOW TO COUNT**
- **MAPS AND THE COVERAGE OF CENSUS TRACT AREAS**
- **REPORTING TRACT COMPLETION**
- **TEAM PICTURES**

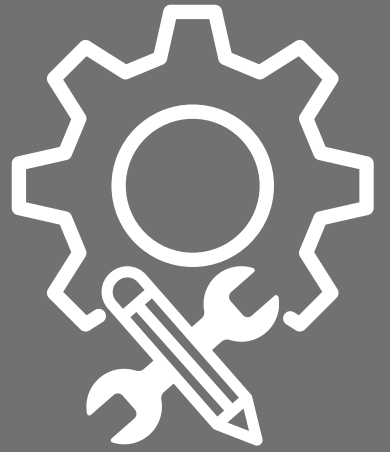


TEAM COORDINATION



- **EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A TEAM AND TRACT ASSIGNMENT VIA EMAIL.**
 - **AMONGST YOUR TEAM, PLEASE ORGANIZE A MEETING POINT, PREPARE TOGETHER AND ENSURE YOUR PACKET AND SUPPLIES ARE PICKED UP.**
 - **NO ONE GOES ALONE.**
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MINI TRAININGS OVERVIEW



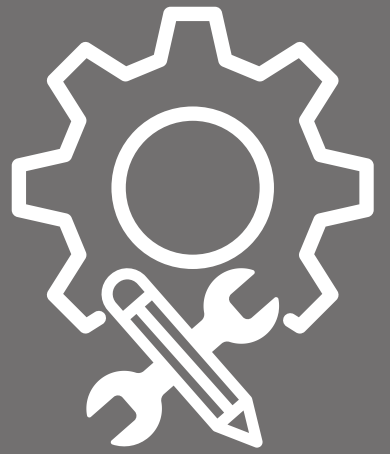
ON THE PIT WEBSITE, YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING MINI-TRAININGS:

- 2026 PIT VOLUNTEER TRAINING
- YOUTH ACTION BOARD (YAB) WEBSITE — INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS
- VETERAN HOMELESSNESS
- HOMELESSNESS ALONG THE JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY
- FROSTBITE INFO POSTER (WARNING: GRAPHIC IMAGES)
- A TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH TO PIT

REMINDER, THERE IS A CONTEST FOR WATCHING THE MINI-TRAININGS

MINI TRAININGS OVERVIEW

FOUNDATIONS OF T.R.U.S.T.



T **TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH** IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND THOSE YOU'RE SERVING.

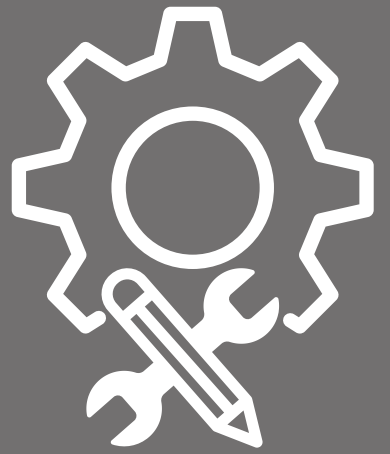
R **RESPECT** WILL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO DURING YOUR ENGAGEMENTS WITH CLIENTS.

U **UNDERSTANDING** YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTAND YOUR CLIENTS & THAT IS OKAY. STAY CALM & DO THE BEST YOU CAN W/ WHAT YOU'VE GOT.

S **SAFETY** IS THE TOP PRIORITY! IF IT DOESN'T SEEM SAFE THEN IT ISN'T. YOU CAN'T SERVE YOUR CLIENTS IF YOU'RE INJURED.

T **TRUST YOUR GUT!** YOUR INTUITION IS YOUR STRONGEST TOOL, LISTEN TO IT.

PIT POINTERS



FIRST TIMERS?

WELCOME! DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO YOUR PIT LEAD WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

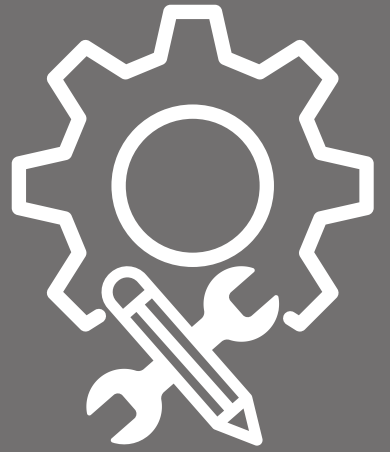
TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH

IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF ANYONE IS IN A TENT, CAMPER OR CAMP ALWAYS ANNOUNCE YOURSELF BEFORE APPROACHING A CAMP. WHETHER THEY ANSWER OR NOT, PLEASE KEEP YOUR SAFETY AND T.R.U.S.T TRAINING IN MIND.

TECH SUPPORT

FOR ANY TECHNICAL QUESTIONS OR ISSUES, OUR OHS DATA TEAM WILL BE ON STANDBY TO ASSIST YOU. YOU CAN REACH THEM DIRECTLY AT THE NUMBER LISTED HERE: 385-481-8368.
(ALSO FOUND IN PACKETS)

PIT POINTERS



PIT COUNT SURVEY VS. VISUAL COUNT

ALWAYS CONDUCT A PIT SURVEY WITH PARTICIPANTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. A VISUAL COUNT SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN THE APP AS A LAST RESORT WHEN IT'S NOT REASONABLE OR SAFE TO CONDUCT A PIT SURVEY INSTEAD.

BE PREPARED

BE ON TIME, HAVE YOUR COLD WEATHER GEAR AND CLOTHING READY, YOUR CELL PHONE CHARGED AND THE PIT COUNT SURVEY APP READY TO GO ON THE MORNING OF THE PIT COUNT. BRING A BACKPACK FOR SUPPLIES!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS

WE LOVE HAVING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS INVOLVED IN THE PIT COUNT. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME OUT AND VOLUNTEER FOR OUR 2027 EVENT.

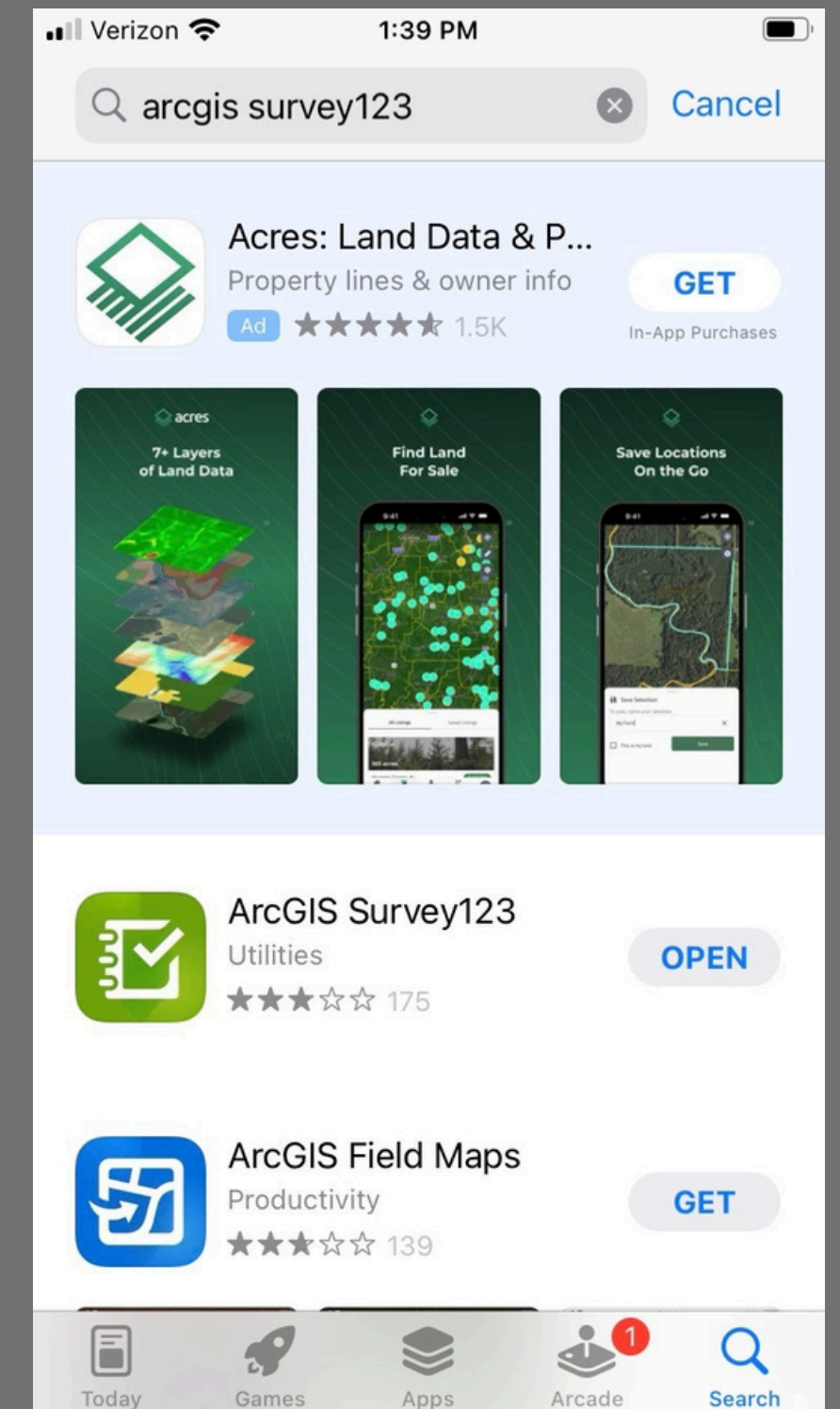
YOUR PIT CHECKLIST



- ✓ • LOAD THE GIS APP ON YOUR PHONE AND CHARGE YOUR PHONE COMPLETELY
 - ✓ • HAVE PAPER SURVEYS AS BACK-UP (DON'T FORGET A PEN!)
 - ✓ • ENSURE YOU HAVE CONTACTS INFO FOR YOUR PIT LEADS
 - ✓ • BRING WATER AND SNACKS FOR YOURSELF AS WELL AS SUPPLIES YOU PICKED UP FROM US
 - ✓ • BRING A BACKPACK FOR SUPPLIES!
 - ✓ • DRESS IN LAYERS APPROPRIATE FOR WEATHER
 - ✓ • KNOW WHAT AREA YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO SURVEY
 - ✓ • REMEMBER T.R.U.S.T.
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APP USAGE

1. LOCATE YOUR PHONE'S APP STORE
2. TYPE IN ARCGIS SURVEY123
3. SELECT GET, DOWNLOAD OR INSTALL
OR "OPEN" IF YOU ALREADY HAVE THE APP
DOWNLOADED



4. OPEN ARCGIS SURVEY123 ONCE YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE APP

5. SELECT ALLOW

- **THIS WILL ALLOW THE APPLICATION TO SCAN THE QR CODE PROVIDED IN THESE SLIDES FOR THE 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT SURVEY**
- **YOU WILL NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY PHOTOS AND CAN CHANGE THE ACCESS TO THIS SETTING ONCE YOU HAVE SCANNED AND DOWNLOADED THE QR CODE**



6. SELECT ALLOW WHILE USING APP

1. THIS WILL HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND WHERE
OUTREACH TEAMS CAN OFFER RESOURCES AND HELP
WITH DATA DE-DUPLICATION

7. SELECT CONTINUE WITHOUT SIGNING IN

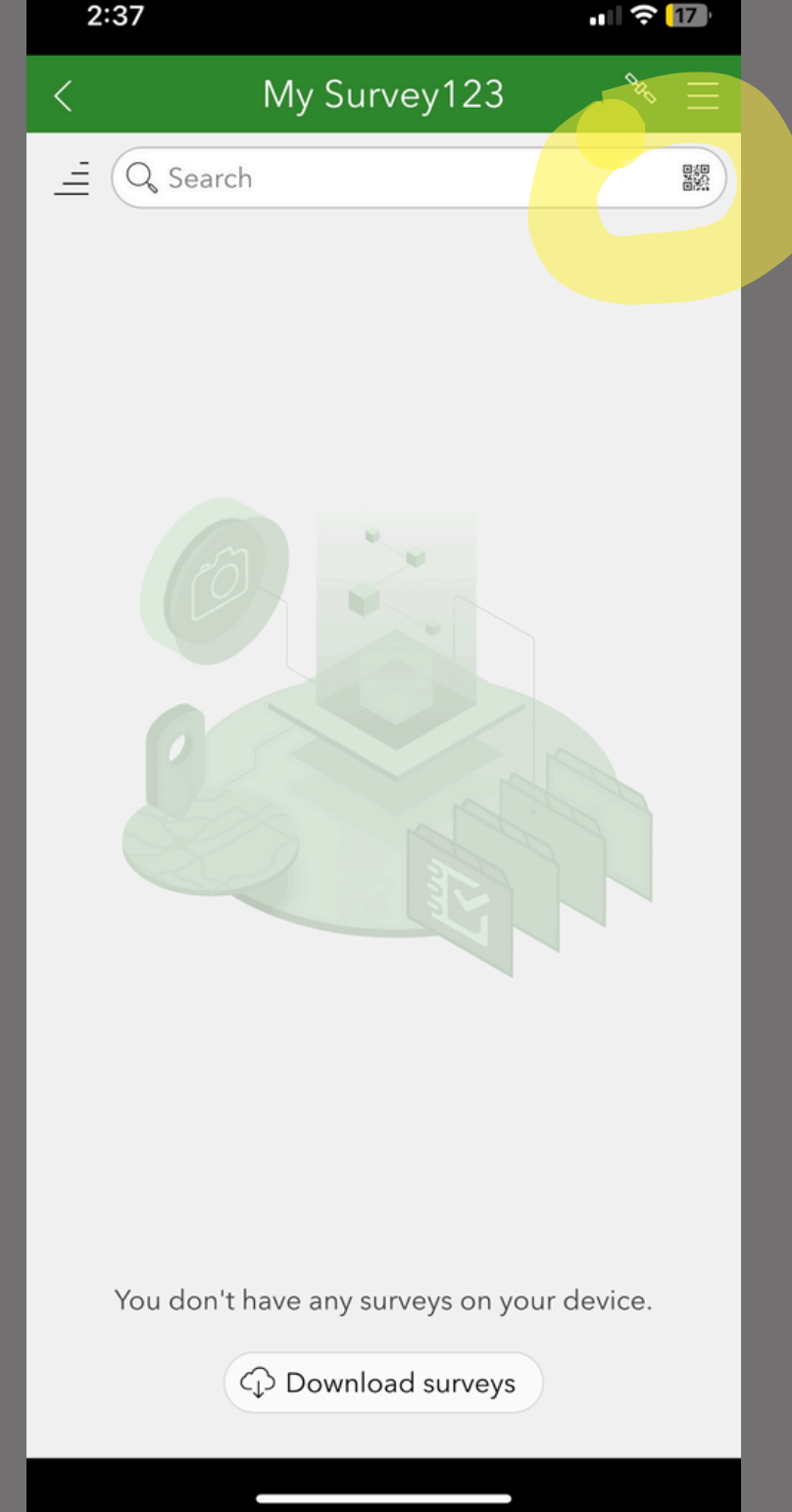


8. DOWNLOAD THE 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT SURVEY

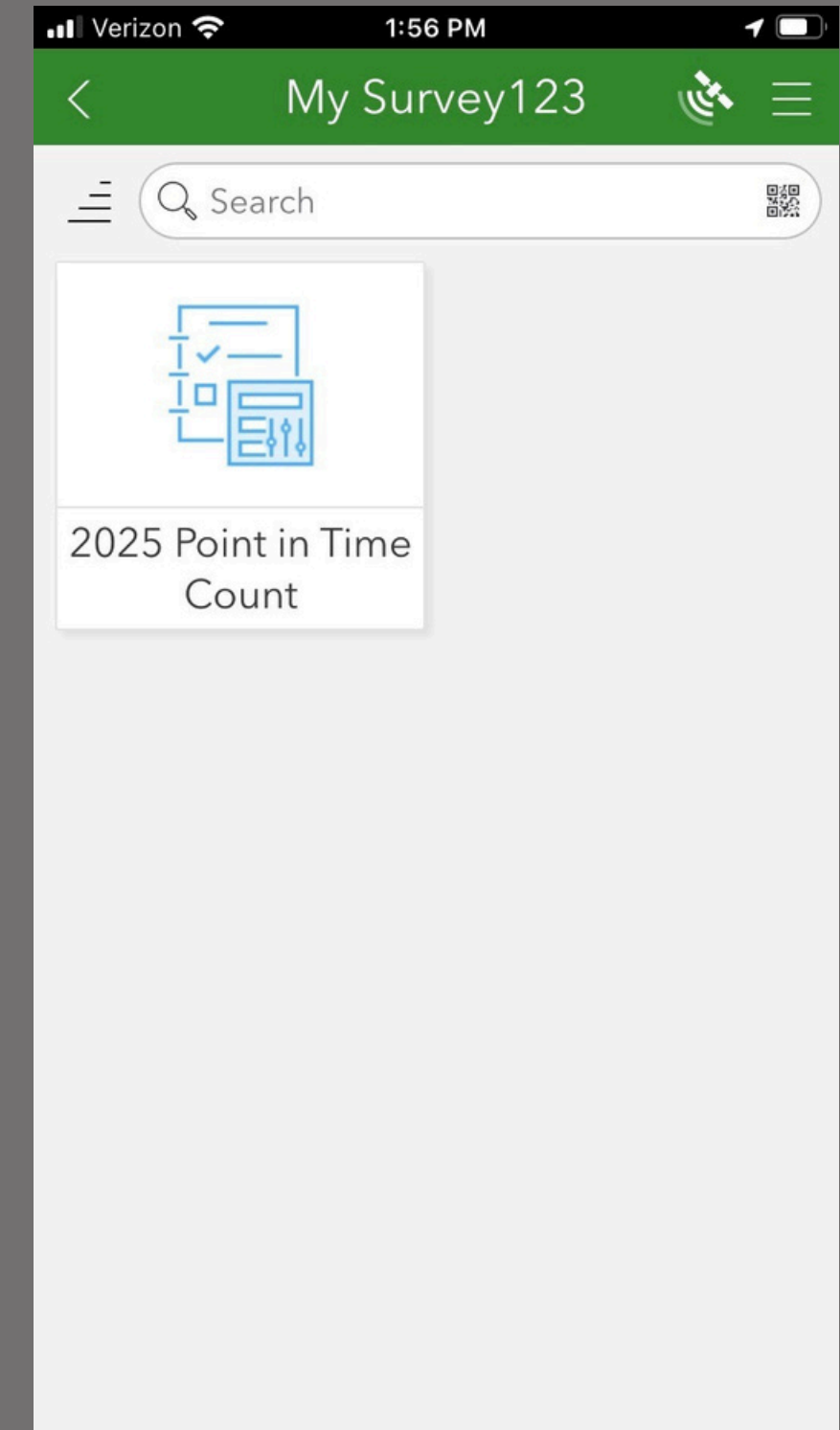
- SELECT THE QR CODE ICON LOCATED AT THE END OF THE SEARCH BAR

A. IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE POINT IN TIME COUNT IN PREVIOUS YEARS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SURVEY IS UP TO DATE BY SELECTING: UPDATES AVAILABLE (IF APPLICABLE, IT WILL BE LOCATED ABOVE THE SEARCH BAR):

ALLOW THE APPLICATION TO USE YOUR CAMERA TO SCAN THE 2026 PIT COUNT SURVEY QR CODE:



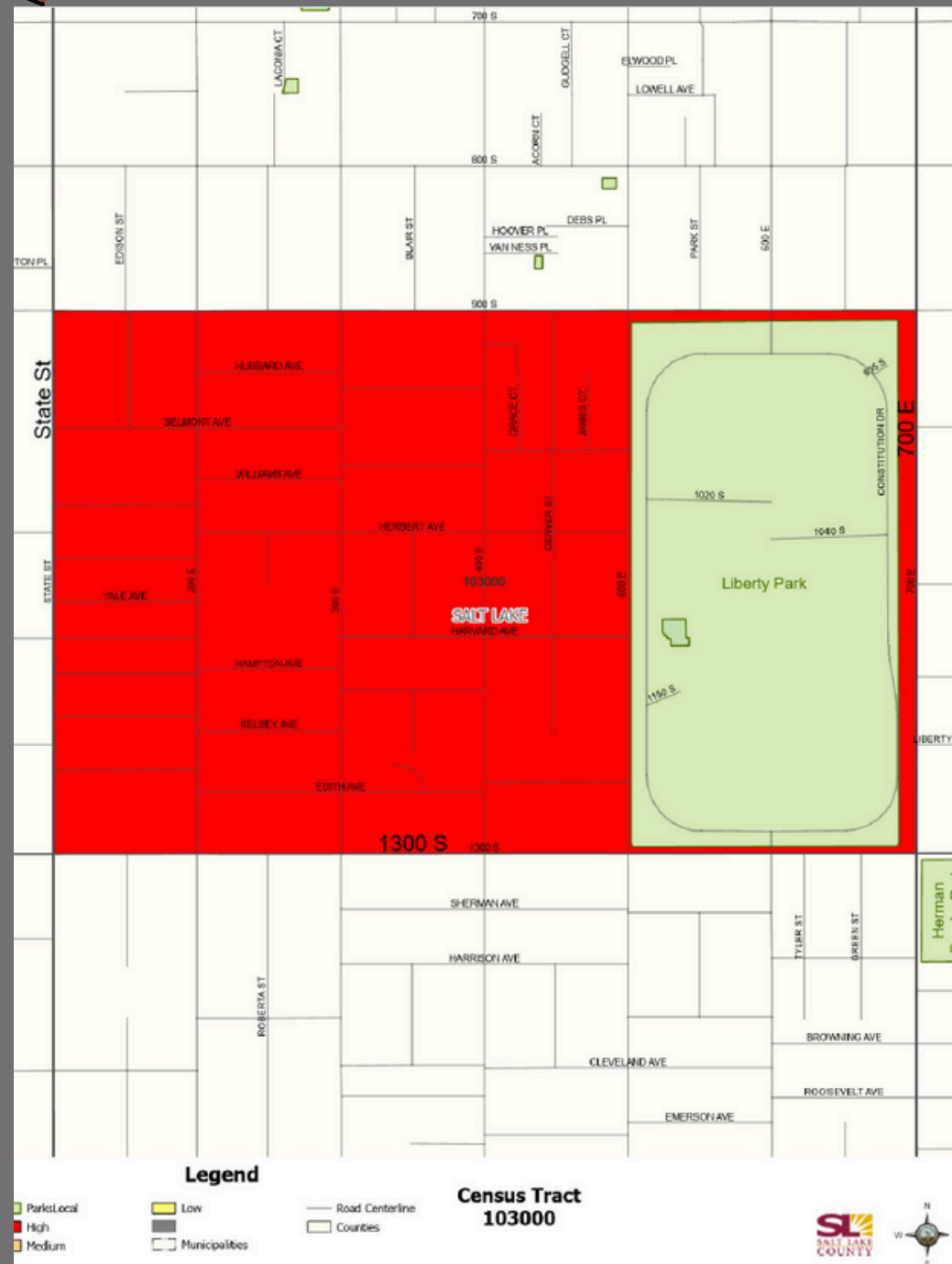
9. ONCE YOU HAVE SCANNED AND DOWNLOADED THE 2026 POINT IN TIME COUNT, YOUR SCREEN WILL LOOK LIKE THIS:



HOW **COUNT**

- **VEHICLES**
 - **PEOPLE WHO CHOOSE TO NOT RESPOND**
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MAPS & CENSUS TRACTS



THIS IS A SAMPLE, TRACT, WHICH YOU ALL HAVE IN YOUR PACKETS.

- **ONLY COVER BRIGHTLY COLORED AREA**
- **GREEN AREAS ARE PARKS AND SHOULD BE COVERED IF THEY ARE INSIDE OF YOUR COLORED AREA**
- **LOW DENSITY EXPECTATIONS**

REPORTING TRACT COMPLETION

ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED A TRACT YOU SHOULD CALL HOMEBASE AND REPORT THE TRACT COMPLETE. YOU WILL HAVE THIS CONTACT IN YOUR PACKET.

VIRTUAL - [HTTPS://SLCO.WEBEX.COM/SLCO/J.PHP?MTID=M07B1FACF2DE0D93AA9E3BF3A0AB1E4B5](https://slco.webex.com/slco/j.php?mtid=M07B1FACF2DE0D93AA9E3BF3A0AB1E4B5)

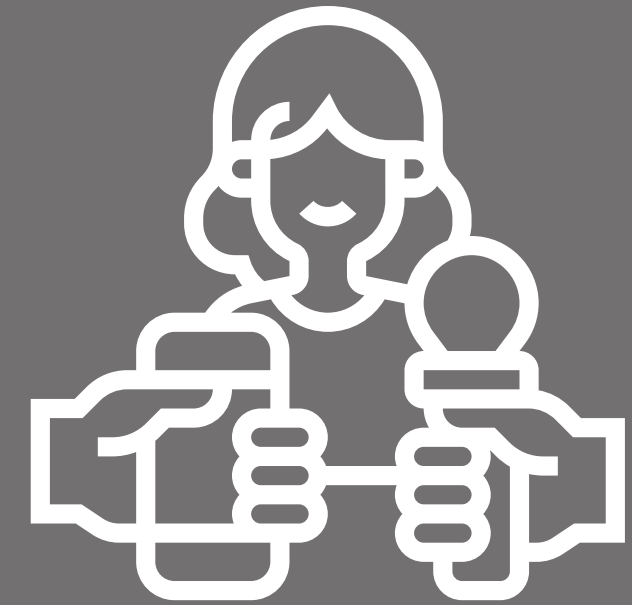
JOIN BY PHONE: +1-213-306-3065, ACCESS CODE: 24810980042

OR

TEXT OR CALL KATIE: 541-953-1171

- CAN GET ASSIGNED A NEW TRACT IF YOU COMPLETE THE FIRST AND HAVE BANDWIDTH*
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COMMUNICATIONS



- **PRESS RELEASES**
- **PRESS COVERAGE**
- **TIPS FOR INTERACTING WITH THE MEDIA**
- **SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDBACK FOR THE COALITION TEAM**
- **DOCUMENTING YOUR EXPERIENCE**
- **TIPS FOR MEDIA REFERAL**

- **TPIZZA@SALTLAKECOUNTY.GOV**
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SPECIAL POPULATIONS

FAMIILIES



VETERANS



JORDAN RIVER PIT



YOUTH



*Slides are attached***

LIVED EXPERTS PANEL

- BEST ENGAGEMENT PRACTICES



PACKETS

- MATERIALS
 - CONTACT LIST
 - HOME BASE WEBEX ROOM
 - NORTH VALLEY HUB
 - MID VALLEY HUB
 - SOUTH VALLEY HUB
 - BASIC SUPPLIES
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BASIC SUPPLIES AND THANK YOU DONORS

- STATEROOM
 - SHINY SHELL
 - RUFF HAVEN-PET EMERGENCY KITS
 - JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION
 - RED CROSS HYGIENE KITS
 - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SLC
 - THE LDS CHURCH HUMANITARIAN CENTER
 - TURTLE SHELL PROJECT
 - ANGEL TREE/BURN CENTER UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
 - SUNRISE METRO
 - SWITCHPOINT
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**UPDATED VOA
OUTREACH PHONE
NUMBER**

385-421-8455
