

Pride Happenings

No Visibility March, Gayla Festival, or Orange Party, but ...

Moab Pride is happening in 2020, with COVID safe protocol, and will feature three main events, Hood Criatura at 6pm on Sept. 18, Spit Love at 6 PM on Friday, Sept. 25th, and the Moth Ball on September 26th at 5:30 PM.



Hood Criatura is a poetry workshop led by féi hernandez, and will be held online. Please see the Moab Pride Facebook page for a link. Spit Love, located at Star Hall, is a poetry slam where performers explore love, community, and connection from LGBTQ+ perspectives. We plan to broadcast live on our Facebook page. The Moth Ball is a family friendly, drug and alcohol-free, intergenerational dance party that celebrates LGBTQ+ youth. Based out of the pavilion in Swanny Park, it will feature live drag performances from local performers.

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 logistics, 2020 Moab Pride will not include three of our favorite events, the

Visibility March, Gayla Festival, and Orange Party. In the same vein, we are requesting that only folks living in Moab and the surrounding area attend this year. At the core of Moab's LGBTQ+ community is an openness to welcome everyone that arrives with kindness and love -- but due to the pandemic, we must ask that people from out of town respect the health and safety of our community, and invite you to please join us next year.

The good news is, Spit Love and the Moth Ball will be a lot of fun and COVID safe! Seating in the auditorium will be limited, entry will require sanitizing hands, wearing masks, and social distanced seating between separate parties. At the Moth Ball, social distancing will be required, and we ask that everyone wear a mask even while outside, since proper distance can't be assured.

In these times of self-quarantine, it is more important than ever to remember that pride is not a festival, but something we live everyday in our bodies and through our actions. It is wearing those cute rainbow sequin shoes around the house even when you only have your dog to appreciate the look. It is checking in with your queer and trans friends, lacking access to queer space due to



being immuno-compromised. Back of Beyond is featuring books by LGBTQ+ authors, with a focus on lifting the voices of trans people of color. By listening to QTPOC (Queer Trans People of Color) stories and narratives we are able to better understand the intersectional nature of systems of oppression, and how we can best work towards breaking them down.



Pride is more than the march and the party -- it's a celebration of the freedom to enjoy life without needing to compromise who you are. Sometimes, in order to be comfortable enough to do this, folks need a setting where they feel safe enough to explore their expression with honesty and vulnerability. We need our special, weird, red-rock loving community to help build these safe spaces, and we hope you can join us this Moab Pride season, either face to face or virtually.

by US Census Bureau Staff

The 2020 Census and Grand County

Why is the Census Important for Grand County?

If anyone in Grand county is not counted, they could miss out on thousands of dollars per person and they could be misrepresented.

Many federal programs are aimed at helping people in Grand county, and funding for those programs is often determined by census statistics.

There are several programs specifically geared toward rural growth, according to the Census Bureau working paper, "Uses of Census Bureau Data in Federal Funds." There are also many general programs that focus on rural subsets, like Rural Education and the Department of Justice's Rural Domestic Violence Assistance programs.

Other important programs informed by census statistics include Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities, Rural Business Development Grants, and Rural Housing Preservation Grants.

What Can Households Expect When a Census Taker Knocks on Your Door?

Census Bureau employees take extraordinary measures to reach homes that can be difficult to access in Grand county, whether they are located at the top of a mountain or at the end of a mile-long gravel drive.

For the first time, everyone can respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail. Most people in rural America will receive invitations to respond to the census in the mail. If you have not responded yet, a census taker will knock on your door.

The Census Bureau will provide face masks to census takers and requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work. They will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit. Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.

If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

How to Identify Census Takers

Census takers can be easily identified

by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact the Dallas Regional Center at 972-510-1800 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

It is not too late to respond

If you have not responded yet, now is the time. Respond now instead of waiting for a census taker to knock on your door.

If you have responded to the census, you may still be visited by a census taker conducting quality checks. These visits are one of the many quality checks we do to ensure we get a complete and accurate count. The interview should take just a few minutes.

You can respond the census today by visiting 2020census.gov, by phone at 844.330.2020 (English) or 844.469.2020 (Spanish), or by mail.

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau counts everyone who lives in the United States and five of its territories.

The census is required by the U.S. Constitution to determine the number of seats each state gets in the House of Representatives. It also provides data for redrawing legislative districts. Responding is important because state, local and federal lawmakers use statistics from the decennial census to help them determine how billions of dollars in federal funds will be spent every year for the next 10 years.

Funds influenced by census statistics are used for critical infrastructure and public services such as roads and bridges, hospitals and health care clinics, emergency response, and schools and education.



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