

A Lifetime Memory

On October 1st 2010, I had the opportunity to take my family to Zions National Park to meet up with Roger Hancock and a group of volunteers from AAA to help clean up trash along some trails. This event became a lifetime memory. A few things made this so rewarding. First, it was valuable to my wife and I to include our children in giving service to others. Even though we were working for hours picking up trash, we had so much fun along the way that the time passed quickly. Our children remarked how exciting it was to do something to help make the park clean. Another thing that made this a rewarding memory was building friendships with other AAA employees and their families. Working in such a beautiful setting with happy people made volunteering easy and fun. We all enjoyed telling stories and making each other laugh. We made many acquaintances along the trail as we picked up trash. I couldn't count how many people said "thank you" as they hiked passed us. I was surprised how many people, some from other countries, asked to take our picture. Our AAA message printed on our shirts that "we care" is literally spread throughout the world! I thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at a National Park with AAA, and the memories will be with us for years to come.