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Cabrillo National Monument Invites Community to Junior Ranger Day and National Park Week Celebration

[Point Loma, San Diego, California] Superintendent Terry DiMattio today invited everyone to celebrate National Park Week at Cabrillo National Monument, *San Diego's National Park*, with special Junior Ranger Day activities on Sunday, April 22, 2007, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. National Park Week (April 22-29, 2007), celebrates and seeks to engage people with America's national parks. The national Junior Ranger Day is April 28 and Cabrillo NM will join more than 100 national park areas in presenting special Junior Ranger Day activities throughout National Park Week. The motto for Junior Ranger Day is: *Explore, Learn, Protect: Be a Junior Ranger.*

The Junior Ranger program is designed to engage children and families in the stories embodied in their national parks. Children complete activity books that lead them through the park in a kid-friendly way. They are drawn to parts of the park story that they can relate to. When completed, they present their booklets to a ranger to earn a patch or badge and a certificate.

At Cabrillo National Monument, the Junior Ranger Day activities on April 22 will include a special, self-guided scavenger hunt, which children may do with their families while they explore Cabrillo NM, and Junior Rangers of any age who complete this program will receive a Junior Ranger Day 2007 button and certificate. There are Junior Ranger programs in 297 of our National Parks. Children who have completed Junior Ranger programs at other national park areas are encouraged to wear their Junior Ranger badges from those parks to Junior Ranger Day at Cabrillo. There will be an awards ceremony at 2:30 PM to celebrate Junior Rangers and

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award prizes. The National Park Service also has an online WebRanger program (www.nps.gov/webranger/), and WebRangers who present certificates of completion that day for all three WebRanger levels will receive a special Junior Ranger Day pin. Nationwide, the National Park Service estimates that 26,000 young people will participate in Junior Ranger Day activities.

National Park Week is an annual Presidentially proclaimed week for celebration and recognition of Your National Parks. Your National Parks are living examples of the best this Nation has to offer - our magnificent natural landscapes and our varied yet interrelated heritage. Parks can provide recreational experiences, opportunities to learn and grow, and places of quiet refuge and have been called *'America's gift to the world.'*

Said DiMattio, "this is a wonderful opportunity for families and visitors of all ages to, but particularly children, our next generation, to engage with and help preserve their national parks legacy, and to begin creating a lifetime of experiences to cherish, treasure and share."

Books, films and educational materials about Cabrillo National Monument and other national park areas, will be available for purchase in monument's bookstore, operated by the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation. The Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, the non-profit cooperating association partner for the National Park Service at Cabrillo NM, has supported interpretive, educational and scientific research activities, including the Junior Ranger Program and Junior Ranger Day, at Cabrillo NM for 51 years.

All events are included with the regular park entrance fee of \$5.00 per vehicle and \$3.00 for motorcyclists, bicyclists and walk-in visitors (valid for 7 days from date of purchase). Holders of an America the Beautiful Interagency Pass, Golden Age Passport, Golden Access Passport, or Cabrillo National Monument Annual Pass will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of their pass. The America the Beautiful Interagency Pass and Cabrillo National Monument Annual Pass may be purchased at Cabrillo NM. The free America the Beautiful Access Pass, for individuals with permanent disabilities may also be obtained at Cabrillo NM, although restrictions apply.

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Public transportation (#28 Bus) is available hourly to the upper area of the monument only, from the Old Town Transit Center. For additional information call 619-557-5450 or TTY 619-222-8211, or visit our web site at <http://www.nps.gov/cabr>. To learn more about National Park Week, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/npweek/>. To learn more about National Junior Ranger Day, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/npweek/junior.htm/>. To learn more about the National Park Service WebRanger Program, please visit www.nps.gov/webranger/.

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