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## Cedar Breaks National Monument News Release

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### Second Annual Wildflower Festival Blooms at Cedar Breaks

**Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah.** In early July, high-country wildflowers burst into full bloom. In celebration of this display, Cedar Breaks National Monument will host its second annual Wildflower Festival from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. "During this spectacular display, visitors to the Monument will be able to see paintbrush and primrose, lupine and larkspur, and a spectrum of other flowers in meadows, woods, and marshes" said park superintendent Paul Roelandt "We have put together a series of special events and will have park rangers, volunteers, and other resources available for visitors to learn about and photograph the incredibly beautiful variety of wildflowers to be discovered at Cedar Breaks"

Wildflower specialists and volunteers will be available every day during the festival to provide information beginning at 10am. Festival highlights include guided walks, interpretive fieldtrips, photography workshops, Junior Ranger scavenger hunts, and Zion Canyon Field Institute Classes. Guided hikes, which will meet at the Visitor Center, will be offered twice a day during all 23 days of the festival. The hikes will take place at 10am and 1pm. Kids activities include a Junior Ranger 'Wildflower Scavenger Hunt' which will be held at 3pm every Friday during the Festival. On the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of July the park will offer special photography workshops. These workshops entitled: "Wildflower Photography for Beginners" are open to amateur photographers of all ages and ability levels. Throughout the Festival, the visitor center will be hosting an ongoing electronic display of wildflower images as well as discounts on wildflower related books and items.

Those interested in identifying plant species and learning more about plant communities can join park volunteer and retired professor Doug Reynolds for a special fieldtrip through the park entitled: "Plant Communities of Cedar Breaks". These fieldtrips, which will meet at the Visitor Center, will be held at 11am on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Lastly, the park will host several Zion Canyon Field Institute (ZCFI) classes to round out the schedule. The classes include: "Life Zones II, Zion to Cedar Breaks" on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>, "Wildflowers Photography: Cedar Breaks" on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and "Wildflower Journaling at Cedar Breaks" on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact ZCFI at 435-772-3264 for more information and to pre-register.

Cedar Breaks National Monument is located 23 miles east of Cedar City, along Highway 148 between Highway 14 and Brian Head. The park entrance fee is \$4.00 per person ages 16 and older. Those traveling to the Festival should come prepared for cool weather at 10,000 feet: Daytime temperatures could be in the 60s and summer thunderstorms frequently rise over the mountain

Updated Festival events and activities, "what's in bloom" self guided maps, reference lists and more are available for downloading at the Cedar Breaks National Monument website: [www.nps.gov/cebr](http://www.nps.gov/cebr). Schedules and events are also available at the Visitor Center and at the Monument's administrative office in Cedar City which is located at 2390 W. HWY 56 Suite #11. Call 435-586-0787 or 435-586-9451 for more information.

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