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Seeking Teachers Who Want to Park Rangers!

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is seeking qualified teachers who would like to work as a park ranger this summer in the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program. The TRT program offers teachers eight weeks working in national parks across the country and developing lessons to connect their students to the park during the following school year. They wear the National Park Service uniform to school and present park related lessons during National Park Week.

This is the fourth year for Cuyahoga Valley National Park staff to include Teacher-Ranger-Teachers. "I didn't realize how much I would love the work and the people I worked with. The opportunity to share with kids and others about how special the national parks are is something I will cherish for a very long time. In fact, I don't think I will ever stop sharing," said Vicki Tomasheski, a 6th to 8th grade technology teacher from Garfield Heights Middle School. "What a wonderful summer! Many thanks for the opportunity to give back... and I really am happy with the amount of time I spent outdoors with students," said Charlotte Pliske, 6th grade teacher at Giddings Elementary School in Cleveland.

Ellie Reagan, a 5th & 6th grade science and reading teacher at Urban Community School in Cleveland started a successful program called Urban Outsiders. On three Saturdays during the school year, Ms. Reagan arranged for students and their families to visit the park together. They hiked in the Ledges, went snowshoeing and cross-country skiing at the Winter Sports Center, and plan to visit the Beaver Marsh in May.

For more information, application, and job description call Pamela Barnes at 330-657-2796 ext. 113 or visit www.nps.gov/cuva/forteachers/teacher-ranger-teacher-program. **Deadline is March 15, 2011.**

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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