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## 2010 CVNPA Bids For Kids Online Auction Begins November 23

**Peninsula, Ohio**—Looking for a gift this holiday season that truly keeps on giving? Join Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) online November 23, 2010 for the CVNPA Bids for Kids Online Auction. Online, you will be able to purchase that unique holiday gift while supporting environmental education. All proceeds of Bids for Kids will go to benefit urban schoolchildren through our scholarship and educational programs at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC).

The CVNPA Bids for Kids Online Auction begins Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 9 a.m. and continues through Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 8 p.m.

Each year, over 9,000 children from over 40 school districts, from Northeast Ohio, visit the park to learn about the environment through hands-on experiences. With scholarship assistance of over \$120,000 we are able to provide over 800 children with a once in a lifetime opportunity to spend a week in their national park. You can make a difference in the lives of our youth and connect kids with nature by getting involved:

- Donate an item
- Ask local businesses to donate items
- Become an auction sponsor
- Bid high and bid often.

Without the generous support of our local sponsors, CVNPA Bids for Kids would not be possible and for them we are sincerely thankful. Sponsors include Glenmede Trust Company, Hill 'n Dale Club, CommonGood Consulting, Smithers-Oasis Company, Kastner Westman & Wilkins LLC, and Appalachian Outfitters.

CVNPA is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevallley.com or call (330) 657-2752 or (800) 445-9667.