

Junior Ranger Newsletter Summer 2011



Hello Junior Rangers!

I hope your summer plans are fun and relaxing. This spring we celebrated Junior Ranger Day, made fishing lures, geocached, and practiced archery. Over the coming months, let's hunt for fossils, learn how to take great pictures, go fishing, plant a secret geocache, and paddle a canoe!



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Upcoming Events

Take-a-Kid Fishing

Sunday, June 12th



1-4pm

[Lake Rebecca](#) in Hastings, MN

During Take-a-Kid Fishing weekend in Minnesota, anglers age 16 and older accompanied by a youth age 15 or younger are not required to have a fishing license.

We'll provide fishing poles and tackle, bait, and advice. We will also discuss fish, fish habitat, and conservation while looking for the wild anglers that live near this lake, such as mink and eagles.

We would greatly appreciate a call or Email indicating what time you plan to arrive and how many people will be in your party.

Free. All ages. No reservations needed.

[Email](#) Gordon Dietzman or call 651-290-3030 ex.228 for more details.

Canoe Paddling 101

Tuesday, July 12th

6-8pm

[Pickerel Lake](#)



Join a ranger for an evening canoe paddle! Pickerel Lake is a small, backwater lake just a couple miles upstream from downtown Saint Paul. Join us for an informal night on the water. We'll bring the canoes, paddles, and PFDs. Bring your fishing pole and try catching a bass or crappie on the far end of the lake. Maybe we'll see the otter who sometimes lives here or the occasional bald eagle. No experience necessary.

Also, we'll be placing a secret underwater [geocache](#) this evening! You can help hide the cache, sign the log, or leave a keepsake for the first general public finders...

Free. All ages, though paddlers should be at least 10 years old. **Reservations**

Required. Limit: Flexible, though we only have seven canoes. If a family of four paddlers needs two canoes, they're welcome to use two canoes or take turns with one canoe. If a group of three doesn't mind one person duffing, that's OK too! Reservations will be first come, first served.

[Email](#) Brian or call him at 651-290-3030 ex.291 to register and for more information.

Lilydale Fossil Hunt

Saturday, August 13th

10am-12pm

[Lilydale Regional Park](#)



Come join us and discover fossils at Lilydale Regional Park! Find and collect the remnants of ancient aquatic life that date back to the time when Minnesota was covered by a shallow sea.

As we make our way up to the fossil beds, we'll look at the remains of a mine and a brick kiln that give us a glimpse at the modern history of the park.

Free. All Ages. Reservations Required.

[Email](#) Nick or call him at 651-290-3030 ex.292 for more information and to reserve your spot.

Free Admission to National Parks

Enjoy [free admission](#) to National Park Service units on June 21.



Meet Ranger Holly!

Holly was a volunteer before she became a National Park Ranger. She volunteered so much that she became the National Park Service's Youth Volunteer of the Year in 2010. You can meet Holly this summer during the canoe paddle and she'll lead the August fossil hunt. When she's not in the field, Holly helps operate our visitor center and in an important member of the Junior Ranger staff.



In her spare time, Holly enjoys listening (and dancing!) to old-time country music and spending time with co-workers and friends.



If you have suggestions for the Junior Ranger Program, please don't hesitate to contact [me](#).

Explore Your America!

-Ranger Brian

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