

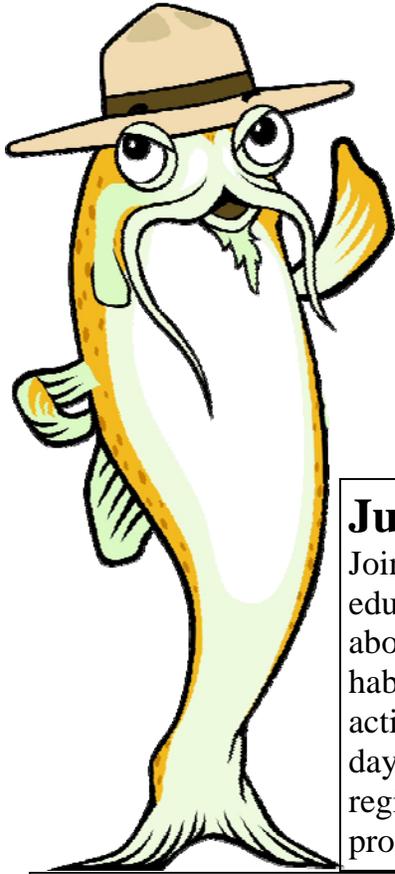


Dear Junior Rangers,

Spring is here and it is time to get outside and enjoy the river. Participating in the activities below is a great way to do this. Visit the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area this summer to discover more about how you can keep your pledge of exploring the river, learning about the river and taking care of the river! Thanks for being a Junior Ranger! Hope to see you soon!



Ranger Rebecca



June 7 - Carp Fest at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park

Visit Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park on Sat. June 7, from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. for the 18th annual Carp Fest Fishing Contest. It is open to families and individuals of all ages and fishing abilities. The new Coon Rapids Dam Junior Ranger booklet will also be released. For more information go to www.anokacountyparks.com/qlinks/CarpFest2008.htm.

June 7 – Family Fishing Clinic in Lilydale Park

Join local veteran fisherman, Frank Pilney, for a free day of fishing from 9-11 a.m. Just come with your family to enjoy free food and prizes. Free poles, tackle, and bait are available for use as well! For more information, call 651-227-2264 or go to www.lilydalepark.org.

June 28- Habitat Restoration Event at Crosby Farm Park

Join us on Saturday, June 28, at Crosby Farm Regional Park in St. Paul for a fun and educational habitat restoration event. Junior Rangers and their families can learn about the Mississippi River and its resources while improving the health of the river habitats we value. This project will include invasive plant removal and/or clean-up activities. This program features something for all ages! To register for this special day e-mail miss_volunteer@nps.gov or phone (651) 290-3030 x 233! All registered volunteers will receive an informational email about 7-10 days before the program that will include directions and maps.

July 26 - Fossil Hunting at the St. Paul Brick Yards

Join Ranger Rebecca and other returning Junior Rangers of the Mississippi River for a fossil hunt at the historic St. Paul Brickyards on Lilydale Road from 10 a.m to 12 p.m. to see what kind of creatures lived there thousands of years ago. Remember to bring plenty of water to drink. For a map of the brickyards go to www.nps.gov/miss/forkids/.

Check out the new Web site for new and returning Junior Rangers for more events and activities!

www.nps.gov/miss/forkids/



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