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Saturday, April 25 is National Junior Ranger Day at the National Monuments of the Verde Valley.

Saturday, April 25, is National Junior Ranger Day at National Park units across the country. In celebration, the National Monuments of the Verde Valley—Montezuma Castle, which includes Montezuma Well, and Tuzigoot—have created very special Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunt activities for anyone that feels young enough to explore. The Scavenger Hunts at each site will be unique, which means really active Junior Rangers can do all three! Upon completion of the Scavenger Hunts, participants will receive a Junior Ranger badge, as well as a National Junior Ranger Day patch and special certificate signed and stamped by a Park Ranger.

Also on Saturday, April 25, in support of National Junior Ranger Day, between the hours of 10am and 4pm, the National Park Service and the Beaver Creek Kiwanis K-Kids Program are hosting a Junior Ranger Open House in the picnic area at the Montezuma Well unit of Montezuma Castle National Monument. This event is open to children of all ages and will feature guest speakers giving talks on native plants and animals, as well as leading walks to the Hopi Garden, the Well Pithouse, and Montezuma Well.

All of these events are open to the public. For more information, contact the NPS at 928-567-3322 x21.

Montezuma Castle and Tuzigoot National Monuments are open 8am to 5pm, 7 days a week, except Christmas Day. The Montezuma Castle unit and Tuzigoot have an entrance fee of \$5 per person for those 16 years of age and over. Children 15 and under are free. A combined entrance pass for both units is \$8. All entrance passes are good for 7 days. The Montezuma Well unit is free at all times. Also available, are three passes that allow free access for the pass holder and 3 adults to most federal recreation areas from a number of different agencies, including the National Park Service, the US Forest Service, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Interagency Annual Pass sells for \$80, is available to anyone, and is good for 1 year. The Interagency Senior Pass is available to all US citizens, 62 and older, is a lifetime pass, and sells for \$10. The Interagency Access Pass is available free to those US citizens who are permanently disabled. 80% of the fees from the sales of these entrance passes and Interagency Passes sold at the Monuments stay in these Monuments to help support projects and other activities.

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