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Saturday, April 25th Chamizal National Memorial Will Celebrate National Junior Ranger Day

As part of National Parks Week, Chamizal National Memorial will celebrate National Junior Ranger Day with special programs and activities for kids of all ages from 1- 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 25th.

At 1 p.m., Superintendent F. Gus Sanchez will conduct the opening ceremony in the Spanish Garden, followed by an Arrowhead talk orienting participants to the National Park Service and some of the special things and places we help protect, then provide an overview of the afternoon's activities.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., participants will be able to choose what they want to do next from the following options, including Ranger-led programs such as fun walking tours starting at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., animal tracks programs starting at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., and a variety of ongoing activity stations including a Junior Ranger Scavenger Hunt, making and learning to use their own special Junior Ranger binoculars, Chalk the Chamizal art activity, visiting the River Table to learn about the story behind the creation of Chamizal National Memorial, taking their picture in the Junior Ranger photo cutout, and completing their Junior Ranger booklet.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



At 3:40 p.m., we will hold the closing ceremony which will include the swearing in of the new Junior Rangers, issuing their badges and patches, a chance to take a picture with Chami, the Spotted Ground Squirrel, learning about other opportunities to have fun and get involved here in El Paso. Be on the lookout for Chami, the Spotted Ground Squirrel, who enjoys greeting visitors, especially Junior Rangers. *All programs and materials are free.*

Chamizal National Memorial is one of over 400 units of the National Park System. “Every April in conjunction with celebrating the anniversary of the original Earth Day in 1970, the National Park Service celebrates a similar legacy of caring for the planet as well as these special places called national parks that hold the stories of our shared history and culture as Americans. National parks care for special places that are part of the American story and include well-known natural national parks such as Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon but also places that honor people and places that have helped shape our nation, such as Independence Hall, Little Bighorn and Gettysburg. The National Park System also includes this special place, Chamizal National Memorial, where we commemorate the peaceful resolution of an international boundary dispute between the United States and Mexico that lasted 100 years and celebrate that legacy of ongoing international friendship and shared cultures, ” says Superintendent Sanchez.

For questions or more information, please contact the Memorial at (915) 532-7273.

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