

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Call to Action #13

Facilitator Guidelines

Invitation

Join Superintendent Stan Austin and the National Park Service for a conversation on what parks mean to you. We want to learn from you so we can make the parks more beneficial to your daily lives.

General

Follow Citizen Conversations with the additional guidelines.

Facilitator share who they are and where they come from.

Inform where necessary and ask a question/probe more deeply about that perception.

Remember your role isn't to validate or invalidate but to understand what their perception is and why it is what it is. How do we overcome that perception – what can we do?

Please note that the food, gift cards are a courtesy of the Conservancy of CVNP, the park's friends group.

Thursday, March 29

EEC

Facilitator: Ernesto Pepito

Very Informal. Go from table to table with students at lunch.

Cleveland Clinic

Facilitators: Deb Yandala and Carolyn Finney

Welcome by Gayle Agahi. Gayle introduces Stan Austin. Stan welcome and introduces Deb

If you want a park to be relevant in your lives how can we do that?

What do you value and/or priority do you bring to this gathering?

Slavic Village

Facilitators: Jennie Vasarhelyi and Sonya Pryor-Jones

Welcome by Bryan C and introduce Jennie. Jennie introduce relevancy committee

Jennie – weave her story with cvnp, cmp, and canalway

Ice Breaker: What is your aspiration for this meeting?

Ask about positive experiences of being in outdoor space and then list and then identify.

What do you value and/or priority do you bring to this gathering?

What's important to you about your community?

What do you like, what don't you like?

Where do you see the possibility for change?

What are the next steps?

Boys and Girls

Facilitators: Cynthia Capers and Carolyn Finney

Potential discussion of what do they think of parks?

How do you feel about them in regards to safety?

Friday, March 30, 2012

Breakfast Meeting

Facilitators: Cynthia Capers and Carolyn Finney

Formal introductions around the room

What's important to you in your community?

Connect with how parks might be able to provide for our community

How would like to see us better listen to your community?

What can we learn from your success?

What has worked in your community?

What is not working?

MEETING PLANNING CHECKLIST

EVENT PLANNING	DATE/NOTES
Book meeting location(s)	
Book local facilitator	
Are flip charts needed, if so how many	
Food (how much)	
<p>Will facility be sending invitations on behalf of park? If so, allow for enough time for development</p> <p>If community leaders send via email roughly 6 weeks in advance from superintendent</p>	
Are incentives needed? If so, how many/much. Contact friends group	
Are name badges needed? If so, who will be responsible for them?	
What should room set up be?	
<p>Will children be attending with parents? If so, have rangers at the meeting for a program with the kids.</p>	
Identify staff that will attend meeting(s)	
Identify park materials to take to meetings	