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Fifth Annual CVNPA Bids for Kids Online Auction Begins November 20

Peninsula, Ohio - Looking for a gift this holiday season that truly keeps on giving? Join Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) online November 20 for the fifth annual CVNPA Bids for Kids Online Auction. Online, you will be able to purchase that unique holiday gift while supporting environmental education. All proceeds of Bids for Kids will go to benefit urban school children through our scholarship and educational programs at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC).

**The CVNPA Bids for Kids Online Auction begins Friday, November 20, at 9 a.m.
and ends on Monday, December 7, at 8 p.m.**

Each year, over 9,000 children from over 40 school districts in Northeast Ohio visit the park to learn about the environment through hands-on experiences. With scholarship assistance of over \$120,000, CVNPA provides over 800 children with once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend a week in their national park. You can make a difference in the lives of our youth and connect kids with nature by getting involved:

- Donate an item
- Ask local businesses to donate items
- Become an auction sponsor
- Bid high and bid often

Without the generous support of our local sponsors, CVNPA Bids for Kids would not be possible, and for them we are sincerely thankful. Sponsors include: Glenmede, Hill 'n Dale Club, Common Good Consulting, Inc., KeyBank, Old Trail School, and The Squire Family. To learn more about how you can help with this exciting event, please contact Lisa Meranti at (330) 657-2909 ext. 136 or lmeranti@cvnpa.org.

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CVNPA is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330)657-2909

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park visit www.nps.gov/cuva or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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