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Local Adventurer to Lecture as Part of Cuyahoga Valley Lyceum Series

Young adventurer rows across Atlantic to raise funds and bring attention to safe drinking water around the world

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park are pleased to welcome local adventurer Katie Spotz to Happy Days Lodge, on Friday, January 17, 2014, as part of this season's Lyceum Lecture Series. Spotz's lecture begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling 330-657-2909, option 4, or purchasing online at www.conservancyforcvnp.org. Click on Events for listings and registration links. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

Twenty-four-year old Katie Spotz, from Mentor, Ohio, describes herself as having been the “benchwarmer” throughout her life. Then she made a discovery: you don't have to be extraordinary to achieve incredible things. And she set about achieving them, one by one. The list of accomplishments to her name is long, and includes an ironman triathlon, an ultramarathon in Australia, cycling across the country, a 325-mile river swim, running across deserts and a solo row across the Atlantic Ocean. But this wasn't just any row; when Katie arrived in Guyana, South America, after 70 days at sea, she set a world record for the youngest ever solo ocean rower, one of many records to her name. Hear about her adventures and be inspired by her “can do” attitude.

Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call the Conservancy at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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