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Tuesday, December 1

CVSR Polar Express

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Bids for Kids Online Auction Continues

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Full Moon Hike

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. An easy 3.75-mile hike in Peninsula and along the Towpath Trail. Lock 29 Trailhead, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, December 3

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Yule Log Celebration

Toast the season with a glass of mulled cider, keep warm by the bonfire, sing carols, and hear the story of the Yule Log. Fee: \$5 per person, free for WRHS members. Hale Farm & Village, 6 - 8 p.m. To register call (330) 666-3711 ext. 227 starting in November.

Friday, December 4

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Heritage Series Concert – *The Sweetback Sisters*

The Sweetback Sisters sing country, honky-tonk and swing songs in close, surrogate-sister harmony and matching dresses. Their repertoire combines several of the Sisters' passions -- country music from before they were born and new interpretations of those traditions. *The Sweetback Sisters* line-up features the lavish voices of Zara Bode and Emily Miller joined by an all-star cast of instrumentalists including: West Virginian triple threat Jesse Milnes; Stefan Amidon on drums; Philly's stringed slayer Ross Bellenoit on rippin' Telecaster, and the newest Sweetback Sister, Bridget Kearney on bass. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 5

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history through the Voices of the Valley audio tour. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 children ages 3 - 12 and include the audio tour. For details and to register call (800) 468-4070 or visit www.cvsr.com.

Canal Explorer

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Cups of Kindness Art Show and Sale Starts

Local artists have donated original works of art with a cup theme for this art show and sale to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. The "kindness" is your purchase. A Meet-the-Artists opening reception is Saturday, December 5 at Elements Gallery and Peninsula Art Academy from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and show times, call (330) 657-2248 or visit www.cupsofkindness.net.

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Park Place Pop-in – Owls

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Winter Warm-up Hike

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Thursday, December 10

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Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society – Ian Adams: Missouri Botanical Garden

Ian Adams' award-winning environmental photography, books, and seminars celebrate the beauty and diversity of natural, historic, and garden areas of the United States. A native of Akron, Ian will present images from his most recent book, *Missouri Botanical Garden: Green for 150 Years*. As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

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Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner continues his stint as an Artist-in-Residence with more in this series of intimate house concerts. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* called Caner “one of the most versatile musicians on the planet.” During the past 15 years, he has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Each month Ed invites different

guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$6 general public, \$5 CVNPA members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 8 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible.

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Bird Watching – December Birds

Despite cold temperatures and limited food supplies, there are several permanent residents and northern visitors this time of year. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for wintering birds along the 3.5-mile Boston Run Trail. Happy Days Lodge (north parking lot), 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Holiday Open House at the Mustill Store

Join us for this yearly event! Find the perfect gift for the canal or local history buff, enjoy the holiday decorations, and sample homemade holiday treats and hot chocolate. Local authors will join us to sign copies of their books. Mustill Store, noon - 3 p.m. For more information call (330) 374-5625 or visit www.cascadelocks.org.

Park Place Pop-in – Hibernating Owls

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Heritage Series concert – *Téada's Irish Christmas in America*

Produced by Oisín Mac Diarmada of legendary Irish group *Téada*, this show also features *Téada's* Damien Stenson on flute, Seán McElwain on guitar, and Tristan Rosenstock on bodhrán. A photographic slide show with engaging narrative lends a rich historical context. Adding power to the performance is the magic of special guests Gráinne Hambly on Irish harp, Tommy Martin on uilleann pipes, singer and accordion player Séamus Begley, and Sean-Nós dancer Brian Cunningham. Mingling ancient traditions with the contemporary artistry of some of Ireland's finest performers, this enchanting show brings the spirit of Christmas on a distinctively Irish journey throughout America. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission: \$23 adults, \$18 CVNPA members, \$10 children 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Winter Marshland Walk

Explore what is happening at the Beaver Marsh in winter. Join a park ranger for this 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, December 17

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Dinner in the Cuyahoga Valley/Festival of Lights

Come light up the darkest day of the year in CVNP. Learn why many cultures observe seasonal days of celebration during the month of December. Take a magical stroll through candlelit woods, sample the holiday traditions of many cultures, and dine in our cozy, pine-adorned dining hall! Reservations required. Fee: \$20 per person ages 12 and older, \$16.50 CVNPA members, \$7 children ages 5 - 11. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 5:30 - 9 p.m. Dinner served at 6 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100. Volunteers needed to assist with setup, parking, registration, and closing during the evening Festival of Lights event. Contact Jennifer Bucheit at (330) 657-2796 ext. 117 or jbucheit@cvnnpa.org.

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Countryside Winter Farmers' Market

This winter you can purchase local foods from your favorite farmers and artisan food producers in a beautiful indoor setting. Join the Countryside Conservancy on the third Saturday of the month from November through April for this popular marketplace. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Park Place Pop-in – Holiday Gingerbread Ornaments

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Snowshoe Hike – Tree Farm Snowshoe Hike

Imagine taking a tractor-drawn wagon through evergreens to select your favorite tree for Christmas. Discover the historical tree farm story on this snowshoe hike along the 2.75-mile Tree Farm Trail. Horseshoe Pond Trailhead, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the serenity of winter in the Cuyahoga Valley by snowshoe! A park ranger will give a brief lesson on how to snowshoe before each hike. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Space is limited. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free. No advance payment is required. To register call (330) 657-2752.

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Bird Watching – Christmas Bird Count

Annual counts help monitor bird populations, establish which species are in the area, and alert scientists to unusual changes. Participate as a park volunteer, counting birds in the southern portion of CVNP for the Greater Akron Audubon Society. Donation: \$5 (optional) to defray result preparation and publication costs. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7:30 a.m. - noon.

Winter Warm-up Hike

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Thursday, December 24

No events scheduled.

Friday, December 25

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 26

No events scheduled.

Sunday, December 27

Cross-Country Ski Program – Beginning Cross-Country Ski Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at the beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Junior Ranger – Kids' Snowshoe Workshop

Discover what snowshoeing was like for the early settlers and then practice techniques that allow for convenient travel over deep snow. Later, take a guided snowshoe to a nearby forest to search for animal signs. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Monday, December 28

Junior Ranger - Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 7 – 9

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 9. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: cross-country ski programs are \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own

equipment and for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Tuesday, December 29

Junior Ranger - Beginning Children's Ski Workshop: Ages 10 - 12

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at this beginning workshop. Free ski time will follow approximately 1.5 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have at least 6 inches of snow. For ages 10 – 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: cross-country ski programs are \$15 per child including rental equipment, \$10 with own equipment and for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Wednesday, December 30

Cookie Burner Hike

Burn off the holiday calories in this one-way, 11-mile trip on the Buckeye Trail. Sturdy shoes and appropriate cold weather gear suggested. Pack a lunch to eat along the trail. Car pooling required. NPS Park Headquarters, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Junior Ranger – Winter Tracks Snowshoe

Although you may not see certain animals when you visit the park, you can tell who was here earlier from their tracks. Snowshoe a section of the Cross Country Trail and discover the animals living in the upland evergreen forests. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Friday, January 1

No events scheduled.

Saturday, January 2

Snowshoe Hike – Sunrise Snowshoe Hike

Be the early bird and catch the worm on snowshoes as we walk from the Winter Sports Center to the Kendall Hills in time to see the sun begin a new day. Sturdy boots required; dress appropriately for the weather. Kendall Lake Shelter, 7 - 9 a.m. Enjoy the serenity of winter in the Cuyahoga Valley by snowshoe! A park ranger will give a brief lesson on how to snowshoe before each hike. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Space is limited. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free. No advance payment is required. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Cross-Country Ski Program – Beginning Cross-Country Ski Workshop

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing at the beginning workshop, held with or without snow. Free ski time will follow approximately 2 hours of instruction. Dress for the weather. Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment; a limited supply will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$10 with own

equipment, \$15 with 3-hour rental. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Park Place Pop-in – Winter Weather

This winter, pop in to CVNPA's Park Place in Peninsula store for family fun! Activities range from crafts and stories to games and conversation about the day's special topic. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

Sunday, January 3

Winter Warm-up Hike

Winter hiking in CVNP offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Warm up with this biweekly hiking series as you explore CVNP's more challenging trails. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 5.5 miles of the moderately difficult Old Carriage Trail. Red Lock Trailhead, 9 - 11 a.m.

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Monday, January 4

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, January 5

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 6

No events scheduled.

Thursday, January 7

No events scheduled.

Friday, January 8

Lyceum Series lecture – Jerry Potter: The Sultana Sinking

April 1865 was a busy month, and the headlines of newspapers brought this home. While large print exclaimed "Lee Surrendered!," "Lincoln was Shot!," and "The War is Over," news of the worst maritime disaster in U.S. history was relegated to the back page, if it was mentioned at all. On April 27, the Sultana, a wooden-hulled steamboat carrying six times the legal capacity, exploded on the Mississippi River, killing more than 1,800 men—mostly soldiers just released from southern prison camps when the war ended. Join author Jerry Potter to explore this amazing but little-known story. The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world.

Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 CVNPA members, and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$20 adults, \$15 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner continues his stint as an Artist-in-Residence with more in this series of intimate house concerts. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* called Caner “one of the most versatile musicians on the planet.” During the past 15 years, he has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Each month Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$6 general public, \$5 CVNPA members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 8 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, January 9

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Immerse yourself in stories of nature and history through the Voices of the Valley audio tour. All tickets are \$10 and include the audio tour. For details and to register call (800) 468-4070 or visit www.cvsr.com.

Canal Explorer

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center to learn about the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 40-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m.

National Park Scenic

Enjoy an excursion through CVNP to view wildlife and scenery. Recommended for those who want to relax and enjoy the park in style. This is a three-hour round trip. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, hike the Towpath Trail, and enjoy lunch or shopping in the historic Village of Peninsula. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

Bird Watching – Northern Birds

Wintering birds such as purple finches, red-breasted nuthatches, and white-throated sparrows often feed along the hardwood forest edges. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to search for northern birds along the trails surrounding Oak Hill. Oak Hill Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cross-Country Ski Program – Ski Preparation

Whether you have waxable or non-waxable skis, there are certain preparation methods that can help protect your skis and allow for maximum performance. Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts and discover the important aspects of cross-country ski preparation, with a chance to prepare your own skis. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 1 - 3:30 p.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Sunday, January 10

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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Peninsula Explorer

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Cups of Kindness Art Show and Sale Ends

Local artists have donated original works of art with a cup theme for this art show and sale to benefit the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. The “kindness” is your purchase. A Meet-the-Artists opening reception is Saturday, December 5 at Elements Gallery and Peninsula Art Academy from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and show times, call (330) 657-2248 or visit www.cupsofkindness.net.

Cross-Country Ski Program – Handling Hills

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn the important skills needed to cross-country ski on hills and novice trails. Dress for outdoor instruction and bring your own equipment. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and favorable snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Snowshoe Hike – Evergreen Forests Snowshoe

Discover what it is like to snowshoe through large stands of eastern white pine. Join us on this 2.5-mile moderate snowshoe hike over hills and along the plateau of the Pine Grove Trail. Kendall Lake Shelter, 2 - 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the serenity of winter in the Cuyahoga Valley by snowshoe! A park ranger will give a brief lesson on how to snowshoe before each hike. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Space is limited. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free. No advance payment is required. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Monday, January 11

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, January 12

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 13

Lightweight Backpacking Clinic

Professional backpacker Andrew Skurka, named “Adventurer of the Year” by *National Geographic Adventure*, returns to the Cuyahoga Valley to give an interactive lightweight backpacking clinic. Join him to learn the techniques and tips he used to complete his two monumental firsts, the long distance hikes of the Sea-to-Sea Route and the Great Western Loop. Registration is required as space is limited. Fee: \$20, \$15 ED-Venture Group members. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. As an activity of CVNPA in partnership with the National Park Service, the ED-Venture Group provides opportunities to develop outdoor skills in backpacking, camping, and hiking. Registration information and an ED-Venture Group membership form are available at www.cvnpa.org or by calling CVNPA at (330) 657-2909 ext. 100.

Thursday, January 14

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$money* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, January 15

Campfire Tales – Critters of the Night

CVNP is alive with critters of the night—even in winter. Join us around the campfire for stories of these nocturnal neighbors. CVNP invites you to join us around a roaring fire as we share tales of triumph, danger, adventure, and discovery. Take a short winter hike and experience those stories by meeting costumed characters, listening for night sounds, or hearing the words of others who have passed through this valley. Dress for the weather. Octagon Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, January 16

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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National Park Scenic

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Peninsula Explorer

Ride the rails, hike the Towpath Trail, and enjoy lunch or shopping in the historic Village of Peninsula. Rockside Station, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m.

Countryside Winter Farmers' Market

This winter you can purchase local foods from your favorite farmers and artisan food producers in a beautiful indoor setting. Join the Countryside Conservancy on the third Saturday of the month from November through April for this popular marketplace. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Park Place Pop-in – Animal Tracks

This winter, pop in to CVNPA's Park Place in Peninsula store for family fun! Activities range from crafts and stories to games and conversation about the day's special topic. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert – Joe Filsiko and Eric Noden

Joe Filsiko and Eric Noden feature the early blues and roots styles and songs of 1920s and 1930s performers Sonny Terry, Daddy Stovepipe, Fred McDowell, and Gwen Foster. To add to this historic repertoire, Eric and Joe draw on the spirit of American music to influence their own original tunes. The blend of Eric's unusual acoustic guitar style and Joe's ability to make his harmonica cry, flutter, or sing takes audiences back decades while still maintaining a contemporary sound. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert.

Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 17

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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Winter Warm-up Hike

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Junior Ranger – What's in Your Snowball?

Join a ranger for an inside look at snowballs and the snow that we use to make them. Where does snow come from? Does our water use affect it? Why is some snow better for snowballs? Where does our snow go when it melts? Come dressed for the weather and be ready to get your hands frosty during a snowball-making contest. No fee. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Monday, January 18

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, January 19

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 20

No events scheduled.

Thursday, January 21

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society – Members' Show

This is an opportunity for members to present up to five digital images or 35 mm slides. An optional critique will be offered by two professional photographers. See www.cvps.org for digital file criteria. Guests are

welcome. As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Open House

Join us for an open house to learn about becoming an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. This involves 40 hours of combined classroom and field-based instruction along with 40 hours of volunteer service. Volunteers maintain certification by completing eight additional hours of advanced training and 20 service hours annually. Service work may be done at CVNP, including special opportunities at Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center. Program begins in April. Open house is free; training fee is \$250. Hines Hill Conference Center, 7 - 8 p.m. The program is administered by O.S.U. Extension, Summit County, in co-operation with CVNPA and CVNP. For more information and to register, call Stacey Heffernan at (330) 657-2796 ext. 109.

Friday, January 22

Lyceum Series Lecture – Joy Medley Lyons: Making Their Mark

Join Mammoth Cave Park Ranger Joy Medley Lyons to discuss the lives and loves of slaves who served the Mammoth Cave Estate during more than 125 years of private ownership. By 1840, the most affluent of travelers were able to venture into the cave's darkness, following young men who were bound by slavery, a conflicted institution struggling to continue in Kentucky and Southern states. The era left a legacy forged by men like Stephen Bishop and Mat and Nick Bransford. Lyons is an author recipient of the Award of Merit from the Kentucky Historical Society. The word "lyceum" has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 CVNPA members, and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$20 adults, \$15 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 23

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Peninsula Explorer

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Cross-Country Ski Program – Intermediate Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts for this workshop designed for intermediate skiers with a

good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of intermediate skiing techniques and come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Junior Ranger – Winter Wildlife

Snow pants, warm mittens, and hot chocolate are a few ways that kids cope with winter. Join a park ranger to learn how some of our park residents survive the winter and be prepared to take a hike to discover which animals are out and about. No fee. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Keep your 4-to-6-year-olds active this winter! This series is offered year-round. Children attending three programs earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five earn a patch. Winter programs are free. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Junior Ranger – Kids' Snowshoe Workshop

Discover what snowshoeing was like for the early settlers and then practice techniques that allow for convenient travel over deep snow. Later, take a guided snowshoe to a nearby forest to search for animal signs. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 1:30 - 3 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations

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Sunday, January 24

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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Winter Marshland Walk

Explore what is happening at the Beaver Marsh in winter. Join a park ranger for this 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, January 25

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, January 26

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, January 27

Dinner in the Cuyahoga Valley

Get on the hay wagon and join the modern movement to purchase and consume local foods. Chef Larkin Rogers will prepare a stunning meal, while Beth Knorr from the Countryside Conservancy highlights the many reasons why eating local is better tasting, better for us, and better for the environment. Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, 5:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Thursday, January 28

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, January 29

Campfire Tales – Ghost Stories

Northeastern Ohio abounds with stories that are sure to cause goose bumps, especially on a cold winter's night. Join us as we bring some good old-fashioned ghost stories to life. CVNP invites you to join us around a roaring fire as we share tales of triumph, danger, adventure, and discovery. Take a short winter hike and experience those stories by meeting costumed characters, listening for night sounds, or hearing the words of others who have passed through this valley. Dress for the weather. Octagon Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Junior Ranger – Sledding By Moonlight

While using your night vision, enjoy sledding the Kendall Hills and listening for owls and coyotes. Hot chocolate and stories provided. Bring your own sled and be sure to register, as space is limited. No fee. For ages 7 - 12. 6 - 8 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Full Moon Hike

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. An easy 3.75-mile hike on the Valley and Towpath trails. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert – Chatham County Line

Until recently, Indie roots band *Chatham County Line* had been content to play the part of a band with a traditional instrumentation of banjo, fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and bass. However with the release of their last album, band members Dave Wilson, Greg Readling, John Teer, and Chandler Holt have evolved into a band that uses bluegrass and its traditions as a jumping-off point to explore all that is roots music—including gospel, country, rock, and pop. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Monday, February 1

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, February 2

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, February 3

Special Olympics

Once again, CVNP and Ohio Winter Olympics have partnered to help Special Olympians make their dreams come true. Come out and cheer on these fine athletes as they brave freezing temperatures to compete. Cross-country events are at Ledges Shelter (weather permitting), downhill skiing is at Brandywine Ski Resort, and ice skating is at Kent State Ice Arena. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or to watch the Special Olympics. For volunteer opportunities and an event schedule, call (216) 524-1497 ext. 225.

Thursday, February 4

Special Olympics

Once again, CVNP and Ohio Winter Olympics have partnered to help Special Olympians make their dreams come true. Come out and cheer on these fine athletes as they brave freezing temperatures to compete. Cross-country events are at Ledges Shelter (weather permitting), downhill skiing is at Brandywine Ski Resort, and ice skating is at Kent State Ice Arena. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become productive, physically fit, and respected members of society through sports training and competition. There is no charge to participate or to watch the Special Olympics. For volunteer opportunities and an event schedule, call (216) 524-1497 ext. 225.

Friday, February 5

Campfire Tales – Whispers of the CCC

If you listen closely to the winter wind, you can almost hear voices of the past: echoes of Civilian Conservation Corps workers who left their mark throughout this valley. Join a park ranger for stories of "Roosevelt's Tree Army" who brought hope back to our nation during the Great Depression. CVNP invites you to join us around a roaring fire as we share tales of triumph, danger, adventure, and discovery. Take a short winter hike and

experience those stories by meeting costumed characters, listening for night sounds, or hearing the words of others who have passed through this valley. Dress for the weather. Octagon Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 6

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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Canal Explorer

Ride to the Canal Visitor Center to learn about the Ohio & Erie Canal. Following a 40-minute layover, climb back aboard for the return trip. Peninsula Depot, 12:10 p.m.

National Park Scenic

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Peninsula Explorer

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Bird Watching – Early Waterfowl

Despite the harsh winter weather, several aquatic birds are starting to appear in the Cuyahoga Valley. Join Park Volunteer Dwight Chasar to look for common mergansers and other early returning waterfowl along the Cuyahoga River. Red Lock Trailhead, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cross-Country Ski Program – Handling Hills

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts to learn the important skills needed to cross-country ski on hills and novice trails. Dress for outdoor instruction and bring your own equipment. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and favorable snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2752

Park Place Pop-in – Hunting the White Cow

This winter, pop in to CVNPA's Park Place in Peninsula store for family fun! Activities range from crafts and stories to games and conversation about the day's special topic. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert – *Malinky*

With their stunning fourth album, *Flower & Iron*, *Malinky* celebrates their tenth anniversary and underscores their reputation as one of Scotland's most distinctive and accomplished folk bands. While retaining their hallmark song-based repertoire, performed by three superb lead vocalists and arrayed with tastefully inventive instrumentation, *Malinky* unites seasoned maturity with sparkling freshness, casting their musical net wider than ever. Founding members Steve Byrne (vocals/ bouzouki/guitar) and Mark Dunlop (vocals/whistles/bodhrán) are joined by Fiona Hunter (vocals/cello), Dave Wood (guitar/bouzouki), and Mike Vass (fiddle). The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend's show; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three

great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 7

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“Gone Squirrelly” Hike

Squirrels are common and resourceful rodents that have adapted to almost every habitat. Learn more about these enterprising animals with Naturalist Danusia Casteel on a 1.2-mile hike. Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park (kiosk), 2 p.m. For more information call (330) 865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Monday, February 8

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, February 9

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, February 10

No events scheduled.

Thursday, February 11

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$hmoney* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, February 12

Lyceum Series Lecture – Deborah Madison: Growing Food, Culture, Community, Wellness, and Pleasure

The foods that please us with their goodness can also solve some of the environmental problems created by agriculture while enriching our bodies and minds. From backyards to farmers' markets, deeply nourishing food benefits the human environment and the Earth. We can use and enjoy such food, whether we eat alone or with others, from clearly rooted ethnic traditions or a willingness to try new flavors. Join Deborah Madison, author

of *Local Flavors* and *What We Eat When We Eat Alone*, to discuss the need to learn the names of our foods and farmers and how the new agrarian model can affect us all. The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 CVNPA members, and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$20 adults, \$15 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley House Concert Series: Ed Caner

Violinist/fiddler Ed Caner continues his stint as an Artist-in-Residence with more in this series of intimate house concerts. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer* called Caner “one of the most versatile musicians on the planet.” During the past 15 years, he has performed as a sideman for over 50 major acts. Each month Ed invites different guest musicians to perform with him. Admission: \$6 general public, \$5 CVNPA members. Hines Hill Conference Center, 8 p.m. Seating is limited. The facility is not wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, February 13

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

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Peninsula Explorer

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Scout Skiing Weekend Begins

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can explore the slopes, learn new skiing and snowboarding skills, and enjoy a celebration of scouting on the snow during the Presidents’ Day 3-day weekend. Fee. Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts. For more information call (800) 875-4241 or visit www.bmbw.com.

Cross-Country Ski Program – Intermediate Workshop

Join Park Ranger/Certified Ski Instructor Paul Motts for this workshop designed for intermediate skiers with a good wedge or snowplow. Learn a variety of intermediate skiing techniques and come prepared with your own equipment, ready for outdoor instruction. If there is not enough snow, this workshop will be rescheduled based on instructor availability and snow conditions. Fee: \$10. Kendall Lake Shelter, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Sunday, February 14

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Winter Warm-up Hike

Winter hiking in CVNP offers beautiful scenery and wonderful recreational opportunities. Warm up with this biweekly hiking series as you explore CVNP's more challenging trails. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. 7 miles of the difficult Perkins and Riding Run trails. Everett Road Covered Bridge, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Junior Ranger – Winter Tracks Snowshoe

Although you may not see certain animals when you visit the park, you can tell who was here earlier from their tracks. Snowshoe a section of the Cross Country Trail and discover the animals living in the upland evergreen forests. Must have at least 4 inches of snow. For ages 7 - 12. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. Fees: \$8 per child including rental equipment, \$5 for CVNPA members. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Monday, February 15

Scout Skiing Weekend ends

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can explore the slopes, learn new skiing and snowboarding skills, and enjoy a celebration of scouting on the snow during the Presidents' Day 3-day weekend. Fee. Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts. For more information call (800) 875-4241 or visit www.bmbw.com.

Tuesday, February 16

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, February 17

No events scheduled.

Thursday, February 18

Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society - Sylvia Banks: Seven Weeks in Japan

Sylvia will showcase her experiences in Kyoto, a unique city of ancient temples and gardens photographed amidst brilliant fall colors. An award-winning and published photographer, Sylvia's images have appeared in books, magazines, and many CVNP calendars. She is a member of the CVPS Planning Committee and a judge for Northeast Ohio camera clubs. As an activity of CVNPA in cooperation with the National Park Service, CVPS promotes CVNP through the photographic arts by providing educational opportunities such as workshops, presentations, photo walks, and an annual photo contest. For more information contact CVPS at info@cvps.org or CVNPA at (330) 657-2909. CVPS sponsors monthly presentations by local, regional, and national photographers. Free. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m.

Friday, February 19

Dinner in the Cuyahoga Valley

Over a lovely dinner, hear John Debo, former CVNP superintendent, tell the inside story of how the Richfield Coliseum almost became a mega-mall, how Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad almost rolled into oblivion, and how valley farms almost disappeared. CVNPA members only. Hines Hill Conference Center, 5:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Campfire Tales – Lessons in Traveling the Underground Railroad

Do stories of love, danger, triumph, and despair pique your interest? Come hear stories of the Underground Railroad. CVNP invites you to join us around a roaring fire as we share tales of triumph, danger, adventure, and discovery. Take a short winter hike and experience those stories by meeting costumed characters, listening for night sounds, or hearing the words of others who have passed through this valley. Dress for the weather. Octagon Shelter, 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 20

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Countryside Winter Farmers' Market

This winter you can purchase local foods from your favorite farmers and artisan food producers in a beautiful indoor setting. Join the Countryside Conservancy on the third Saturday of the month from November through April for this popular marketplace. Happy Days Lodge, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call (330) 657-2538 or visit www.cvcountryside.org.

Park Place Pop-in – Presidents’ Day

This winter, pop in to CVNPA’s Park Place in Peninsula store for family fun! Activities range from crafts and stories to games and conversation about the day’s special topic. Park Place in Peninsula, noon - 4 p.m.

Heritage Series Concert – John Gorka

John Gorka is known for applying his rich baritone vocals to a wide range of song forms—intimate confessional songs about love and loss, humorous observations about daily life in his neighborhood, poignant commentary on political moods, and exuberant explosions of unmitigated joy. For fans, it is Gorka’s honest writing and ability to say it all with an economy of words that keep them coming back for more. The Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series, presented by the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), celebrates the cultural legacy of the Cuyahoga Valley. The series is sponsored by Akron Community Foundation, Cable 9, Residence Inn by Marriott, Ohio Arts Council, Lloyd L. and Louise K. Smith Foundation, and WKSU 89.7 FM. Admission unless otherwise noted: \$15 adults, \$10 CVNPA members, and \$5 children ages 3 -12. General seating. Advance sales are available until 3 p.m. on Friday for that weekend’s show; call (330) 657-2909 or stop by Park Place in Peninsula. You can create your own subscription series—enjoy three great Cuyahoga Valley Heritage Series concerts for one low price! No cash refunds, but tickets may be exchanged up to 10 days before the concert. Series prices: \$40 adults, \$25 CVNPA members, and \$15 children ages 3 - 12. Happy Days Lodge and begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 21

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CVSR Sunday Matinee: Lesson in Traveling an Underground Railroad

Do stories of love, danger, triumph, and despair pique your interest? Board the train to learn lessons for safe travel on the Underground Railroad. Seating is limited. Akron Northside Station, 11:35 a.m. Rockside Station, 1:30 p.m. To register call (800) 468-4070 or visit www.cvsr.com.

Winter Marshland Walk

Explore what is happening at the Beaver Marsh in winter. Join a park ranger for this 1.5-mile walk along the Towpath. Ira Trailhead, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, February 22

No events scheduled.

Tuesday, February 23

No events scheduled.

Wednesday, February 24

No events scheduled.

Thursday, February 25

Cuyahoga Valley Contra Dance

Become part of a living tradition in Cuyahoga Valley—contra dancing. Caller Carol Kopp leads dancers while the band *Hu\$money* plays lively jigs, reels, and tunes. Comfortable clothing and shoes recommended. Fee: \$6. Boston Township School House, 7 p.m. instruction, 8 - 10:30 p.m. dancing.

Friday, February 26

Hope on the Slopes

This unique snow-sports event benefits local pediatric patients facing life-threatening illnesses. Includes silent auction, freestyle competition, 12-hour team skiing, and refreshments. Fee. Polar Blast/Boston Mills Ski Resort, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. For more information call (800) 875-4241 or visit www.hopeontheslopes.com.

Junior Ranger – Sledding By Moonlight

While using your night vision, enjoy sledding the Kendall Hills and listening for owls and coyotes. Hot chocolate and stories provided. Bring your own sled and be sure to register, as space is limited. No fee. For ages 7 - 12. 6 - 8 p.m. Junior Ranger programs are offered year-round. Three programs earn you a Junior Ranger badge and six also earn you a special patch. Dress for the weather. Program locations are given upon registration. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Lyceum Series Lecture – Geoff York: Polar Bears, Storytellers of a Changing Arctic

Not only are large carnivores fascinating in their own right, they are often indicators of ecosystem health. In the Arctic, the polar bear is a key species. Their amazing adaptations to life in their harsh environment and their dependence on sea ice make them impressive, yet vulnerable. Declines in polar bear numbers or health can be a sign of something wrong in the greater Arctic marine ecosystem. Join Geoff York, senior program officer for polar bear conservation with the World Wildlife Fund, for an inside look at the issues facing the great white bears. The word “lyceum” has roots in ancient Greek, and became the name of the school where Aristotle taught. At CVNP, we use it to describe our lecture series featuring national speakers who stimulate the heart and mind with compelling stories of our natural and cultural world. Admission: \$8 adults, \$6 CVNPA members, and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. Attend any three for the subscription price of \$20 adults, \$15 CVNPA members. General seating. Advance sales are available by calling (330) 657-2909. Happy Days Lodge, 7 - 9 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 27

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Snowshoe Hike – Snowshoe Exercise

Trek with a park ranger along the inner loop of the Plateau Trail on this 2.5-mile moderate-to-difficult hike. Oak Hill Trailhead 2 - 4:30 p.m. Enjoy the serenity of winter in the Cuyahoga Valley by snowshoe! A park ranger will give a brief lesson on how to snowshoe before each hike. Bring water and dress for an active outdoor outing. Space is limited. Fee: \$5 per person for snowshoe rental. When snow is less than 4 inches, programs are conducted as hikes without snowshoes and are free. No advance payment is required. To register call (330) 657-2752.

Junior Ranger – Starlight Star Bright

Nighttime in the park may seem scary, but nature has its own night light. Come out to explore those twinkling stars with a park ranger and learn more about the night sky through activities, stories, songs, and a hike. No fee. 6 - 8 p.m. This series is offered year-round. Children attending three programs earn a CVNP Junior Ranger badge—five earn a patch. Winter programs are free. A parent or guardian is required to attend with participating children at no charge. To register call the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297 ext. 100.

Sunday, February 28

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Winter Warm-up Hike

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Akron History Hike

Meet Naturalist Danusia Casteel at the Mustill Store for an approximately 2-mile hike up the Cascade Locks and into downtown, and discover how Akron became the city it is now. Mustill Store, 2 p.m. For more information call (330) 865-8065 or visit www.summitmetroparks.org.

Full Moon Hike

Explore your national park by the light of a full moon! Listen to night sounds, look for night animals, and experience the darkness without a flashlight. An easy 3.5-mile hike on the Towpath Trail between Boston and Red Lock. Boston Store Visitor Center, 7 - 8:45 p.m.