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Share Your Memories of Camp Mueller

Brecksville, Ohio – On Saturday, April 24, the Phillis Wheatley Association (PWA), the National Park Service, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA), and Cleveland State University are hosting a reunion for people who attended Camp Mueller. This event will kick-off a project to collect oral histories about the camp, especially its early years.

The reunion event will occur from noon - 4 p.m. at Camp Mueller, located in Cuyahoga Falls within the boundary of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Transportation from the PWA's headquarters at 4450 Cedar Avenue in Cleveland will be provided leaving at 11 a.m. Participants must register for the event by contacting PWA at (216) 391-4443. Free activities will include a delicious camp meal, fun camp activities, and a chance to share your memories about the camp. Families are invited.

Two additional oral history collections days will occur on Saturdays, May 1 and May 8 in Cleveland. People may sign up for interviews at the reunion event or by calling PWA. Youth who participated in a Camp Mueller leadership camp will be conducting the oral history interviews.

The PWA established Camp Mueller in 1938. Today, it is one of four African-American owned and operated camps in the country. The National Park Foundation, the charitable partner of the National Park Service, funded this oral history project with support from the Walt Disney Corporation to help reveal untold stories about people's experiences in national parks. Cleveland State University's Center for Public History and Digital Humanities is providing technical support for this project.

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 (330) 657-2752 or (800) 445-9667.

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