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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### **Celebrate National Junior Ranger Day**

**Brecksville, Ohio** - On April 26, 2008, celebrate National Junior Ranger Day at Cuyahoga Valley National Park! Child-friendly activities and games will be on-going from noon - 2 p.m. at Happy Days Lodge. A special Junior Ranger swearing-in ceremony will honor new and experienced Junior Rangers alike at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy cake and ice cream. Win a prize for wearing your badge! Don't have a badge yet? Earn one by attending any of today's programs or completing Junior Ranger Handbook activities. If you've earned badges from other parks, wear them, too. Prizes will be awarded for the most badges and patches, the youngest and oldest Junior Rangers, and more! The ceremony and all National Junior Ranger Day programs are free. **Please register by calling (330) 657-2796 ext. 100.**

The Junior Ranger program is sponsored by the National Park Service with many participating national parks across the country. The program is designed to help children explore and discover their national parks. Through park-specific activities children learn about the special places preserved by the National Park Service and in turn are sworn in as "Junior Rangers" to help protect these areas for the future.

In addition to the special swearing-in ceremony and activities, there are also other free Junior Ranger programs on April 26. These special, Junior Ranger Day programs include:

#### **Bring on the Birds**

Listen for the songs and watch for flashes of color! It's moving time again for migratory birds. Join a park ranger to welcome back some of our feathery summer residents. For ages 7 - 12. Binoculars will be provided. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

#### **Finding Your Way**

How do you get there from here? Can you find your way back? Learn the basics of GPS and EarthCaching in this on and off-trail adventure! GPS units will be provided. For ages 7 - 12. 2 - 4 p.m.

#### **Junior Ranger, Jr.: Are You My Mother?**

Springtime brings the sounds of new life. Come learn how birds, mammals, and frogs are

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welcomed into the world. This program will have you outside building a nest, helping a baby find its mom, seeing spots, and eating “worms.” Being a parent is hard work! For ages 4 - 6.  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Space is limited and registration is necessary for these free programs. **Call (330) 657-2796 ext. 100 for registration and program location information.**

The swearing-in ceremony will take place at Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula, 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. Other program locations will be provided when registering.

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/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/) or [www.dayinthevalley.com/](http://www.dayinthevalley.com/) or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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