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The National Park Service Welcomes 4th Grade Students Through Every Kid in a Park Initiative

New National Program Encourages Families and Classes to Visit National Parks

Brecksville, OH – The National Park Service invites all 4th grade students to visit for **free** the James A. Garfield National Historic Site (NHS), First Ladies National Historic Site (NHS), and Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) as part of the White House’s new Every Kid in a Park program. While there is no entrance fee to visit CVNP, students and their families learn about the opportunities to visit other national parks. Starting today, 4th grade students can now go to www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

“During the National Park Service’s centennial celebration, we want everyone to get to know their national parks, and we’re offering a special invitation to fourth graders and their families to discover everything that national parks offer,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “We hope these free passes for fourth graders will introduce 4th graders, their classes, and families to our national treasures, places where they can run and play, explore and learn.”

For more information about National First Ladies Library contact 330-452-0876. To schedule a park ranger from Cuyahoga Valley National Park to visit your school, call 440-343-7035. For a field trip to James A. Garfield NHS call 440-255-8722.

To receive their free pass for national parks, fourth graders can visit the [Every Kid in a Park website](#) and play a game to access their special Every Kid in a Park pass. Fourth graders and their families can then use this pass for free entry national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country from September 1st, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The website also includes fun and engaging learning activities aligned to educational standards, trip planning tools, safety and packing tips and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

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In addition to providing every fourth grader in America a free entry pass for national parks and federal public lands and waters, fourth grade educators, youth group leaders and their students across the country will also participate in the program through field trips and other learning experiences.

The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect 4th graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come. The program is an important part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration in 2016, which encourages everyone to Find Your Park.

Every Kid in a Park is an administrative-wide effort, launched by President Obama, and supported by eight federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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