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Josh Bates Promoted to Park Ranger for Volunteer-in-Parks Program

Brecksville, Ohio - Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) is pleased to announce the promotion of Josh Bates (Education Technician) to a new position of Park Ranger (Volunteer Liaison /Service-Learning Coordinator). This position serves in the Interpretation, Education, and Visitor Services division, working collaboratively with the friends group, Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association, (specifically with the Director of Volunteer Programs and the Volunteer Program Assistant) on the park's Volunteer Program. In his new position, Josh will establish and coordinate service-learning projects in the park, specifically to engage youth and young adults in nature.

Josh is originally from Seattle, Washington, where he attended Western Washington University majoring in History with a minor in Geology. He came to Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 1998 to work as an intern at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center, and in 2000, he became an Educational Technician with the National Park Service. Over the last nine years, he has worked with young people from pre-K through college. Josh, his wife Candace, and sons Noah and Leo live in Akron.

The park's VIP program is co-managed by the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) and the National Park Service. The office is responsible for overall management and direction of the program and handles recruitment, training, recognition, and communications. Each volunteer activity is supervised by a park or partner representative from the appropriate discipline. Volunteers are also actively involved in program leadership to help create self-sustaining VIP programs. For more information on the volunteer program, visit www.cvnpa.org/GetInvolved/volunteer.aspx.

He will begin his new position on Monday, January 11, 2010 at the park's new Volunteer Management Office, located at 1571 Boston Mills Road, Peninsula 44264. He can be reached at josh_bates@nps.gov.

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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