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Calling all Junior Rangers! *Handbook is Now Free*

Brecksville, Ohio - The *Junior Ranger Handbook* is now available and free to the public. A Junior Ranger is a young person between the ages of 7 and 12 who completes the Junior Ranger activities and promises to help care for and learn more about their national park. Join park rangers and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) staff for summer fun and exploration. Pre-registration and advanced payment are required, as space is limited. Program locations are given upon registration. To register, call Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center at (800) 642-3297, ext. 100.

Friday, July 11 or Thursday, July 17

Goats & Gobblers

Ever wonder how to care for animals on a farm? Go behind the scenes with a real farmer and learn the ropes. We'll also get you going with goat games and tests of turkey trivia. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 12 or Sunday, July 20

American Indian Games

Today there are many great games to enjoy—in the playground, on a video screen, or out of a box. The focus is just on fun! American Indians, however, used games to teach life skills to their children. Test yourself with some “new” games and learn why they were played. For ages 7 - 12. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 14 or Saturday, July 19

Falling Waters

Experience the power of rushing water and feel a cool mist on a hot summer day. Visit the biggest waterfall in CVNP, look for wildlife, see rocks 400 million years old, and investigate local history. For ages 7 - 12. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on 7/14 and 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 7/19.

Wednesday, July 16

Make It, Break It, Take It

Can the pieces fit back together? Find out what archeologists can learn about past people by examining broken pottery. Make your own clay creation to take home. For ages 7 - 12. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on 6/30 and 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on 7/16.

Friday, July 18

Fossil Fun

Have you ever found a rock that looked like a strange creature from long ago? Perhaps you have found a fossil from when warm, shallow seas covered Ohio, millions of years ago. Join us on a fossil hunting adventure. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Monday, July 21 or Tuesday, July 22

Working in the Field

If you've ever dreamed about working on an archeological excavation, here's your chance. Discuss archeological tools and techniques and then test your skills with NPS archeologists on a real dig. All participants must wear long pants and sturdy shoes and bring a lunch. For ages 10 - 12. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, July 23 or 30

Nature Journaling

Great naturalists, artists, and writers have kept journals to use in their work. Learn to capture a scene or a fleeting thought in your own naturalist journal. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays, July 24

After the Chores

Was life all work and no play for children growing up on a farm? Not after the chores were finished! Have fun with games and activities that entertained children in times past. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 26

Nets 'n' Newts

Park ponds are jumping, wiggling, and swimming with life. Dip nets in to see what animals are on the move. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 28

Down & Dirty Farming

Think you have what it takes to be a farmer? If you're up to the challenge, come get a little dirty and sweaty. Discover what types of farming happen in the valley, then work side by side with a local farmer. All participants must wear long pants and sturdy shoes. For ages 10 - 12. 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, August 1

Leave it to Beavers

Take a closer look at the life of a beaver. Discover how these animals can change a habitat and create a new one. We'll take a hike to search for signs of beaver activity. For ages 7 - 12. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

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 call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667 or visit www.nps.gov/cuva.

CVNPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park, provides innovative education programs and fosters community awareness, support, and enjoyment of the park. For more information about CVNPA and its membership program, visit www.cvnpa.org or call (330) 657-2909.

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