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“America’s Best Idea” Recruits for National Public Lands Day Volunteers at Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio - Please help us make “America's Best Idea” even better. Join us for a national day of service in your 391 national parks. The National Park Service and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) invite Northeast Ohioans to get their hands dirty Saturday, September 26, for a clean up of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Sponsored by Krieger’s Health Foods Market and Main Street Gourmet, this half-day long event is part of National Public Lands Day, a nation-wide effort that promotes stewardship and enhancement of America’s public lands.

Participants in National Public Lands Day in CVNP will gather for registration and a breakfast snack at 8:30 a.m., at Boston Mills Ski Resort, 7100 Riverview Road in Peninsula. There is an alternative registration site in Valley View; call to find out the location. Once registered, volunteers can choose from projects including removing trash, debris, scrap metal, and invasive plants, or landscaping at Extraordinary Spaces buildings. In addition, families and individuals can choose to spend their morning learning how to minimize their impact from recreational activities by practicing “Leave No Trace” principles. Registration is at the same place.

Volunteers should wear sturdy boots or shoes, dress for the weather, and bring a small pack with work gloves, sun block, insect repellent, water, and lunch. The volunteer projects are open to ages 10 and older; the “Leave No Trace” program is open to all ages. To register before the event, please contact Shelby Lewis, Volunteer Program Assistant at (330) 657-2909 ext. 109, or email volunteer@cvnpa.org. Pre-registration is required for groups of five or more.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA). To learn about volunteer opportunities please visit www.cvnpa.org or 330-657-2909 ext. 109.

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The National Parks: America's Best Idea is a six-episode series directed by Ken Burns and written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan featuring some of nature's most spectacular locales — from Acadia to Yosemite, Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon, the Everglades of Florida to the Gates of the Arctic in Alaska. Join fellow park enthusiasts on Sunday, September 27, 2009 for dinner and an early showing on the big screen the first night of the Ken Burns PBS special, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. For tickets, please call (330) 657-2909 ext. 103. Come back to watch episodes two through six with fellow nature lovers enthusiasts, Monday, Sept. 28, through Friday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. All events occur at Happy Days Lodge. For more information on CVNP events visit www.nps.gov/cuva. To watch a preview of the film visit www.pbs.org/nationalparks/

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, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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