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Teachers Spend the Summer As National Park Service Rangers

Brecksville, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) has four participants in the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) program this summer. Teacher-Rangers work in national parks during the summer and share their experiences with their students during the following school year, wearing the National Park Service uniform to school when presenting park-related lessons. This program has been an extremely effective way to connect urban students to their national parks.

Kristina Schroeder is a first grade teacher at Ledgeview Elementary in the Nordonia Hills City Schools district. An educator for 10 years, she is excited to build upon her passion for outdoor education through her experience with the TRT program. Her goal is to connect her students, families, and colleagues to all that the park has to offer.

Ashley Foster is a science teacher at Cuyahoga Falls High School where she teaches ninth grade physical science, and environmental biology for eleventh and twelfth grades. During the school year, she is involved in many activities, including coaching girls' golf, ski club, and senior class advisor. Having the opportunity to learn and work in the park has been an amazing way to connect the park to the classroom, as well as being an incredible experience.

Scott Waseman has been teaching since 1990 and is currently a math teacher at Barberton High School. Scott looks forward to making connections from his classroom to CVNP. He stated, "Putting students into realistic situations in the park is a very powerful teaching tool. I hope to re-invigorate my students and my classroom through my summer experiences here at CVNP."

Ellie Reagan is a science teacher at Urban Community School in Cleveland. Ellie loves being a TRT because it gives her a powerful way to bridge her school's students and families to the great spaces and living things in the park.

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For more information about the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program visit www.nps.gov/learn/trt/ or email pamela_barnes@nps.gov.

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 330-657-2752 or 800-257-9477.

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