



Flight 93 Volunteer Newsletter



2008

Junior Ranger Program Launches At Memorial

Last week Flight 93 National Memorial launched its first Junior Ranger Program (JRP) at the temporary memorial. The program, which consists of three different booklets, were all written and illustrated by Ginny Barnett during a Student Conservation Association internship specifically aimed to develop a Junior Ranger Program.

When visitors with young children arrive at the Memorial, they will have the opportunity to participate in one of two JRPs. The Junior Ranger Storybook, outlines the story of Zoomer, a softball left as a tribute to honor the heroes of Flight 93. The story explains to young children what tributes and heroes are and allows for activities like coloring and drawing. The Junior Ranger Journal was developed for older children, encouraging them to write and complete activities about their experiences while visiting the Memorial. The Parent or Caring Adult Guide was developed for parents or guardians looking for guidance or how they can approach their kids about the events of September 11, 2001.

Ambassadors who are handing out Junior Ranger Programs and badges at the Memorial should follow these guidelines for distribution.

- Recognize the three types of booklets. You may wish to read all three so you're familiar with the content.
- Parent guides are available for distribution even if their child is not participating in the JRP.

- Visitors may not see signage, so offering the program by word of mouth is important.
- JRP should *not* be placed on the counter for anyone to take.
- There are bags of Junior Ranger Badges in the lockbox on the left side. JR badges are popular with regular NPS visitors with children. They are to be awarded after the booklet has been completed. If the booklets are taken home for completion, let the parents know they can mail the booklets in to the address on the back and we will return them with the badges. If a Junior Ranger misses completing a page, you do not need to ask them to complete the book, although they should show an effort in attempting to complete it.

- JRP booklets are to be kept by the Junior Ranger and *not* collected.
- Visitors may bring JR booklets that have been printed from their printer at home.
- Please let park staff know when there are less than ten copies of any JRP booklet, so supplies can be replenished in a timely fashion.

The JRP booklets may also be found online at: www.nps.gov/flni

Ambassador Advisory Team Meeting Set

The next Ambassador Advisory Team meeting will be held Thursday, December 11th from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in Shanksville at a location TBD this week. The agenda for the evening is to review the 2008 list of training suggestions, accept new training ideas and prioritize these suggestions for the entire Ambassador group for the 2009 season. There will also be a few minutes to discuss any other concerns at the end of the meeting. Please contact Adam for the meeting location if you plan on attending. A meeting notice with the location will also be sent out via e-mail. Remember that the Ambassador Advisory Team meeting is an open meeting to all Ambassador members.

Ginger Raborn is at Dinosaur



In recent months, some volunteers have been curious about Ginger Raborn's status at Flight 93 National Memorial. For those who don't already know, Ginger accepted a permanent position with the National Park Service at Dinosaur National Monument in the Rivers Operations Office. Dinosaur is located in Colorado and is aptly named for the large quantity of dinosaur fossils embedded in the rock within the boundary of this park. Her husband, Kevin recently relocated with Ginger and the two have purchased their first home. If you wish to contact Ginger, her new park address and e-mail address is below. We wish Ginger the very best in her new endeavors at Dinosaur National Monument. Congratulations!

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Winter Calendar:

- Dec. 11** 6:30 PM AAT meeting in Shanksville
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day (NPS office closed)
- Jan. 1** New Years Day (NPS office closed)
- Feb. 2** Commission/Task Force Meeting- 10 AM Somerset County Courthouse



Decorations At Memorial

We understand that placing seasonal decorations at the Memorial for visitors to enjoy has been done by our volunteers with the best intentions. However, for some visitors they may be seen as inappropriate in a memorial setting. Flowers are always appreciated, but please do not place other decorations in or on the shelter.



THE NPS WANTS YOU!

The following volunteers should stop at the Park office the next time they're in Somerset or contact Adam.

Judi Baeckel
Chuck Wagner
Patti Varner
Shirley Sowerbrower

Overheard at the Memorial

"I heard that the cockpit door was only rated to x number of pounds"

While providing visitors with correct and exact information is imperative at the Memorial, accurate numbers have not been released to answer this question. It is fair for you to offer the following information: the FAA prior to September 11, 2001 allowed the flight deck (cockpit) to remain open during flights. According to the 9-11 Commission Report, Ch. 7, the hijackers/terrorists believed the, "best time to storm the cockpit would be about 10-15 minutes after takeoff, when the cockpit doors typically were opened for the first time. The report goes on to say that Mohamed Atta (Flight 11) "was confident the cockpit doors would be opened and did not consider breaking them down a viable idea." Since the attacks, the FAA has mandated locked doors to all flight decks (cockpits) and the installation of reinforced doors.

A Volunteer Thank You

The trip to the Pentagon Memorial was a rewarding and worthwhile experience. On behalf of the Park Staff and Flight 93 Volunteers, I'd like to thank the Ambassadors who volunteered their time to staff the Memorial while we were gone, in particular Perry Childs, Bob & Donna Schmucker and Dona Zwick. Although its cliché, we appreciated you "holding down the fort." *Next*



View of the completed Pentagon Memorial in the foreground of the reconstructed side of the Pentagon, Arlington, VA..

NPS Photo

month, read what volunteers had to say about the trip.

A Security Note

The security guards have been asked by the NPS office to record the number of visitors between 8-10 AM in the Ambassador log book for tracking purposes only.

Hunting Notice Published

The NPS recently issued a press release to remind the public that hunting or possession/carrying a weapon in National Parks is prohibited, with the exception of unloaded weapons in vehicles that are rendered temporarily inoperable or are cased. Although Flight 93 National Memorial is a newer park, these same regulations apply on NPS property including the former O'Barto, Stutzman and Vish properties. On your way to and from the memorial, please report any active hunters or illegal weapons use to the security guards or contact the park office. Violators are subject up to \$5,000 in fines and six months in jail. NPS law enforcement rangers will occasionally patrol these areas.



Flight 93 Family Members, Volunteers and Staff at the entrance to the Pentagon Memorial, Arlington, VA..

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