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### Birthplace Calls for Trivia Buffs to Compete on Inauguration Weekend: Family Fun on National Junior Park Ranger Day Saturday, too

Think you know history? Want to prove it? George Washington Birthplace National Monument announces a **unique competition to celebrate the 218<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first inauguration of George Washington** as the first President of the United States. The first Inauguration Day contest will be held throughout the site and certificates and prizes will be awarded in 4 age categories: 18+ ("President" award) 14-18 ("Senior Senator"), 8-13 ("Junior Senator") and under 8 ("Representative"). The competition will be held from 9-5 on both Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29.

Park volunteers and staff members will serve as contest officials and will be roaming the site with a stack of questions weighted 1, 3 or 5 points depending on the difficulty of the question. Most questions will deal with a variety of facts relating to the inauguration of any president from George Washington to George W. Bush, but officials will also be quizzing contestants on all sorts of presidential and Washington related knowledge.

Contestants do not need to pre-register. Simply pick up an entry form and a contestant identification pin at the beginning of your visit either April 28 or 29. As

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contestants answer questions they are given the point weighted card to put in their entry envelopes. Questions could be asked at anytime without warning: during a tour, at the visitor center, while walking the grounds, in the middle of the movie or while visiting the gift shop. A contestant's chance of winning will increase with the amount of activities and time spent in the park. Nominal gifts will be provided by the George Washington Birthplace National Memorial Association and will be mailed to the 4 winners. Part of each prize will be a complementary annual individual membership to the George Washington Birthplace National Memorial Association.

Besides the contest, visitors on the weekend will be given the opportunity to take the same Oath of Office that Washington took 218 years ago. Park Rangers will be conducting this brief ceremony at noon and 2 p.m. at the birth site both Saturday and Sunday.

**Also on Saturday, April 28 from 10-4, the park will be celebrating National Junior Ranger Day with living history demonstrations and colonial activities suitable for the whole family.**

**Scheduled to date are outdoor games and militia drills.** As always, visitors from 6-12 will be given an opportunity to complete the park's Junior Ranger Handbook and earn a Junior Ranger Badge.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is located on Route 204, 2 miles off of Route 3, 38 miles east of Fredericksburg, VA and 11 miles west of Montross, VA. Admission to the Memorial Area is \$4 per visitor 16 and older. There is no additional cost to participate in the Inauguration Day Contest or the National Junior Park Ranger Day activities.

Additional information about George Washington Birthplace National Monument is available by phone at (804) 224-1732 or on the web at [www.nps.gov/gewa](http://www.nps.gov/gewa).