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George Washington Birthplace is Local Host for World Ranger Day

George Washington Birthplace National Monument will be participating with other countries in World Ranger Day on Saturday, July 30. World Ranger Day is an international event that displays the varied Park Ranger roles and responsibilities. Activities for the day will highlight different Park Ranger activities including fire fighting, law enforcement, protection, and interpretation.



In the early days of the National Park Service Director Stephen Mather wrote, "If a trail is to be blazed, send a ranger; if an animal is floundering in the snow, send a ranger; if a bear is in a hotel, send a ranger; if a fire threatens a forest, send a ranger; and if someone needs to be saved, send a ranger." An early ad for Park Rangers called for "competent woodsmen for rangers, men who could shoot straight, handle horses travel with a pack outfit in the hills, and generally take care of themselves outdoors." Modern Rangers—men and women--can still perform all of these duties plus give tours, appear on television and lead

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Adel Greenwalt making corn husk dolls with young visitors at Washington's Birthplace.

On Saturday July 30, there will be continuous showings of *The Thin Green Line* at George Washington Birthplace National Monument. Special displays detailing the life of a Ranger will also be featured.

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Birthplace is located at 1732 Popes Creek Road, Colonial Beach, VA 22443. It is on Route 204, 2 miles from the intersection of State Route 3, 38 miles east of Fredericksburg VA and 11 miles west of Montross VA. As always, all activities and programs on July 30 will be free and open to the public. For more information call 804 224 1732, or visit the web at www.nps.gov/gewa.