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Fee-Free Day at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site for National Public Lands Day

Brecksville, Ohio - On Saturday, September 27, 2008, 120,000 Americans are expected to volunteer their time to help restore the beauty and vitality of our public lands as part of the 15th annual National Public Lands Day. This year's celebration will honor the 75th anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps, an army of young American men who successfully planted 3 billion trees in the 1930's to restore our nation's forests. To celebrate this great event, the National Park Service is waiving the \$5 entrance fee at the James A. Garfield National Historic Site (JAGNHS) for the entire day, which includes free tours of the President's restored home.

The national goal for this year is to plant 1 million trees by volunteer efforts throughout the United States. Locally, JAGNHS, a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is seeking Boy Scout troops to participate in a tree identifying activity that will assist the site in future interpretive talks. Scouts will earn unit certificates and a newly created badge issued by the NPS and the Boy Scouts of America. Assistance with this activity will be provided by NPS park rangers and the Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteers.

Please join us - for free - as we celebrate National Public Lands Day and learn about volunteer opportunities available at JAGNHS.

For more information about the National Public Lands Day program at JAGNHS, please contact Allison Powell at (440) 255-8722. Information on National Public Lands Day can be found at www.publiclandsday.org. The Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteers program has information at www.lake.osu.edu.

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About the James A. Garfield National Historic Site and the National Park Service

James A. Garfield National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is located at 8095 Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) in Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles east of Cleveland. The 8-acre site consists of the main house and memorial library of James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States, the 1880 presidential campaign office, the 1893 carriage house, the windmill and several outbuildings associated with the Garfield farm. Most of the furnishings and personal effects in the main house are original Garfield family pieces, on loan to the NPS by the Western Reserve Historical Society. In the late 1990s the house was completely restored by the National Park Service, making it one of the most impressive presidential homes preserved for the public. House tours run regularly, please call ahead for a schedule. Tours and the Visitor Center are largely wheelchair accessible. Special community events and special education programs for the public are scheduled throughout the year. The Garfield site is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m., May through October. November through April the site is open weekends only, noon – 5:00 p.m. For information call (440) 255-8722, write 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060, or visit www.nps.gov/jaga on the Internet.

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