



# in FARMation

## Who are these new faces?

While visiting Oxon Cove Park, you are likely to see many familiar faces among the animals. Dixie, Becky, Dewey, and Virginia, among others, are still here, but something has changed! There are now four new rangers giving programs, welcoming visitors, and taking care of the park resources! Take a moment to read a little bit about them, and welcome them to the park when you see them.

Dave Meyer developed a love for the National Park Service while traveling across the country with his wife and daughter, visiting many national parks. He volunteered in Greenbelt National Park, where he found his calling. Selling his business, his family moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains, where he worked several positions on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Diversifying his skills, Ranger Dave also spent time at San Antonio Missions National Historic Park, before bringing his expertise to Oxon Cove Park.

The most recent addition to our park is Deborah Richard, a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico. Ranger Deborah worked for the Puerto Rico Tourism Company,

Bacardi Corporation, and then Disney World in Florida. Deborah left Florida to join the National Park Service on the National Mall in downtown D.C. An older sister to one, Ranger Deborah enjoys many outdoor activities alongside her husband.

A social studies teacher for 15 years, Stephanie Marrone brings to the park her expertise in educating our youth. Ranger Steph left teaching in 2009 and began her career with the National Park Service, working at Anacostia Park, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and Fort Washington Park. Ranger Steph's experience and a love of the outdoors, animals, and youth is a great asset to the park's educational outreach.

Leaving the tiny river town of Nauvoo, Illinois, Kevin Bryant came to the Washington metropolitan area to begin his National Park Service career. Although Ranger Kevin is new to the national parks, he brings with him a lot of experience. He spent the past five years working in privately-run historic sites throughout the midwest. Just before he and his wife moved to the east coast, Ranger Kevin finished a Master's Degree in American History.

### Building Bridges for the Challenged Day Camp

Thursday, July 14 and 28, 2011

10 am to 1 pm

*Reservations Required*

Oxon Cove Park will host a free camp program specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Choose a date and make your reservation today for your youngster to join in on a day of fun-filled and educational environmental activities.

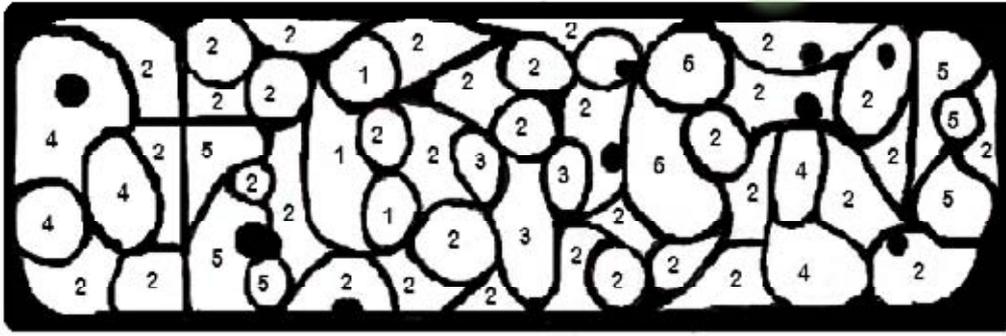
All participants must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

Please call Ranger Michael Schaefer, 301-839-1176, for more information or to make your reservation.

This program is funded by a generous grant from the National Park Foundation.



# Kids! This Page is For You!



Color in the image above using the color code below, and find out how you can reduce your carbon footprint.

Almost all scientists agree that climate change is happening, and that human activities are contributing to it. Changing climate has consequences for parks, people and the planet. The choices people make may help avoid catastrophic impacts in the future.

Did you know that Oxon Cove Park, along with all the other national parks in National Capital Parks-East, is on its way to becoming a "Climate Friendly Park?" To be designated a Climate Friendly Park, National Capital Parks-East must complete a Climate Action Plan, which is a description of the actions it will take to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Visitors to national parks also make choices that affect parks. So, what are some ways to reduce YOUR "carbon footprint?"



## Kitty's Korner



*Kitty, the farm cat, is our newest InFARMation columnist. She will be reporting on the goings on park activities from the animals' point of view and her column will appear in each subsequent edition. Kitty wanders around the barnyard, so make sure you meet her before you leave. She might even be giving out autographs!*

My name is Kitty. I am the Barn Cat and I run this farming operation while the rangers are away. Since I am here 24/7, I know every nook and cranny of this operation. That's why I was appointed chief of Farmland Security. My assistant is Special Agent Spickles, a top notch rabbit security officer, who works the night shift. He does farm night patrols to make sure the sheep haven't escaped or the cows haven't raided the feed barn. Late last evening I was at my desk, going over some reports, when I got a call from Agent Spickles: "Yes, Agent Spickles?" "My intelligence network has reported that the park rangers are bringing a new milk cow to the farm." "A new cow, Agent Spickles?" "Yes, chief, a new cow." "I'll need to get to the bottom of this! \*\*\*"

*Natalie Kasch Meyer, a freshman at Faith Christian School, Roanoke, Virginia and a National Park Service volunteer, is the creative inspiration and writer of this column.*

\*\*Farmland Security" is on top of it's game. A new dairy cow has "moo"ed to Oxon Cove Park on April 12th!

## What's Wrong With This Picture?



Oxon Cove Park/Oxon Hill Farm  
6411 Oxon Hill Road  
Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745  
301-839-1176  
[www.nps.gov/oxhi](http://www.nps.gov/oxhi)

The park is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm every day of the year except New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Program changes can be made without notice.