

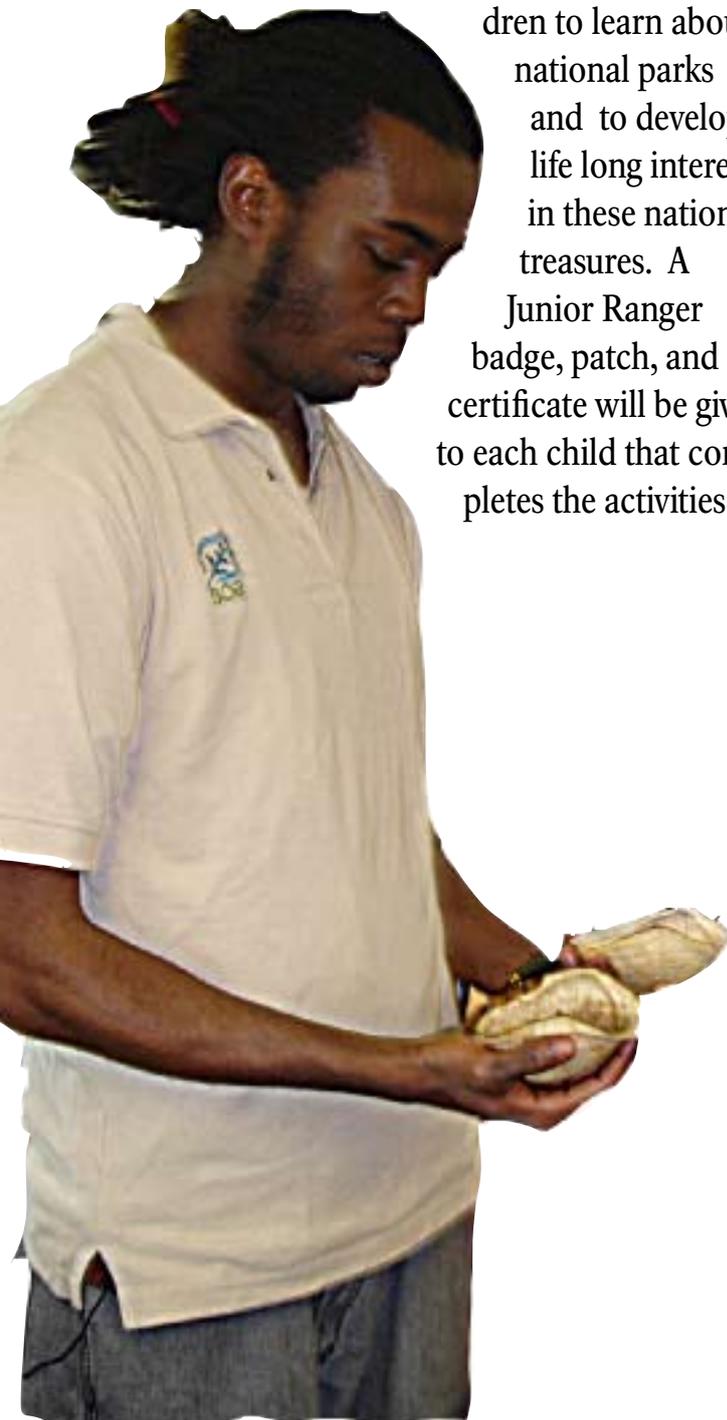


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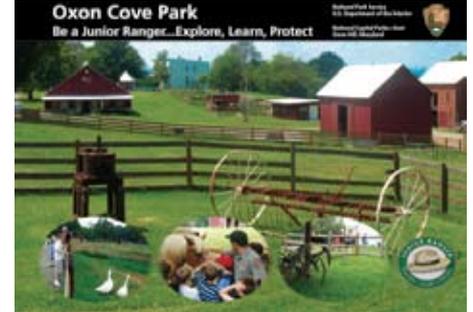
## Explore • Learn • Protect: Junior Ranger Program Comes to the Park

Congratulations to Ahmad Toure for developing the new Oxon Cove Park Junior Ranger program. This program will debut this summer and is a self-guiding activity book for children ages 9-13. This booklet has many educational and fun activities

that encourage children to learn about national parks and to develop a life long interest in these national treasures. A Junior Ranger badge, patch, and certificate will be given to each child that completes the activities.



Ahmad, a senior at American University, was chosen from a pool of applicants as Oxon Cove Park's Junior Ranger Ambassador. The Junior Ranger Ambassador program is a partnership between the National Park Service and the Student Conservation Association. This program hires and trains college students to develop Junior Ranger programs in national parks across the country.



The Oxon Cove Park Junior Ranger Program was selected as the 2008 NATIONAL NUMBER ONE Junior Ranger project! Kudos to Ahmad and Oxon Cove Park staff.

### Junior Ranger Ambassador Program needs YOU!

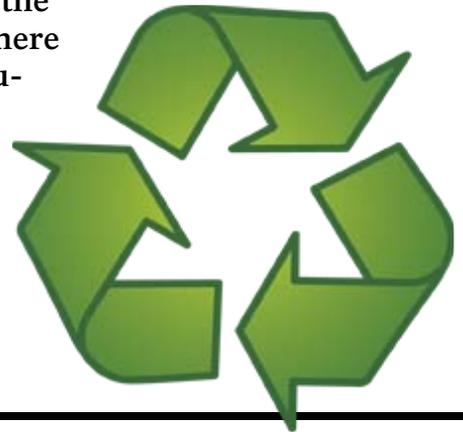
Next summer you can work alongside the National Park Service to assess and expand Junior Ranger (JR) programs. For twelve weeks during the summer you will work in a National Park that currently does not have a JR program, or weak JR programs, to implement and improve their outreach to local youth and program materials. You will help develop a JR booklet and activities at the assigned park. In addition, you may assist in community outreach, volunteer and event coordination for Junior Ranger programming. Applicants with a background in design, publication, education, child psychology, environmental studies/education, or history are highly desired.

For more information visit:  
[www.thesca.org](http://www.thesca.org)



# Waste Not, Want Not

You might have noticed our new recycle bins in the picnic area. Please use them! The National Park Service recognizes the importance of our natural resources and wants to help in as many ways as possible to conserve them. All recyclable items can be placed in these bins, including: paper, plastic, and glass. Recycling can benefit the economy and the environment. For every job collecting the recyclable materials, there are numerous jobs created for processing the materials and manufacturing them into new products. Using recycled products to produce new materials saves the natural resources that would have been used otherwise! Every ton of paper that is recycled can save up to 17 trees from being cut down. Saving trees helps to reduce habitat loss, which in turn will help keep the biodiversity of the world from declining. It's a large chain that you can be a part of to help just by recycling that newspaper!



## Behind the Scenes: Keeping Up Appearances

Have you noticed the well maintained appearance of Oxon Cove Park? Well, you are not alone. Many visitors stop by the Visitor Center and compliment the park for keeping the grounds and buildings maintained in a visually appealing and safe manner.

Dereke Newman and Willie Newsome are the park's two maintenance men who are responsible, not only for the maintenance of the grounds and buildings, but for the feeding and care of the farm animals. Often times, Derek and Willie are busy caring for the park and visitors never have an opportunity to meet them.

Dereke and Willie have dedicated 32 years to carrying out the mission of the National Park Service. Dereke, the park's maintenance foreman, has been at Oxon Cove Park for seven years and worked at other park sites for 14 years. Prior to beginning his career with the National Park Service he served in the U.S. Army for nine years, earning the rank of sergeant. Willie has been caring for parkland for eleven years. Previously, he worked for Geico Insurance Company for 15 years as a gardener and maintenance worker.

If you should see either Dereke or Willie during your visit to the park, don't hesitate to say hello and to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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The park is opened every day of the year  
from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm, except January 1,  
Thanksgiving, and December 25.

Program changes can be made without notice.



Welcome our new piglets to the farm. Perhaps you can suggest a name for the four new editions to the animal farm family!