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Tiny Tots Junior Ranger

Thirty-nine enthusiastic students from Judith P. Hoyer Early Childhood Center became our youngest Junior Rangers on April 30th, 2008. These four and five year olds earned their badges by participating in a two day on-site program that introduced them to the National Park Service, conservation ethics, and the cultural and natural resources of Oxon Cove Park.

Park Rangers visited the school in Cheverly, Maryland on April 30th. Students and teachers walked with the Park Rangers to a neighborhood park for the swearing

in ceremony where the Tiny Tots took the Junior Ranger oath and were presented with Junior Ranger badges, certificates, and a goodie bag filled with mementos from Oxon Cove Park.

This Junior Ranger program was unique because the participants were younger than the typical nine to thirteen year old Junior Rangers. This program demonstrated that four and five year olds are a perfect age for introducing concepts that will foster care and concern of national parks for a lifetime.



EXPLORE. LEARN. PROTECT.
Be a Junior Ranger!

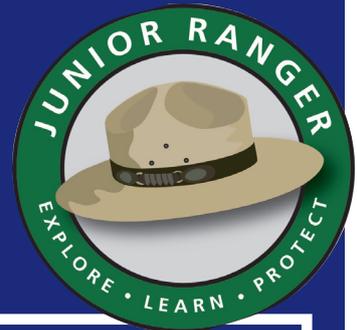
What is a Junior Ranger?

Are you interested in **exploring**? Do you like science, history or nature? How about animals, gardening or the environment? Would you like to **learn** more about the national parks that belong to you? Did you know you can help **protect** these special places?

A Junior Ranger Could be YOU!

Rather than tying their park experiences only to the scheduled programs, Junior Ranger programs are designed to provide participants with the flexibility to see and interact with the park at their own pace and within the limits of their own time.

Keep your eyes open for the premier of the first Oxon Cove Park Junior Ranger booklet that will be available in the fall of 2008. This booklet will be geared toward ages nine to thirteen and will be filled with fun and educational activities that you can do on your own. Kids will earn a Junior Ranger badge by successfully completing the activities. Please call 301-839-1176 to find out more.



Explore! Learn! Protect!

July 7 through 10 and
July 21 through 24

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ages 9-13

Join us this summer and become part of the elite group of Oxon Cove Park Junior Rangers by completing the four day program. The program is packed full of fun and educational activities. Talk to a Park Ranger today to find out more and reserve your space!

Visitor Use Assistant Owen Johnson Jr. and Park Rangers Ray Whitacre and Jackie Ballard worked along with thirty-one volunteers to pick-up trash on the banks of the historic Potomac River for the Annual Potomac River Clean-Up on April 5th, 2008. To the right are volunteers Chris Scott and Adair Petty of Adventurers Scout Troop with Ranger Ray (in the middle) standing among the many bags of trash collected that day.

This annual event is a great way to help the environment while earning community service credits. Ranger Ray invites you to join him and others next year. Give him a call on 301-839-1176 for more information.



A river is the report card for its watershed.

- Alan Levere, environmentalist

Down on the Farm This Summer!

Meet the Dairy Cow
Monday through Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Stop by the dairy barn and meet our dairy cow, Tuesday, up close and personal. You *may* even get a chance to milk her!

Chicken Program
Sunday through Thursday
11:00 a.m.

Do you know the difference between brown and white eggs? How are chickens important to a farm's economy? Learn the answer to these and other fascinating questions about chickens.

Wagon Ride
Sunday through Thursday
1:30 p.m.
Friday
11:00 a.m.

Take a scenic ride through the park and learn about the environment and the park's history.

We Need You!

Do you like people and history? Have you ever thought about presenting a program to children in period costume? Do you know a thing or two about old time farm machinery and would like to help us restore some antique farm equipment? Those are just a few of the volunteer jobs that might interest you.

Whatever your interests are there is a volunteer position for you on the farm. Volunteering on the farm is a

great way to earn community service credits for your school requirements. Remember -- if you are under fourteen you will have to have your parents come along and help out, too!

Please call Owen Johnson, Jr. to schedule an appointment

and see how you can help out at Oxon Cove Park.

Pictured below is Volunteer Terri McConnell who helps care for and tend to Mae.



Oxon Cove Park/Oxon Hill Farm
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Oxon Hill, Maryland
301-839-1176

www.nps.gov/oxhi

The park is opened every day of the year from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except New Year's, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Program changes can be made without notice.