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## Saguaro National Park News Release

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### **SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK TO HOST CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS RECOGNITION DAY, MARCH 31**

*Tucson, AZ*--Saguaro National Park is proud host the 3rd Annual Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Recognition Day on Saturday, March 31.

The event will be held at the Tucson Mountain District (west), 2700 N. Kinney Road from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Park entrance fee will be waived at the Red Hills Visitor Center for visitors participating in the CCC celebration.

There will be historians and authors presenting stories and artifacts including photos, camp newspapers, rosters, documents, artifacts, and books will be available for viewing. Tours will also be available of historic CCC infrastructure in Saguaro National Park.

The CCC was established by the federal government to fight the Great Depression of the 1930's. The CCC provided service jobs for unemployed, single young men across the nation. The National Park Service administered this program to improve state, county, and city parks and all recreational facilities were designed to blend with the natural surroundings.

In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established a work camp in the Tucson Mountains and in the following two years built five picnic areas: Sus, Mam-A-Gah, Ez-Kim-In-Zin, Cam-Boh and Signal Hill sites. These picnic areas, which became part of then Saguaro National Monument in 1961, were outfitted with stone masonry rest rooms, ramadas and picnic tables, and fire boxes.

Saguaro National Park staff is also seeking to contact people who served in the Civilian Conservation Corps or their family members. If former Corps members or their family members have photos or information from that time period, staff is interested in reviewing them.

For more information on the CCC, contact Philip Brown at [Philip.Brown@nps.gov](mailto:Philip.Brown@nps.gov), or call 733-5158.

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