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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK CELEBRATES 2013 NATIONAL PARK WEEK Entrance Fees Waived April 22nd through April 26th

Tucson, AZ – In celebration of National Park Week, Saguaro National Park will waive entrance fees from Monday, April 22nd through Friday, April 26th.

Did you know that Saguaro National Park is one park with two districts, protecting 91,440 acres of Sonoran Desert? Did you know that Tucson's backyard national park was first established in 1933? As one of America's 401 national park sites, Saguaro National Park offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation, healthy living and spiritual renewal in Tucson's backyard and next week it is free to visit.

"National parks are an important part of who we are as American citizens", said Andy L. Fisher, Chief of Interpretation. "Collectively, national parks tell the story of the choices we have made as a society and what we continue to value as a nation. National Park Week is an opportunity to get out and learn something about our nation that you did not already know."

Saguaro National Park is also offering programs highlighting the natural and cultural history of the Tucson area all week. Entrance fees are waived, though permits for backcountry camping and annual passes will also be available in both the Rincon Mountain District's (east) and the Tucson Mountain District's (west) visitor centers.

Visit our website at www.nps.gov/sagu to learn more about the park, and for a listing of programs.

For more information on National Park Week opportunities in park units around the country, please visit www.nps.gov/npweek.

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