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Saguaro National Park Offers Fee Free Weekend to Celebrate National Park Week 2014

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park is joining with the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation to celebrate 2014 National Park Week, including free entrance to both districts Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20th.

In partnership with the National Park Foundation, this year's theme for National Park Week is, "Go Wild for our National Parks." From giant cactus to giant glaciers, volcanoes to canyons, Civil war battlefields to international peace parks, national parks preserve and tell our uniquely American stories.

"Saguaro is one of 401 National Park sites across the country who are celebrating National Park Week with free entrance," according to Darla Sidles, Superintendent of Saguaro National Park. "Saguaro National Park is 78% designated Wilderness. This Wilderness is for everyone to enjoy and experience naturally wild places."

In addition to free entrance into the park, Western National Parks Association (WNPA) will offer a 15% discount on all book and gift sales in both of Saguaro National Park's visitor centers during the fee free weekend.

Active duty members of the U.S. Military and their dependents are reminded that they may be issued a free America the Beautiful pass any day between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at either visitor center. This pass will permit the pass owner, and up to 3 other adults traveling with them, entrance into all National Parks for 12 months. They must show a current, valid military identification card to qualify for the pass. Additional passes are available to anyone for purchase. Inquire inside either visitor center for additional information.

Please remember that the fee free weekend waives entrance fees only. Additional user fees, such as backcountry camping permit fees, still apply.

National Park Foundation created a short video designed to encourage participation in our national park system, during 2014 National Park Week. That video is available at: <http://www.nationalparks.org/national-park-week>

For more information on Saguaro National Park, please visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/sagu.

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