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## Saguaro National Park News Release

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### **Saguaro National Park Announces Junior Ranger Wilderness Exploration Camp, February 23-25**

*Tucson, AZ-* Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District (West) will offer a three-day Junior Ranger Wilderness Exploration Day Camp for ages 10 to 14 years old. The dates for the camp are Thursday through Saturday, February 23-25, 2012.

The camp includes a variety of exciting, hands-on activities such as hiking, exploring, compass and map reading, learning how a GPS helps with navigation through the desert and an exhilarating night hike through the magic of the desert after dark. Participants will also learn how to pick a camp site and pitch a tent, cook with a backpack stove, and hike safely in the wilderness. These skills will be learned through active demonstrations and activities designed to help young people explore the desert, learn about nature, and have fun in the great outdoors.

Camp hours are 11:00a.m.-8:00p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 12:00p.m.-9:30p.m. on Saturday, ending with a night hike, campfire, and graduation.

The camp fee is \$30.00 per child for all three days.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 13.

For more information or questions, please contact Ranger Chip Littlefield at 733-5157, or email [chip\\_littlefield@nps.gov](mailto:chip_littlefield@nps.gov).

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