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National Park Service and El Paso Bike Club Partner to Host Free Kids' Bicycle Rodeo Event

On Saturday, November 5th from 1 - 4 p.m. the National Park Service and El Paso Bicycle Club will co-host its first Bicycle Rodeo for Kids at Chamizal National Memorial. This event is free. Children wishing to participate will need to bring an adult, their bicycle, and a helmet. A limited number of helmets will be available for loan during the event for those children who don't have one. On-site registration will open at 12:30 p.m. on November 5th.

The purpose of this event is to teach children safe bicycle riding skills while also encouraging them to get outside, active, and enjoy their local national parks and other public lands as well as their own neighborhoods as part of the First Lady's "Let's Get Outside" Initiative. "We plan to set up several stations to target the most important cycling safety basics and skills including a helmet sizing and fit check station, basic bicycle maintenance and repair, proper hand signals, stopping and starting safely, riding in a straight line as well as the 'Crazy 8' and 'Snail's Race' courses," according to National Park Ranger Becky Wiles, the lead coordinator for this event and an avid cyclist. There will also be a celebration station where participating children will receive a special award for their afternoon's accomplishments. Instructors and event coordinators are certified by the American League of Cyclists. The National Park Service will also have an information table about other national park sites in the region.

The Kids' Bicycle Rodeo is being co-sponsored by Chamizal National Memorial, White Sands National Monument, and the El Paso Bicycle Club with support and donated helmets from Sharon

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Hodges of Otero County Public Health. For questions or more information, please contact Event Coordinator Becky Wiles, Chief of Interpretation at White Sands National Monument at 575-479-6124 x230 or via email at Rebecca_Wiles@nps.gov or Anne Doherty-Stephan, Chief of Interpretation, Education and the Arts at Chamizal National Memorial at 915-532-7273 x124 or via email at Anne_Doherty-Stephan@nps.gov.

Chamizal National Memorial is a unit of the National Park System that commemorates the peaceful resolution of the 100-year-long boundary dispute between the United States and Mexico caused by the changing course of the Rio Grande. The park is open daily from 5 a.m. – 10 p.m. (closed only on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day). The Visitor Center is open Wednesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The park also offers walking trails and picnic areas. We invite you to come explore our collective heritage, your local national park, and get outside and get moving.

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