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2010 Junior Ranger Ecology Camp at Congaree National Park!

Do you know a rising fifth grader who enjoys the outdoors? Does your child like to study plants, animals, and the natural world? Would you like your child to experience one of America's treasured National Parks right here in the midlands of South Carolina? Then consider enrolling your child in the FREE 2010 Junior Ranger Ecology Camp at Congaree National Park!

The Old-Growth Bottomland Forest Research and Education Center at Congaree National Park is offering two camp sessions this summer! Session I runs from June 28th through July 2nd. Session II runs from July 12th through 16th. Each session runs Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each session focuses on outdoor activities including hiking, canoeing, and scientific data collection, as well as crafts, writing, and hands-on standards-based science lessons taught by National Park Service staff. The goals of the camp are to increase familiarity with the National Park Service mission; showcase the plants, animals, and ecological features of Congaree's floodplain forest; promote science education; and promote resource stewardship. Upon completion of camp, each camper will be sworn in as an official National Park Service Junior Ranger and receive a commemorative patch and pin.

The camp is free of charge, but advance registration is required and enrollment is limited to 20 campers per session. Registration for both sessions begins onsite at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 3rd, 2010 at the Harry Hampton Visitor Center. At that time, campers may be registered in person at the front desk on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of two campers registered by any one parent, guardian, or designated adult at a time. Reservations may not be made by phone. Registration will run until both sessions are full, with a waiting list for each camp in the event of any cancellations.

For more details, please see the link to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website at <http://www.nps.gov/cong/forkids> or contact David Shelley, Education Coordinator at (803) 776-4396, ext. 3966. For maps and more information about Congaree National Park, you can visit our website at www.nps.gov/cong or contact the Harry Hampton Visitor Center front desk at 100 National Park Road, Hopkins, SC, 29061, phone (803) 776-4396.

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