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Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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National Park Presents Fun Activities During Gay Games

Welcome to the athletes and tourists; all events open to the public

Brecksville, Ohio – The 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation is one of the most inclusive sports & cultural festivals in the world and comes to Cleveland+Akron, August 9 - 16, 2014. During the games, visitors can experience Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), one of the top 15 most visited national parks in the country! Though it is a short distance from the urban areas of Cleveland and Akron, CVNP seems worlds away. There is no entrance fee for the 33,000 acres of deep forests, rolling hills, and open farmlands.

Explore the park on your own or attend one of our scheduled activities, brought to you by National Park Service, Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR), and Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Enjoy the Gay Games and CVNP in one visit! For more information visit www.cvcountryside.org/GG9.

Scheduled Activities Open to Everyone:

Friday, August 8

“Ales on Rails” Beer-Tasting Train, Akron Northside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.cvsr.com.

Saturday, August 9

Picnic in the Park at Countryside Farmers’ Market, Howe Meadow, 9 a.m. - noon. Free.

Sunday, August 10

CVNP Bus Tour

Enjoy the exquisite summer beauty of Cuyahoga Valley National Park from the comfort of a **FREE charter tour bus**. To register for tickets visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org

Wednesday, August 13

Music in the Meadow: The Laura Love Duo and Mouths of Babes (formerly Tylan & Ingrid), Howe Meadow, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Free.

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Thursday, August 14

Countryside Farmers' Market, Highland Square, 4 - 7 p.m. Free.

The Last Voyage" Murder Mystery Dinner Train, Rockside Station, 7 - 9 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.cvsr.com.

Locations:

Akron Northside Station - 27 Ridge Street, off Howard Street in downtown Akron 44304

Highland Square - intersection of Conger Avenue and West Market Street, Akron 44303

Howe Meadow - 4040 Riverview Road, 4 miles south of SR 303, Peninsula 44264

Rockside Station - 7900 Old Rockside Road, off Canal Road, Independence 44131

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio.

Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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