



Saguaro National Park News Release

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER DAY

Saguaro National Park to Host Events in Both Districts

Tucson, AZ – In celebration of National Park Week, April 24th has been designated Junior Ranger Day. Junior Ranger programs will be offered in both the park's East and West Districts. Upon completion of the program, children will receive a Junior Ranger badge, certificate, and an exclusive National Junior Ranger patch.

Rincon Mountain District (Saguaro East):

Saguaro National Park's Rincon Mountain District (Saguaro East) will celebrate National Junior Ranger Day by offering a special family event to qualify youngsters as "National Park Junior Rangers." The programs will take place on Saturday, April 24 at 10 AM, or 2 PM, beginning at the Saguaro East Visitor Center. "This 90-minute session will explore the issues of earth's changing climate as seen in our national parks," said program coordinator Jeff Wallner. Activities will include games, workbooks, and films. The program will also feature activities specific to our own Saguaro National Park. The suggested age range is 6 through 12 years old (under 6 requires adult attendance). As space is limited, advanced registration is required. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for reservations, or for additional information. Saguaro East is located at 3693 South Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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Tucson Mountain District (Saguaro West):

In celebration of National Junior Ranger Day, Saguaro National Park's Tucson Mountain District (West) will also offer a Junior Ranger program for kids 6 through 12 years old. This half-day Junior Ranger Day Camp will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. The camp includes a variety of fun, hands-on activities such as hikes, exploring the great outdoors, tracking the elusive desert tortoise, looking for awesome animals and their tracks, searching for secret stuff on a scavenger hunt, games, crafts, making fabulous friends, and just having a good time! As space is limited, advanced registration is required. Call Ranger Chip Littlefield at (520) 733-5157 for reservations, or for additional information. Saguaro West is located at 2700 North Kinney Road, Tucson, AZ 85743.

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