



Hello Junior Rangers!

As we welcome warmer weather in 2009 we have many exciting programs for you to participate in. Some of them you may have seen before while others are a once in a lifetime opportunity! Below are some of the activities that will be available this summer, but remember to keep checking the Events and Activities page on the Junior Ranger Web site at www.nps.gov/miss/forkids. See you all this summer!

Ranger Rebecca



Spring and Summer Scheduled events...

April 25, 2009 – Junior Ranger Day

Join Ranger Rebecca and others from 1-4 p.m. in celebrating Junior Rangers at the Mississippi River Visitor Center in the lobby of the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul. There will be three different stations where you can learn about different aspects of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. Become a new Junior Ranger or receive a special gift for being a returning Junior Ranger.

June 12 - 13, 2009 – Mississippi River Bio Blitz

Participate in the first Bio Blitz sponsored by the National Park Service, among others, from 5 p.m. on June 12 to 5 p.m. June 13 along the Mississippi River. Help scientists count lichens, insects, birds, mammals and other plants and animals. There will be more information as we near the date.

July 11, 2009 - Fossil Hunting at Lilydale Regional Park

Discover what used to live at Lilydale Regional Park in St. Paul before the dinosaurs lived from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. with Ranger Rebecca. Just show up before 10 to join the group. Remember to bring lots of water and a bag to keep all of your fossils in! Just be aware that there are no bathrooms on location.

Also, be sure to look for a new program called Seed Starters this spring!

More activities...

Check the Junior Ranger Web site at www.nps.gov/miss/forkids for more information about the programs listed and more!

Birding



Barge Ride



Camping



Biking



Fishing

Canoeing

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Dragonflies and Damselflies

Dragonflies and damselflies are interesting insects that look very fragile, but with over 140 species that live in Minnesota, they are not hard to find on a warm spring day. There are thirteen species of dragonflies or damselflies native to Minnesota listed in the word search. To find the names of the insects listed, go to www.nps.gov/miss/forkids/jrranger_newsletters.htm.



Twelve-spotted Skimmer

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