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National Park Service Junior Ranger Day at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park on Saturday, April 28, 2007

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Chillicothe, Ohio will join hundreds of parks throughout America to host a nationwide Junior Ranger Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. It will be the culminating event of National Park Week April 22-29.

Children of all ages are invited to tour the ancient earthworks of Mound City Group with a park ranger, to browse exhibits of Hopewell artifacts in the park museum, and to take turns throwing spears with an “atlatl” on the lawn outside the visitor center.

Two short films will be shown in the park theater – an award-winning, 17-minute video entitled “Legacy of the Mound Builders,” and an outdoor safety video called, “Lost ... But Found, Safe and Sound” that describes specific things that children can do if they ever find themselves stranded in the woods.

Children who wish to earn a Junior Rangers badge can answer questions and word games in a 12-page pamphlet about mound builders, archeology, the Ohio Erie Canal and Camp Sherman, a local U.S. Army training base during World War I.

First established by presidential proclamation in 1923, the park preserves and interprets five important archeological sites amounting to more than 1,200 acres in Ross County, Ohio. The park visitor center, located three miles north of Chillicothe at 16062 State Route 104, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call (740) 774-1126, or visit www.nps.gov/hocu.

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