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## News Release

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National Junior Ranger Day Celebration: April 28<sup>th</sup>  
*Your National Parks: Explore, Learn, and Protect*

Come join the National Junior Ranger Day Celebration at the Mississippi River Visitor Center on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Explore** the Mississippi River's fur trade story through living history with Jacque the Voyageur, **learn** where the Mississippi River's water comes from as a "Watershed Detective", and discover new ways to **protect** the Mississippi River from your own backyard. Kids of all ages are invited to earn a Junior Ranger badge, pin, button, patch, and certificate. Freddie the Flathead Catfish will also be present to greet and congratulate the Junior Rangers. Activities will be ongoing between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Free.

National Junior Ranger Day is part of the 2007 National Parks Week, April 22-29. Learn about the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and the rest of the 390 national parks through exhibits, movies, and ranger programs at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. Free.

Visit [www.nps.gov/miss](http://www.nps.gov/miss) or call the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 651-293-0200 for more information on park activities and programs. The Mississippi River Visitor Center is located in the free lobby area of the Science Museum of Minnesota in downtown St. Paul.

The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area is a unit of the National Park System that represents America's greatest river and weaves together the heartland's natural and cultural heritage and economic vitality. The MNRRA extends 72 miles south from the cities of Dayton and Ramsey, through Minneapolis and Saint Paul, ending just south of Hastings, Minnesota. The National Park Service works with partners, local governments and tribes to care for the river's nationally significant resources found here, which include the Mississippi's only gorge and waterfall.

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