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**Enjoy Summer Camp in a National Park – It's Closer Than You Think!**

**PENINSULA, Ohio (March 3, 2020)** – The Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC), comanaged by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, is gearing up for another great summer with the return of Junior Ranger Summer Day Camp and Crooked River Exploration Camp!

Lifelong memories are waiting to be created at Junior Ranger Summer Day Camp, where children will navigate, uncover and connect with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) – the national park that connects Cleveland and Akron. This year's themes include:

**Wilderness Survival Camp (July 6-10):** Campers will learn to use a compass, read maps, and practice safety in the outdoors. They'll also visit some of the best-known survivors in the park, the plants and animals!

**Things with Wings (July 13-17):** Children explore the world from the perspective of things with wings – from birds to bats to butterflies! The week will “fly” by while decorating bird houses, exploring ponds, making crafts and taking a field trip to explore butterfly habitats at Howe Meadow.

**ROCKin' the Past (July 20-24):** Week three campers will journey back in time to uncover a different era of the Cuyahoga Valley. Creating fossils, digging up artifacts and a trip to the Canal Exploration Center will form an unforgettable week.

**Wilderness Survival Camp II (July 27-31):** This week will foster important wilderness survival skills – including learning how to cook over a campfire – for all campers.

In addition to each week's themes, kids will enjoy camp classics like hiking, singing camp songs, playing games and making new friends. Early bird discounts are available through May 25. Multiple camp discounts codes are given upon registration. Scholarships are available on an as needed basis. Don't wait to register, last year's camps sold out!

Summer of 2020 will also see the return of Crooked River Exploration Camp – an award-winning CVNP satellite camp hosted in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood. While learning about ecological



concepts and the impact of human activity on the Cuyahoga River and the environment, campers get to experience the joys of being outdoors. Ample time is spent in Old Brooklyn's greenspaces, as well as CVNP. This year Crooked River Exploration Camp will have two themes:

**Ecosystem Exploration (June 15-19):** Campers become ecosystem explorers while investigating different habitats – from across the globe to their own backyards. In addition to discovering greenspace in Old Brooklyn and CVNP, underwater ecosystems will be explored during a field trip to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium.

**Stones and Bones (June 22-26):** Kids will investigate how the earth has changed over time as they “visit” the periods of the dinosaurs, ice age and early settlers. Plus, a visit to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is included in this fun, fact-finding camp.

Junior Ranger Summer Day Camp and Crooked River Exploration Camp are for students entering grades 1-6 in the fall of 2020. Both are accredited by the American Camp Association, meaning the camps have undergone thorough (up to 300 standards) review of operation – from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. Details and registration for all camps can be found online at [cvnpedu.org](http://cvnpedu.org) or by calling 330.657.2796

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### **About the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park**

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the official friends group and philanthropic partner for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) – the national park that connects Cleveland and Akron. With a mission to enrich lives and our communities by inspiring use, appreciation and support of CVNP and ensure its preservation, the Conservancy offers cultural and educational programming, operates a year-round environmental education center, comanages the park's volunteer program, provides venues for weddings, meetings and special events, and operates three park retail spaces.