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National Parks Welcome 4th Graders with Every Kid in a Park Program

Ventura, CA — National Parks across the country invite all 4th grade students to visit them as part of the White House’s new Every Kid in a Park program. Starting in September, 4th grade students can visit www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

“During the National Park Service’s centennial celebration, we want everyone to get to know their national parks, and we’re offering a special invitation to fourth graders and their families to discover everything that national parks offer,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “We hope these free passes for 4th graders will introduce 4th graders, their classes, and families to our national treasures, places where they can run and play, explore and learn.”

To receive their free pass for national parks, 4th graders can visit the Every Kid in a Park website and play a game to access their special Every Kid in a Park pass. Fourth graders and their families can then use this pass for free entry to national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country from September 1st, 2015 through August 31, 2016. The website also includes fun and engaging learning activities aligned to educational standards, as well as trip planning tools, safety and packing tips, and other important and helpful information for educators and parents.

To celebrate the Every Kid in a Park program the Channel Islands Park Foundation and the National Park Foundation have each provided grants that will support bus transportation for Ventura County 4th grade classes to go to the Channel Islands National Park visitor center in Ventura Harbor. Each class will receive a ranger-led program prior to their park visit and all students will become official Junior Rangers.

The goal of the Every Kid in a Park program is to connect 4th graders with the great outdoors and inspire them to become future environmental stewards, ready to preserve and protect national parks and other public lands for years to come. The program is an important part of the National Park Service’s Centennial celebration in 2016, which encourages everyone to Find Your Park.

Every Kid in a Park is an administrative-wide effort, launched by President Obama, and supported by eight federal agencies, including the National Park Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Channel Islands Park Foundation

Formed in 2005, the Channel Islands Park Foundation is the primary non-profit, philanthropic partner of the Channel Islands National Park. Recognizing the challenges of managing the complex island ecosystems and richly diverse cultural resources, the Foundation is committed to supporting the ongoing work of the Channel Islands National Park. In co-operation with the National Park, the Foundation funds restoration and education efforts, to ensure continued protection of the islands' natural and cultural resources. For more information visit: www.ciparkfoundation.org.

National Park Foundation

The National Park Foundation is the official charity of America's national parks and the nonprofit partner to the National Park Service. Chartered by Congress in 1967, the National Park Foundation raises private funds to help protect more than 84 million acres of national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts, connect all Americans with their incomparable natural landscapes, vibrant culture and rich history, and inspire the next generation of park stewards. For more information visit: www.nationalparks.org.

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