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Steamtown Junior Ranger Program Revised Children Explore National Parks and Railroading

Scranton, PA - To spark the interest in the next generation of park rangers, Steamtown National Historic Site will offer its Junior Ranger program starting on Sunday, March 19, 2006, covering various hands on projects on railroading and national parks.


Junior Ranger programs are available for ages 6-8 and kids aged 9-12. Each activity stimulates the youngster's thought process in a different way. One activity might be a puzzle, or possibly a mathematical equation. Another would cover the exhibits in the Steamtown museum complex. Safety on the railroad is also stressed. When all activities are completed, the new junior ranger has a park ranger review his or her book, and gets a certificate and a special Junior Ranger badge.

There is no added charge to the young visitors who take this program. They must visit Steamtown National Historic Site's visitor center with a parent or guardian to receive a program, and start on their way. Admission to the park is \$6.00 for adults aged 16 and older. No programs or badges can be mailed to those who cannot visit the park.

Steamtown's mission is to preserve and interpret the heritage of steam-era railroading in the United States. The footprint of the railroad on American history is very deep, and touches all aspects of life. In many ways, every school subject studied today has a relation to the railroad.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Steamtown National Historic Site is open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm starting April 2, 2006. From I-81, follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); follow signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna Ave. and Cliff Street.

Additional details regarding interpretive and educational programs and activities and weather related cancellations may be obtained by calling (570) 340-5200 or toll free (888) 693-9391, or by visiting the Steamtown web site at www.nps.gov/stea.

Note: Photographs and digital images are available upon request.