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National Park Week to Highlight Children's Activities in Parks

SCRANTON, PA – Nature, history and exploration come together at Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, PA during the annual National Park Week celebration set for April 22nd -30th, 2006. This year's theme is "Connecting our Children to America's National Parks." Among the hallmark programs featured at Steamtown's museum complex is the new Junior Ranger Program for children aged 6 – 12, a new educational program for children under 6 "Lets Explore Steamtown," a special National Park Service exhibit "Experience Your America" and the popular "America's Legacy – Your National Parks" power point program.

Steamtown will have computer terminals set up for children to test drive the brand new National Park Service WebRanger interactive computer program which is currently available on any internet-connected computer at www.nps.gov/webrangers. The program provides children the opportunity to explore a variety of National Parks without leaving their home. A WebRanger Program dedicated to Steamtown stories is under development.

Steamtown's commitment to partnerships will be highlighted during the National Park Week event. The Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, Lackawanna County Historical Society, Rails to Trails, Pennsylvania State Parks and the Lackawanna River Corridor Association will have displays set up throughout the complex.

Steamtown's *Scranton Limited* short yard train ride will operate from Wednesday through Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. The *Scranton Limited* train, covering nearly 3 miles round trip, crosses over the Lackawanna River and passes the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel. At the University of Scranton, the train begins its return to the roundhouse. Many historic topics are covered in the ranger-led train educational program, which lasts 30 minutes.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

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

Special Ranger guided educational programs will also be conducted with behind the scenes Locomotive Shop tours and Turntable demonstrations.

Admission to the National Park grounds at Steamtown is \$6.00 per adult, aged 16 and older. Those under 16, accompanied by an adult, enter at no admission cost. All programs offered by the Steamtown staff, including museum access and the Park movie, *Steel and Steam*, are covered by this one admission charge.

Located in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Steamtown is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. From I-81, follow exit 185 (Central Scranton Expressway); then, follow the signs to the main entrance at Lackawanna and Cliff Avenues.

Additional details regarding interpretive and educational programs and activities 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.

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