

National Park Service Department of the Interior

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Local Youth Finish Valuable Work and Receive Job Training.

Twenty high school students from McCreary County High School, York Institute, Oneida High School, Morgan Central High School, Sunbright High School, and Clarkrange High School spent two months working with National Park Service employees and attending job training and mentoring as part of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). The students finished a number of projects including miles of trail rehabilitation, brush clearing, and repainting park directional signs.

Astronomy Program.

Paul Lewis from the University of Tennessee will present his highly popular dark sky astronomy program on October 4 at 9:00 p.m. (ET) in front of the Bandy Creek Visitor Center, telescopes will be available for night sky observation. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be moved indoors to the Interpretation and Education building next to the Bandy Creek Visitor Center.

Business Opportunity to Operate Overnight Horse Camp Service at Station Camp.

The camp includes a shower house and 24 trailer/tent sites each with tie ups, electrical hookups and water. The prospectus is posted at <http://www.concessions.nps.gov/biso005-15.htm> or contact Cherrie Brice via email at Cherrie_Brice@nps.gov for a printed prospectus package. All responses to the prospectus must be in hard copy and will be due on November 13, 2014, by 4:00 p.m. (ET).

Volunteer Cleanup Event at Yamacraw Bridge. Join us on Saturday October 25 at 8:30 am (ET) and help pick up litter and debris and make that part of the park shine! Meet at the parking lot on the East side of the river off of Highway 92 outside of Stearns, KY. Snacks and coffee will be waiting for you. Be sure and wear sturdy shoes and long pants.

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Science Public Meeting. On October 29, the National Park Service is hosting a free workshop to learn about research conducted at the Obed and Big South Fork. Distinguished scientists and researchers will discuss a wide range of scientific topics including: anthropology, archeology, aquatic ecology, biology, and geology. The meeting will be held at the Historic Rugby Visitor Center. For more information, email Henrietta_degroot@nps.gov.

15th Annual Adopt-A-Crag a huge success. Over 80 volunteers participated in this stewardship event that resulted in 400 hours of volunteer efforts at the Obed. Volunteers helped with projects including trail restoration and definition, litter clean-up, and treatment of over one hundred hemlock trees to protect them from the deadly hemlock woolly adelgid. This event is an excellent example of park visitors investing themselves in the places that are special to them and is another great step towards preserving the Obed's natural environment for future generations.



Park Staff repaired the Blue Heron Overlook which was destroyed by a lightning fire five years ago.

"They Passed Through the Obed" program on Saturday, October 11. Both legend and evidence combine to show that Andrew Jackson, John Muir, and Daniel Boone each trekked across the environs of Morgan County and the Obed Wild and Scenic River. The talk starts at 1 pm (ET) at the Obed Visitor Center.

Park Jobs. Forestry technician is a temporary position. Applications are due by October 06. More information can be viewed at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/381562600>. The Chief of Interpretation application deadline is October 10. The vacancy announcement can be viewed at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/>

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