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## Natchez Trace Parkway News Release

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### Natchez Trace Parkway Announces Free Junior Ranger Programs in Ridgeland, MS, July 2012

(RIDGELAND, MS)– The Natchez Trace Parkway will continue Junior Ranger programs at the Parkway Information Cabin, milepost 102.4 in Ridgeland, MS through July, 2012. The programs will be conducted Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 am and will cover a variety of topics pertaining to the Natchez Trace Parkway. Parkway programs are free to the public and are most appropriate for children ages 7-12.

#### Junior Ranger Program Schedule for July 2012

**July 7, 2012; 10:00am – 11:30am**

**“The Year of the Boatman”**

**Go back in time with a park ranger to travel in the footsteps of the boatmen who used the trace to travel home from Natchez, Mississippi to Kaintuck territory.**

**July 14, 2012; 10:00am – 11:30am**

**“My Home is the Trace”**

**Learn about some of the animals who make the trace their home. Make a plaster track of your favorite animal to take home.**

**July 21, 2012; 10:00am – 11:30am**

**“Taking care of our Planet: Recycle, Reduce & Reuse”**

**Jr. Rangers will learn how to be good caretakers of our planet Earth by recycling materials to be reused into other useable materials. Make something out of a recycled material.**

**July 28, 2012; 10:00am – 11:30am**

**“Natchez Trace Toy Box”**

**Buzz saw, whimmy diddle, Jacob’s ladder, hopscotch; dancing man...are just a few of the toys and games pioneer children found in their toy box. Jr. Rangers will try them out and make a toy to take home.**

A list of Junior Ranger programs for the months of June and July can be obtained at the Parkway Information Cabin at milepost 102.4, or by visiting the Parkway’s website at [www.nps.gov/natr](http://www.nps.gov/natr). To have a list mailed to you call 601-898-9417.

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