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JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS IN SABINO CANYON

Tucson, AZ (January 17, 2012) – The Coronado National Forest, Santa Catalina Ranger District, will present Junior Ranger programs on Saturdays at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, 5700 N. Sabino Canyon Road, through March 31, 2012. There is no charge for the program. Presentations, which are open to youth kindergarten age through the sixth grade accompanied by an adult, take place at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Visitor Center Conference Room.

The one-hour long program begins with a presentation orienting participants to life in the Sonoran Desert, with a focus on safety in the desert and how plants, animals and humans have adapted to the extremes of an arid climate. A short slide show is followed by interactive activities. The session concludes with a ¼ mile hike on Bajada Nature Loop Trail during which the children can observe adaptations they learned about. Upon completion of the program children will be awarded a Sabino Canyon Junior Ranger certificate.

Participants should be prepared for the hike by bringing water, sunscreen, hat, and appropriate shoes (no flip-flops or sandals). For more information call the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at (520)749-8700.

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