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Junior Ranger Summer Camp 2013 – “Get Out and Do Something”

TUSKEGEE, AL– Tuskegee Institute and Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Sites invite children 5 – 12 years of age to attend **Junior Ranger Summer Camp 2013**. This multi-session program on Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2013 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM will focus on the timeline of Tuskegee and its pursuit of excellence and self-sufficiency.

The students of Tuskegee applied what they learned in the classroom to construct the original buildings on the campus. The Junior Rangers will learn some of those same skills taught to the Tuskegee students of the late 1800’s and early to mid-1900s. This experience will be fun and educational. The Junior Rangers will learn how to make bricks and to grow and cultivate crops in the manner that George Washington Carver taught his students. The intention is for every participant to walk away with the understanding of how important nature is to our society.

Due to the excellence of Tuskegee Institute’s Agricultural and Architectural programs, the Institute was chosen to be part of the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP) teaching African Americans to fly. The CPTP led to the creation of the Tuskegee Airmen, also known as the 332nd Fighter Group. These men were the very first African American Fighter Pilots during World War II.

The second two-week phase of the program takes place at Moton Field. There, the Junior Rangers will receive a full Tuskegee Airmen experience. The joy of model airplane building inspired many of the Tuskegee Airmen to dreams of flight and motivated them to become pilots. Youth will take part in training regiments and building historic model airplanes like the P-40 WarHawks and P-51 Mustangs that the Tuskegee Airmen Flew during World War II.

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Youth that participate for the entire four weeks will earn an airplane ride with the Black Pilots of America (BPA) and earn 1 hour of accredited flight time on the National Aviation register. Spaces are limited and are sure to fill up quickly you won't want to miss out on this opportunity!

This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information and to register, contact Park Ranger Robert Stewart at 334-724-0922 or visit www.nps.gov/tuai.

Directions to the Site:

From Montgomery, AL., follow I-85 North to exit 38 (Tuskegee Notasulga). Turn right on Hwy. 81; travel one mile. Turn left on Hwy. 81 South; travel one mile. Turn left on Chappie James Ave. (alternate route 81); travel $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site Parking on left.

From Atlanta GA,

Follow I-85 South to exit 38 (Tuskegee-Notasulga). Turn left on Hwy. 81 South; travel one mile. Turn left on Chappie James Ave. (alternative route 81); travel $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site parking lot on the left.

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