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Western Reserve PBS in Search of Cuyahoga Valley National Park Memorabilia

KENT — April 2, 2009 — Western Reserve PBS is working on a new documentary about Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is requesting help from park visitors past and present. The organization is interested in collecting home movies, photos and other relevant memorabilia that reflect experiences in the park. Examples of items are photos or video of family experiences at Virginia Kendall Park, diary notations, antique snowshoes and souvenirs collected prior to the park's formation. Staff members will document items at two upcoming open houses at the park's Happy Days Lodge. The events will take place on Sundays, April 26 and May 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No appointment is needed. Community members are encouraged to bring their items to either of the events, where they will be photographed on site and returned. For home movies, Western Reserve PBS will borrow them, bring them back to its studios and convert them to DVD. Each movie will then be returned to its owner along with a complimentary DVD copy of the movie.

Happy Days Lodge is located at 500 W. Streetsboro Road (S.R. 303) in Peninsula. In addition to the memorabilia collection, Western Reserve PBS is conducting oral histories for the documentary at these events. However, all the available time slots have been filled. For more information, call Western Reserve PBS at 1-800-554-4549.

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About Western Reserve Public Media

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. Western Reserve PBS, a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.4 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average week, over 500,000 households tune in. Through funding from eTech Ohio, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in eight Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org or call 1-800-554-4549.

About Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park is the sixth most frequently visited park among the nation's 58 national parks, with 2,828,233 visitors per year. The park protects 33,000 acres along the banks of the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron and combines cultural, historical, recreational and natural activities in one setting. It is within a one-hour drive of the 4 million people in the greater Cleveland/Akron/Canton metropolitan area. Some 250 historic structures, including residential and farming properties, can be found within its boundaries.

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