

Proclamation

Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America

Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights

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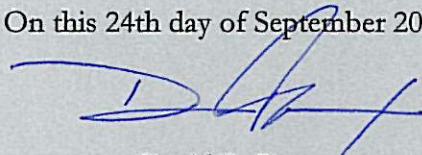
Children who are in touch with their natural environment are healthier, do better in school, have increased creativity and improved concentration. Realizing these benefits, the Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America, in partnership with Ohio Leave No Child Inside (representing more than 100 organizations across the state), is committed to helping children reunite with nature, live more active, healthier lives, enjoy the natural treasures of our parks, forests, flora and fauna - and discover the rewards of becoming environmental stewards.

I encourage parents, educators and youth leaders to join us in this effort to ensure that Ohio's children have the opportunity to reconnect with nature - making them happier, healthier and smarter.

THEREFORE, I, DAVID P. TRUAX, Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America, do hereby proclaim that every Ohio child shall have the opportunity to:

- Be physically active and play outside every day to grow up healthy
- Connect with nature, with free time to explore the outdoors
- Have access to safe, natural green spaces in their community
- Discover the wonders of plants and animals, large and small, using all five senses
- Explore the diversity of Ohio's natural habitats
- Understand the patterns and cycles in nature
- Experience the joys of splashing, playing and swimming in safe, clean lakes and streams
- Be fully immersed in nature by camping overnight, free of the distraction of electronics
- Learn how to give back to nature

On this 24th day of September 2010



David P. Truax

Scout Executive - Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America

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City of Canton

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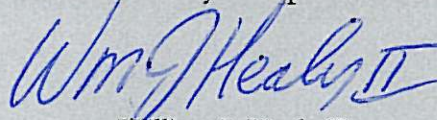
Children who are in touch with their natural environment are healthier, do better in school, have increased creativity and improved concentration. Realizing these benefits, the City of Canton, in partnership with Ohio Leave No Child Inside (representing more than 100 organizations across the state), is committed to helping Canton's children reunite with nature, live more active, healthier lives, enjoy the natural treasures of our parks, forests, flora and fauna - and discover the rewards of becoming environmental stewards.

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THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. HEALY II, Mayor of the City of Canton, do hereby proclaim that every Ohio child shall have the opportunity to:

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William J. Healy II
Mayor - City of Canton

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park

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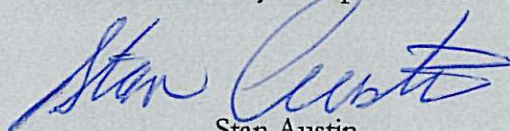
Children who are in touch with their natural environment are healthier, do better in school, have increased creativity and improved concentration. Realizing these benefits, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, in partnership with Ohio Leave No Child Inside (representing more than 100 organizations across the state), is committed to helping children reunite with nature, live more active, healthier lives, enjoy the natural treasures of our parks, forests, flora and fauna - and discover the rewards of becoming environmental stewards.

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THEREFORE, I, STAN AUSTIN, Superintendent of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, do hereby proclaim that every Ohio child shall have the opportunity to:

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Stan Austin

Superintendent - Cuyahoga Valley National Park

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Ohio Parks and Recreation Association

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THEREFORE, I, WOODY WOODWARD, Ohio Parks and Recreation Association, do hereby proclaim that every Ohio child shall have the opportunity to:

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