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Andrew Johnson NHS Announces Events for National Park Week

Greeneville, TN – This month marks the annual observance of National Park Week, scheduled this year for April 20-28. Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, along with the 400 other National Park units, will participate with events throughout the week. The beginning of the week-long celebration, co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, will be Saturday, April 20th as National Junior Ranger Day. Starting on Sunday, April 21st, the Andrew Johnson NHS Visitor Center will host a lunch time movie series from 12 to 1 PM in the VC media room. Visitors will see segments from the landmark Ken Burns documentary, National Parks: America’s Best Idea, with showings each day through Sunday, April 28th. Guests are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and enjoy the film along with the park staff.

National Park Week also coincides this year with Greene County Heritage Month. Andrew Johnson NHS will offer a display chronicling the history and development of Greeneville’s hometown National Park. The exhibit will include images and documents that tell the story of the Johnson family’s tremendous efforts to preserve the memory of the 17th president within the community that was his home for nearly 50 years. Subjects will range from the development of Andrew Johnson National Cemetery, the preservation of the family’s “Homestead” and “Early Home”, and, of course, the spot from which Johnson would begin his climb to the nation’s highest office, the legendary “Tailor Shop.” The exhibit will be available for viewing during National Park Week at the Andrew Johnson NHS Visitor Center during normal hours of operation, each day from 9 AM to 5 PM.
National Park Week is a yearly opportunity for visitors to celebrate the National Park System, along with the Park Service staff and volunteers whose efforts preserve and interpret America’s scenic and historical treasures. To further encourage the public to visit the wonderful places that are their national birthright, the National Park Service is waiving all entrance fees from April 22 through April 26th.

For further information about National Park Week events at Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, please contact Jim Small at (423) 639-3711, extension 102.