

ANPR NEWS

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A monthly newsletter from the Association of National Park Rangers
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Online Registration for Ranger Rendezvous Closes October 15

Ranger Rendezvous is almost here! We will be meeting October 21-25, 2015 at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly located near Asheville, North Carolina. We have 15 breakouts, four training seminars, five keynotes, three field trips, and many great exhibitors, along with our hospitality suite. Space is limited, so don't miss your chance to attend. The schedule and complete program details are available at:

<https://aonpr29.wildapricot.org/Ranger-Rendezvous>

Online registration closes **Thursday, October 15**. Onsite registration will be available at an increased cost. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Asheville for an exciting Ranger Rendezvous!

- Ben Walsh, Ranger Rendezvous 38 Coordinator

ANPR Kicks Off Fall Fund Campaign

Take a moment this fall to support the people and programs of ANPR by giving to our annual Fall Fund Campaign. Your gift will help us celebrate the National Park Service centennial by enabling ANPR to approach a second century of leadership, advocacy and training. Make a tax-deductible contribution to ANPR today at:

<https://aonpr29.wildapricot.org/Donate>

- Seth Tinkham, Board Member for Fundraising

ANPR Board of Directors Annual Election

Engage with ANPR by sharing your talents. Our association succeeds when members like you step up to participate. We will be electing three members to our Board of Directors for 2016. Positions include Membership, Fundraising and President (term will begin in 2017 with one year to be mentored). Nominations will be taken at Rendezvous or may be sent via email to perrincreek@gmail.com by **November 14**. Position descriptions can be found at:

https://aonpr29.wildapricot.org/Resources/Documents/ANPR-BoardPDs_MasterCopy.pdf

- Erika Jostad, ANPR President

Help Park Ranger's Family During Difficult Time

US Park Ranger Nate Knight passed away on September 22, 2015. Nate was much more than a park ranger. He was a loving father, husband and son, and a much beloved and highly respected leader and friend. He was an avid runner and accomplished musician. He also enjoyed fishing, crabbing, and boating. He is remembered for his big heart and ready smile, an easy manner and a wicked sense of humor, phenomenal professional acumen and deep pride in his work. He had a genuine concern for coworkers and deep love of family. Nate was an exceptionally gifted and kind soul. He will be deeply missed. Nate is survived by his wife Jill and his two children, Savannah and Cypress.

A 529 educational plan for Nate's two children has been set up through Vanguard. This is a tax exempt savings plan which the two beneficiaries will be able to use (tax free with no penalty) for their education, mandatory fees, room & board, etc. This fund will ensure Nate's brilliant children have the opportunity to pursue and excel in higher education.

Electronic contributions can be made through Ugift: 1. Go to Ugift529.com. 2. Enter the Ugift code: **872-V96** 3. Enter your name and the amount of your gift. 4. Make your gift via electronic funds transfer or check.

- Kevin Killian, Chief Ranger, Yosemite NP

World Ranger Congress (WRC)

International registrations for the World Ranger Congress are coming in strong, and we have had an overwhelming response from international rangers with our call for papers and presentations. But there are plenty of ANPR delegate slots available! You can still apply to join us at this inspirational and perhaps even life-changing event. If you're planning on attending Ranger Rendezvous this year, come hear the latest about WRC planning on Friday, October 23, 4:30pm-5:00pm.

- Bob Krumenaker, WRC Conference Chair (bob.wrc8@gmail.com)

Send Raffle Items to Rendezvous

Whether you're coming to Rendezvous this year or not, you can still participate in the conference and help support ANPR by sending something for our raffle. Not sure what to send? Outdoor equipment, camping gear, and handmade items are always appreciated, as are gift certificates to national chains and NPS related merchandise. Please send items to arrive no earlier than **October 19** to:

YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly
Association of National Park Rangers
Attn: Seth Tinkham
84 Blue Ridge Circle
Black Mountain, NC 28711

- Seth Tinkham, Board Member for Fundraising

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- Cadence Cook, Board Member for Internal Communications

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