Volunteer Training on Friday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to Noon (ET) in the lecture room of the American Museum of Science & Energy. Participants will learn about the "Parks in Focus" program. This program connects the next generation of park stewards to their national parks through creative expression, environmental education, and photography. Learn how this pilot program will connect youth to the historical relevance of the Manhattan Project and how you can be involved. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 20, by contacting Veronica Greear at (423) 346-6294 or veronica_greear@nps.gov.

DYK? A recent five year study conducted by Colorado State University and the Harvard Kennedy School determined the total economic value (TEV) of national parks and the National Park Service’s programs to be $92 billion. Read all about it at http://www.nationalparks.org/npf/PDF_files/NPS-TEV-Report-2016.pdf.

School’s out for Summer! The Oak Ridge Institute for Continuing Learning just finished a month long class at Roane State Community College on our park. Approximately 50 people learned about topics that included processes for park establishment, national park service management policies, progress to date, and discussions on future focus and activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hear about “Secrecy, Security and Spies” on Friday, July 8, from 3-4:30 p.m. (ET) at the Turnpike Gatehouse at 2900 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The program will give some insight to what life was like in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project with all the security, the need for secrecy, and ever-present threat of espionage. There is very limited parking so try to carpool if possible.

Find Out “What it Means to be a Ranger” on Thursday, July 14, at 1 p.m. (ET) at Onsight Rock Gym, 5335 Western Avenue in Knoxville. The target audience is children ages 6-12. Participants will have an opportunity to go “hands-on” with a wide variety of the tools of the trade, including gear used in rock climbing and high angle rescue, law enforcement, emergency medical response, wildland firefighting and swift water rescue. Children interested in becoming a park ranger or just wanting to know more are encouraged to attend.

Walk with a Ranger on Thursday, July 28, through Alvin K. Bissel Park. Meet at the Secret City Commemorative Walk near the Oak Ridge Public Library (1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike) at 10 a.m. (ET). The program will discuss how and why Oak Ridge was developed during WWII.