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National Park Service Announces “View from the Park” Photo Contest *Contest runs May 15 to July 31 for Participants of All Ages*

(St. Louis) – The National Park Service invites shutterbugs of all ages to come down to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JNEM) and capture unique snapshots for its **“View from the Park” photo contest**. The contest begins Sunday, May 15 and runs through Sunday July 31. Participants can submit up to two photos in each of the three categories: nature, landscape and architecture. All photographs must be taken by the entrant and within the boundary of JNEM. Entries can be submitted through www.nps.gov/jeff.

Entries will be judged on technical and pictorial merit by the following panel of three field experts:

- Kathy O’Donnell – photographer and Midwest Regional Coordinator for the Photographic Society of America
- Richard Glass – professional photographer and president of the St. Louis Camera Club
- Larry Bixby – photography enthusiast and National Park Service audio/visual specialist

Winning photographs will be displayed at the Gateway Arch from August 15 to September 15. Photographers can enter the “View from the Park” photo contest in either the youth group (ages 15 and under) or general group.

Prizes for the youth group are:

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| First place: | Kodak EasyShare digital camera
Large canvas print of winning image
Four “Journey to the Top” Gateway Arch tickets |
| Second place: | \$50 gift certificate for photo processing or equipment |
| Third place: | <i>The Building of the Arch</i> , a photo book
Gateway Arch poster |

Prizes for the general group are:

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| First place: | Kodak EasyShare digital photo frame
Large canvas print of winning image
Four “Journey to the Top” Gateway Arch tickets |
| Second place: | \$75 gift certificate for photo processing or equipment |
| Third place: | <i>The Gateway Arch: An Architectural Dream</i> , a documentary,
coffee-table book |

During the contest period, the National Park Service will host seven photography workshops. The free workshops are open to the public, but are limited to 30 participants, so registration is required by calling 877-982-1410.

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Photography workshops:

“Shadows of Immortality”: 19th Century Wet-Plate Photography

Sunday, May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Outside the South Leg of the Gateway Arch

Doug Harding, National Park Service

Examine the use of “wet plate” photography from 1850 through 1870 and will include demonstrations of the process. Many of the photographs displayed in the Museum of Westward Expansion were taken using the “wet plate” process.

“Find the Magic”

Saturday, May 21 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Old Courthouse Special Exhibits Gallery

Richard Glass, photographer and president of St. Louis Camera Club

Find the magic in an ordinary digital photo and turn it into a “wow” photo.

(Note: Participants are required to bring a digital photo uploaded to a thumb drive.)

“Create a Photo Memory”

Saturday, June 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gateway Arch Special Exhibits Gallery

Larry Bixby, National Park Service

Explore JNEM while learning about the simple technical and creative approaches to digital photography. During the hands-on demonstration of photo techniques, participants will take a field trip through the Gateway Arch, the Old Courthouse and JNEM grounds.

“The Beauty of Photography”

Sunday, June 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Gateway Arch Special Exhibits Gallery

Jim Trotter, professional photographer and owner of Trotter Photography

Experience a hands-on demonstration of wide-angle photography and the GigaPan system, which allows users to capture multiple images and stitch them together to create wide-angle panorama images.

“Nature Photography”

Saturday, June 18 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Gateway Arch Special Exhibits Gallery

Tim Stout, photographer and nature chairman of St. Louis Camera Club

Improve your “eye” for perceiving good nature subjects and your skill for creating beautiful pictures that will attract others to the natural world by learning the technique and equipment used in nature photography.

“MACRO: Getting Up Close”

Saturday, July 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Gateway Arch Special Exhibits Gallery

Don York, photographer and vice president of St. Louis Camera Club

Learn more about close-up photography, otherwise known as “macro” photography, with hands-on demonstrations of how to shoot macro pictures.

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“Digital Photography: Composition and Resources”

Saturday, July 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Gateway Arch Special Exhibits Gallery

Kathy O’Donnell, photographer and Midwest Regional Coordinator for the Photographic Society of America

Learn basic composition and photo techniques that will improve all family, vacation, and favorite photographs.

The View from the Park photo contest and workshops are made possible by the Jefferson National Parks Association, with additional support provided by Photogenic, Inc., Schiller Camera Company, Walmart and Metro. Photo uploading and hosting is sponsored by the St. Louis Camera Club.

JNEM and the Gateway Arch are part of the **Core of Discovery**, which is a multi-faceted, downtown destination to attract local families and increase visibility of the many attractions and activities in downtown St. Louis.

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