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Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Junior Ranger program teaching kids to be Territory tough

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The Northern Territory Junior Rangers will be out and about exploring their local Parks and Reserves again this year, bush walking, spotlighting and camping their way around our great outdoors.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Price, said that this very popular program gives kids the chance to get up close to nature and learn about how our wonderful environment works.

“Being a Junior Ranger is great fun and a fantastic way for kids to discover more about themselves and their world while exploring the bush,” Mrs Price said.

“The Katherine program is already in full swing, and registrations are now open for the Alice Springs and Darwin programs.

“Children and their families build their knowledge and skills over the program, giving them the confidence to go out and experience our amazing Parks and Reserves by themselves.

“The Junior Ranger program gives our Territory kids hands-on practical experiences that can lead to a lifelong love of the world around them.

“The program is delivered in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs with activities designed specifically for each region. You may find yourself investigating mini-beasts, making damper or tracking elusive animals.

“Activities are hands-on, so expect to get dirty.

“The ever popular Parks and Wildlife Junior Ranger program continues to be offered free to local kids and helps them contribute to our very special Territory environment while having fun and making new friends outside in the bush.

“Junior Rangers are aged between 9 and 12 years of age and need to be able to commit to events over a ten week program that will operate across July, August and September (Term 3) in Alice Springs and Darwin. There will be two Junior Ranger groups for each program, with a total of thirty places available in each region.

“These amazing programs fill fast and places are filled on a first come first serve basis, so get your enrolment form filled and sent to your regional Junior Ranger co-ordinator as soon as you can.”
Enrolment forms and information can be found on the Parks and Wildlife website at; http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/learn-and-discover2

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