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“Hug a Tree to Survive” Junior Ranger Program

Shiloh, TN – Do you know what to do during an emergency? Do your kids know what to do if they find themselves in an emergency? It is estimated that 330 million people visit the country's national parks, forests, and wilderness areas every year. Some of those people get lost and don't know how to survive.

On Saturday, May 20, Shiloh National Military Park will be offering a Junior Ranger “Hug a Tree to Survive” program. This program is designed to show our younger adventurers what to do in the event they get separated from their parents or legal guardians while outdoors in the woods.

Inspired by the search for nine-year-old Jimmy Beveridge in 1981 in southern California, the Hug-a-Tree and Survive program teaches children how to survive in the woods should they become lost. The program was developed to educate children in a select few of the most basic and vital survival principles.

The program will feature a short entertaining film on steps to take if they get lost in the wilderness before heading outside for hands on interactive learning. Children and parents alike will learn what essential supplies they should carry while hiking or camping and apply the lessons they learned from the introduction film.

Rangers will discuss how rescue operations take place and the importance of the kids using what they learn in the program to be successfully found. The age group for this event is 5 to 10 years of age. Parents are encouraged to join us, and there will be a demonstration on making an outdoor adventure plan and how to do a shoe print.

Space for this important and informative program is limited. Anyone interested in participating is invited to register in advance by calling the park at 731-689-5696. The Hug a Tree program will begin at 10:00 am and last approximately an hour and a half. For more information on this and other park events go to www.nps.gov/shil, or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/ShilohNMP and on Twitter [@ShilohNPS](https://twitter.com/ShilohNPS).

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