

# How the 12-14 Junior Ranger Program Runs



The Junior Ranger Program is coordinated by the Community Education Unit, Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts.  
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## THE PROGRAM:

The 12-14 Year Old Junior Ranger Program provides an opportunity for Northern Territory youth to discover their natural and cultural environment through practical activities. The Program runs from April to October with participants receiving a certificate at the end of the year to recognise their achievements. Junior Rangers must be between 12 and 14 at the commencement of the program. Opportunities to join the Program only arise once a year and numbers are limited.

## COST:

The Program is provided free of charge with the majority of associated costs being met by the Program. However members may be required to pay a minimal fee for some activities, but will be advised of this.

## ENROLMENT:

Completed application forms must be returned to the Community Education Unit in order to facilitate confirmation of membership. Acceptance into the Program will be based on the applicant's ability to commit to the Program and attend activities. Preference will be given to applicants who have attended the 9-11 year old Junior Ranger Program. Applicants who are not successful will be advised of waitlist procedures. Should your application be unsuccessful, no correspondence will be entered into with Program staff. Membership is valid for 1 year and members need to reapply each year.

## ACTIVITIES:

A variety of different topics will be covered per year with an overnight camp to conclude the year. All activities promote environmental awareness. As topics for the year are interrelated, participants will need to commit for an entire year. Activity sessions are held outside of school hours, usually on a Sunday. A minimum of one activity is offered per month, usually of a two hour duration. Most activities are conducted in local Parks and Wildlife Parks and Reserves. Some outer region and non-park venues are visited occasionally. A brochure advertising upcoming activities is issued every three months.



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## **ATTENDANCE:**

Participants will be expected to attend all activities. If you are unable to attend an activity you are required to phone the office prior to the activity.

## **NON ATTENDANCE:**

If 3 or more consecutive non attendances occur without good reason it will be assumed that the participant no longer wishes to remain with the Program and a waitlisted person will take their place.

## **TRANSPORT:**

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to transport participants to and from all activities.

## **MAPS:**

Maps of activity locations are provided so that you can find your way to our meeting points

## **CONTACT IN THE FIELD:**

A mobile phone is carried on all activities and for your convenience will be switched on 30 minutes prior to activities, during activities and for 30 minutes after the scheduled finishing time. There is a voicemail diversion service should we be unable to take the call. A portable satellite phone is carried in remote areas. Details of how to contact us in remote areas will be supplied prior to such an activity.

## **FIRST AID:**

A first aid kit is carried on all activities and Program staff are qualified in Senior First Aid. **It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that all necessary medications are carried by their child(ren).**

## **SUPERVISION:**

Participants are supervised on a ratio of one adult per 15 children.

## **UNIFORM:**

Unregistered siblings and friends will not be permitted on activities unless prior arrangements have been made with the Program coordinator.

## **BEHAVIOUR:**

Participants are issued with a free polo shirt and hat. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide brown shorts/trousers. Uniforms must be worn to all activities.

## **PRIVACY:**

Participants are required to adhere to a Code of Behaviour. This is detailed in the information package.

Participants should ensure that they are adequately prepared for activities. The Program brochure, sent out at the start of each topic, will detail requirements of each activity and essential items.

Any information that you provide will only be available to the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts and it will only be used for its intended purpose. For further information this Department's Privacy Statement can be viewed at <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/>

