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## **Junior Rangers Cooee**

The Territory's young and enthusiastic environmentalists are being called to join the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) popular Junior Ranger Program for 2011.

NRETAS Education for Sustainability Unit Community Education Ranger, Jennifer Cunningham said openings for children aged between 9-11 years of age are currently available for the Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs programs but vacancies are limited.

"Junior Rangers is a free program for Territory kids who have a special interest in the environment, want to learn skills for the outdoors and meet fascinating field experts, while always having fun," Ms Cunningham said.

"Activities can include spotlight walks, coastal investigations, bush survival and nature craft activities, as well as working with local Landcare groups, Parks and Wildlife Rangers and NRETAS Scientists."

Ms Cunningham said the Junior Ranger program is slightly different this year, with activities happening in Term 2 in Darwin, and Term 3 in Katherine and Alice Springs.

"Junior Rangers will need to dedicate one afternoon every week and every second Sunday to attend all activities over these terms, with some additional special events scheduled throughout the remainder of the year," Ms Cunningham said.

"The program aims to instil its Junior Rangers with an appreciation and understanding of the Territory's natural environment with interesting and insightful activities that always focus on having fun."

Positions in the Junior Ranger program are limited, and expressions of interest close on Monday, 28 February 2011.

For more information go to [www.nt.gov.au/kids](http://www.nt.gov.au/kids) or phone 8999 4565 in Darwin, 8973 8865 in Katherine, or 8951 8247 in Alice Springs.

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**Media Note – for more information contact Jennifer Cunningham on 8999 4565.**

Images:

1. Junior Ranger Bryn Pickering from Katherine getting snap happy
2. Junior Ranger Declan Piccoli-Auckram from Darwin investigating a crab found on a mudflat meander

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