



## 2013 Student Essay Contest Official Entry Form

**Why is preserving cultural resources in the Red River Gorge important?**

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(Please write your answer on the following pages - between 300 and 500 words)

I think we should preserve our cultural resources because if you preserve things you can learn about them. When you learn things you also learn what to do and what not to do in the future. This is important because it will help keep our nation strong.

When I went to living archaeology weekend I realized you can learn so much from the past. Like when I went to the exhibit where they were showing the uses of river cane I learned that using river cane you can make roofs for houses. Nowadays people who go on charity work in other countries can make roofs for people made out of river cane. I think you should preserve river cane by stop making so many dams and stop using so much river water.

When I went to the native plant exhibit, I learned about plants and the poisons they have. Maybe if you were out in the woods you could know what plants

to use and not to use. We could preserve plant habitats by making more national parks.

There was also a weaving exhibit and I learned that if you make baskets it can help you. One time I made a basket and it now helps me to carry things and it's pretty. We should preserve them because if we didn't we would not get to see the beauty of them.

Why should we preserve? One, our country would not be as beautiful. Two, you learn from them. And three, because every step we take forward we need to take a look back and learn from others mistakes.

Learning about the past is like walking down a beautiful road with knowledge trees. And if you learn about it and preserve it you can learn what to do and what not to do.

Preserving cultural resources in Red River Gorge is important to our future.