



**Official Entry Form  
Living Archaeology Weekend 2016  
Young Stewards Contest**

Why is cultural resources stewardship in the Red River Gorge important?

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Please write your answer – an essay between 300-500 words or a poster/photograph caption of 100 words or a video explanation of 100 words – on the following page(s)

The Red River Gorge is a historical site where children from all over the state of Kentucky to come and learn while having a good time. It's a site where archaeologists come to hang out, teach, and discover new artifacts. For instance they found enough artifacts to debate that Indians lived there. The past was the past Indians came and left. Who cares about all of that junk

I'll tell you why. Do you care about your

children? If so don't you want them to have a good education but still be fun and be safe? Well the Red River Gorge offers that. First for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and then to the public.

They learn how to tan a deer. They will learn how to make cattail mats. They have an opportunity to make pottery. They get to see an archaeologist cook like indians. They will learn how to make a dart.

Then they will go and learn how the pioneers lived. They will learn how to make a necklace with a pump drill. They learn and get to experience the Gladys Cabin. Also they get to grind corn and learn the process of making corn mill. Also don't forget the beautiful reenactment.

Then they will compare the two experiences. The amazing experience of the indians. Also the very meaningful experience of the pioneers. Which one would you like better?

So it brings us back to the question. Why is it important to not build a mall or Walmart, or JC Penney's? Why? We need the Red River Gorge to explain to future generations how indians lived. We want them to have the experience we did. Did indians live in

Five star mansions? No, but how will they know that? Books, records sure, but they will never have the true experience.

