



# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

## 2015 Photo Contest Winner

The National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association announced the winner of the fourth annual "Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park" photo contest on December 5th. We received 66 photos making choosing the top 12 very difficult.

However we were pleased to award Jeff Van Hooser of Ashland, WI with the top honors for his photo "Days End at Cottonwood." Jeff's photo will appear on Theodore Roosevelt National Park's 2016 Annual Park Pass. It also appears with the other 12 finalist photos in our 2016 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar, which are on sale in our bookstores or online at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org).



**Days End at Cottonwood by Jeff Van Hooser**

*"Adopt the pace  
of nature, her  
secret is patience.*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

### What's Happening?

NPS Centennial Celebration begins - stay tuned for more information on how North Dakota's National Parks are celebrating this year!

January 1, 2016 - Visitor Centers Closed - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

March 19, 2016 - A Night at the Museum in TRNP - more details coming soon!



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2nd Place - Ryan Marthaller



3rd Place - Katherine Plessner



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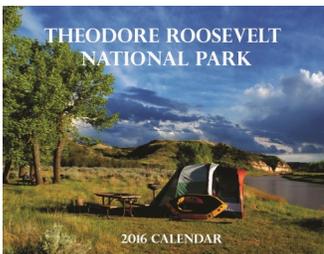
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# Happy New Year from Superintendent Wendy Ross

Happy New Year! We just kicked 2016 off with an invigorating hike at Makoshika State Park south of Glendive, Montana. Several park staff came out with us to launch our year-long celebration of the National Park Service (NPS) Centennial. What better way to celebrate than to share an outdoor experience in our ecological “neighborhood” with our state partners in preservation. You will see the “find your park” slogan in many NPS publications and promotions. We are embracing that ideology in Theodore Roosevelt National Park this year with a focus on promoting all of the amazing places that Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana have to offer. Your park doesn’t have to be a designated national park. A neighborhood park, a state protected area, a bike path corridor, a national heritage area, a wildlife refuge, a rooftop garden, a green space of your own- each of these fit the idea of getting out, breathing deep, staying healthy, reducing stress, learning about our heritage, and reveling in the natural resources around us.



The past year was a difficult one for Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. We continued to meet the challenges of energy development surrounding our parks. The slowdown in oil production increased our focus on external infrastructure development projects- roads, pipelines, bridges, and utilities. Internally, we discovered that NPS sites in North Dakota have had an exceptionally high employee turnover rate of 87% over the past five years. We remained short staffed in both parks during the whole year due to budget limitations, complex hiring processes, and vacancies. You might have noticed that facilities were understaffed or programs were reduced. Temporary trailers were brought in from Minute Man Missile National Historic Site to replace the abandoned North Unit Visitor Center. North Unit visitor services were finally up and running in August after months of logistical difficulties. We pulled together, found innovative solutions, and accomplished more than expected in 2015. Thanks to TRNHA support, the Theodore Roosevelt National Park Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival doubled its attendance in 2015. TRNHA financially supported the 10th annual Lifeways program, with participation from 1430 students and more than 25 North Dakota schools. Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site developed this educational program a decade ago and it is more popular than ever. TRNHA made these milestones possible.



As we leave these difficulties behind and move into a new year, I can’t help but be optimistic. Congress just passed a budget that is the most robust the NPS has ever received. The Centennial celebration will be a salute to our past, but more importantly a portal to a future unimagined by those who came before us. Our communities have grown and become more diverse. The possibilities for educational, partnership, and service opportunities are endless. We look forward to exploring ways we can work together to care for our national treasures and provide new experiences to those who will become future park advocates. We aim to become relevant to younger generations by developing programs that spark awe and curiosity. We rely on those who already love our parks to help us in this endeavor. The “Every Kid in a Park” campaign will give all 4th graders an opportunity to get a free annual national park pass that will allow them and their families to become familiar with national parks. Our NPS sites are fortunate to have the support of wonderful people like you and we are deeply grateful for all that you do to keep America’s best idea alive. I look forward to celebrating with you!

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# Work in a National Park

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Experience your America by joining the National Park Service! The NPS preserves the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. You can make a difference by bringing your unique experience, background, and perspective to our work.



There are many different ways you can become involved. Are you looking for a full-time, permanent job? We've got those. Or maybe you'd prefer to work in parks for a few months as a seasonal ranger? We've got some of those, too. Are you a student looking for a meaningful internship or someone with some extra time who'd like to volunteer? You can find internship and volunteer opportunities to suit your needs and interests. Come work with us—in an "office" like no other.

Contact the park for information on available positions or learn more and apply for jobs at:  
[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)  
<http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/jobsforstudents.htm>  
[www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov)

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## An End to an Internship!

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Shout out to Jack Montroy who has been with us for the past 6 months completing his Parks and Recreation degree from Central Michigan University. Jack came to Theodore Roosevelt National Park in July to complete a graduation required internship. He went home with not only a degree but a lifetime of memories and skills. He was a much appreciated helping hand in all departments - Interpretation, Resource Management, and Administration. We would like to wish him the best as he heads onto his next adventure.

Do you know someone who also needs to complete an internship to graduate? Are they interested in completing it in a National Park? If so have them contact Theodore Roosevelt National Park and they can gain the same knowledge Jack did!



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## Medora Christmas Bird Count

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On December 20th eight birders from Theodore Roosevelt National Park joined in on the nation's longest-running citizen science project, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Bundled up for the cool weather birders explored Medora and the South Unit of the park looking for birds. These dedicated individuals were able to spot 31 different species and a total of 377 birds!

Learn more about the project:  
<http://www.audubon.org/conserv.../science/christmas-bird-count>



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## TRNP Releases EA for Cell Tower Replacement

Theodore Roosevelt National Park invites the public to provide feedback on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the replacement of its North Unit communications tower. The current tower provides communication functions essential to public safety and efficient operations for the park and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). It is located within the park boundary on the east side of Hwy 85 in McKenzie County, just north of the park entrance.

The NPS will issue a permit to Verizon Wireless to replace the existing 220 foot tall guyed radio tower with aviation safety lighting with a 190 foot guyed tower without a flashing red light. Verizon Wireless will co-locate its telecommunications equipment on the tower and construct a slightly larger support shed to accommodate National Park Service (NPS), USFS, and Verizon equipment. Gravel will be added to the existing access road.

“Allowing Verizon to co-locate its equipment will eliminate the need to construct a second, highly visible telecommunications tower in the area”, said Chief of Resource Management Bill Whitworth. “Because of the tower’s reduced height, a blinking light on top will no longer be required, improving the quality of the viewshed to those visiting park wilderness and other backcountry sites. Given the rate of development in the Bakken, this is a rare opportunity to share resources and reduce cell tower proliferation in the region.”

The public is invited to provide comment on the EA through the NPS Planning Environment and Public Comment System (PEPC) at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/parkHome.cfm?parkID=167>. The website provides links to the document and its attachments and instructions on how to comment in the public comment database. The comment period is from January 22 to February 22, 2016. If you are unable to view the document or provide comments before February 22 and still desire to do so, please contact the park to request an extension. Comments may be submitted directly on the website database or by letter addressed to Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, P.O. Box 7, Medora, ND 58645.

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- Stay tuned for more Centennial Events!

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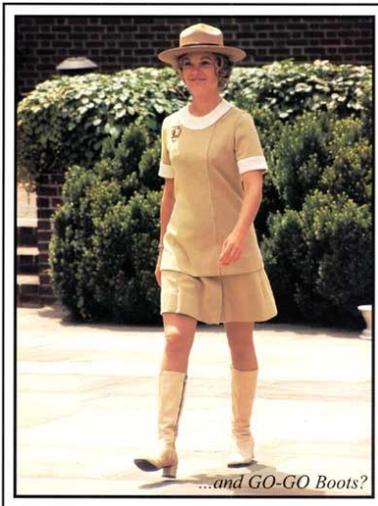
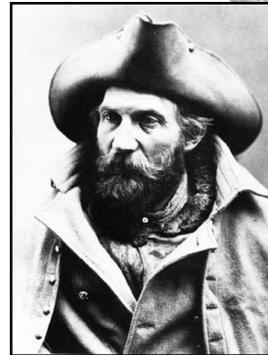
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# Celebrating 100 years in Uniform

Let's kick off the centennial by taking a stroll down memory lane. National Park Service uniforms have changed a lot throughout the last 100 years. Basic uniforms for the very first park rangers were just like any other outdoorsman only with a badge. Standard uniforms weren't established until the 1920s and have changed a lot over the years. Throughout the years iconic items such as the badges, arrow-head patches, and flat hats became part of every ranger's uniform. Women weren't seen in the NPS until the late 1920s and then it was mostly in an office setting. The first female naturalist at Grand Canyon, Pauline Mead, worked from 1929-31 and wore a man's uniform.



Dedication of the Museum of the National Park Ranger (historical ranger uniforms); Caroline W Evans; September 1991



# WANTED

## EVENT VOLUNTEERS

As you may know 2016 is a big year for National Parks throughout the country and we would love you to help us celebrate! 2016 will be filled with fun activities including an Astronomy Festival, Junior Ranger activities, Family Activities, parade floats, special presentations, and much more. We need your help in making these events a success. Keep your eyes peeled for a list of centennial events happening in North Dakota's National Parks or contact the park and let them know you want to help!



### North Dakota Parks accepting volunteers:

Theodore Roosevelt National Park - [Carla\\_Robinson@nps.gov](mailto:Carla_Robinson@nps.gov) or [Eileen\\_Andes@nps.gov](mailto:Eileen_Andes@nps.gov)

Knife River Indian Villages NHS - [Craig\\_Hansen@nps.gov](mailto:Craig_Hansen@nps.gov) or [Alisha\\_Deegan@nps.gov](mailto:Alisha_Deegan@nps.gov)

Fort Union Trading Post NHS - [Lisa\\_Sanden@nps.gov](mailto:Lisa_Sanden@nps.gov)

## REWARDS

Explore a National Park

Learn about Nature

Make new friends!

# Employment Opportunities

## Seasonal Employment

**Visitor Service Clerk (2 vacancies)** - TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as a Visitor Service Clerk. This position will be responsible for operating bookstores, managing inventory, maintaining TRNHA funds, and interpreting the National Park. The visitor service clerk will operate bookstores at the Painted Canyon and South Unit Visitor centers of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Employees must have strong social skills, be well organized and be independent.



**Salary:** \$13.55/hr

**Employment Date:** May 2016 through September 2016 (flexible)

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work station

**Inventory & Bookstore Assistant (1 vacancy)** - TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time seasonal position as an Inventory and Bookstore Assistant. This position manages inventory and oversees bookstore operations. Qualified candidates should possess strong communication skills, be organized, and self motivated.

**Salary:** \$15.49/hr

**Employment Date:** April 18, 2016 through November 4, 2016

**Travel Requirements:** Must have personal transportation to travel to and from assigned work station

## Year Round Employment

**Operations Assistant** - TRNHA is seeking to fill a full-time year round position as an Operations Assistant. This position offers clerical and logistical support for the Association's programs. The Operations Assistant will be responsible for overseeing all bookstore locations, managing inventory, advertising, and maintaining TRNHA's membership programs. Qualified applicants must possess strong computer skills, strong social skills, be self-motivated, and well organized.

**Salary:** \$17.06/hr

**Starting Date:** April 18, 2015 (flexible)

**Benefits:**

- TRNHA pays a portion of your health insurance premium
- Vision Insurance Stipend
- Simple IRA
- Annual leave
- Sick Leave
- Paid Government Holidays

# National Park Service Quiz

1. As you may know, the National Park Service set aside 51 million acres of land for all of us to enjoy in its natural state. This is about the size of what state?
2. The world's first national park, Yellowstone, was created in 1872 by which president?
3. Which cave was the first cave to be named and national park. In addition to its length this cave is known for its calcite formations known as boxwork.
4. Sometimes national parks and monuments are confused. Do you know the difference?
5. Only one state in the country is not lucky enough to currently have either a national park or national monument, can you name that state?
6. Death Valley National Park has the lowest elevation in the United States at 282 feet below sea level, and it's only 76 miles from the highest point in the contiguous US. What mountain standing at 14,505 feet is it?
7. Which lake is the deepest in the United States and the seventh deepest in the world?



1. Kansas, 2. Ulysses S Grant, 3. Wind Cave National Park, 4. NP are chosen for beauty, geologic features, and ecosystems, NMI are chosen for their historical or archaeological significance. 5. Delaware, 6. Mount Whitney 7. Crater Lake

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March 2016

## Find Your Park

The National Park Service invites you to find your park! In celebration of the 100th birthday of the National Park Service in 2016, we are launching a movement to spread the word about the amazing places we manage, the inspirational stories that the national parks tell, our country's natural resources, and our diverse cultural heritage.

Find Your Park is about more than just national parks! It's about the National Park Service working in your community through education programs, community assistance projects, and more. It's about state parks, local parks, trails, museums, historic sites, and the many ways that the American public can connect with history and culture, enjoy nature, and make new discoveries.

Join in the action. Visit [FindYourPark.com](http://FindYourPark.com) to sample upcoming centennial events near you, share your stories, and find your park! Participate in Find Your Park Experiences to learn, discover, be inspired, or simply have fun in national parks.

Find Your Park is supported by the National Park Service's nonprofit partner, the National Park Foundation. For more information, visit [NationalParks.org](http://NationalParks.org).



### What's Happening?

March 1, 20 16 - Knife River Trails Series. Contact 701-745-3300 for more info.

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# Celebrating the National Park Service Centennial at TRNP

Night at the Museum	March 19th	6:00 pm	South Unit Visitor Center
Junior Ranger Day	April 16th	All Day	All National Park Sites
National Park Week (Free Admission)	April 16th - 23rd	All Day	All National Park Sites
National Trails Day	June 4th	TBA	All National Park Sites
TRNHA's 62nd Annual Birdwalk and Breakfast	June 5th	6:30 am	Cottonwood Campground
Dickinson State University Bio Blitz in the Park	June 24th & 25th	TBA	Peaceful Valley Ranch
TRNHA's Annual Teddy Bear Picnic in the Park	July 10th	TBA	South Unit
Terry Tempest Williams presentation and book signing	July 24th	TBA	Cottonwood Campground
Founders Day and TRNP Quarter Release	August 25th	10:00 am	Painted Canyon
Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival	September 23rd - 25th	TBA	South Unit
TRNHA Photo Contest Awards on display	December 3rd & 4th	All Day	South Unit Visitor Center
Christmas Bird Count	December 18th	8:00 am	South Unit Visitor Center



# Have you checked out these great Facebook Pages?

Did you know that you can find TRNHA, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, and Upper Souris NWR all on facebook? Be sure to check them out and click the like button to keep up to date on what is happening!



## Eagle Scout Project completed at Upper Souris NWR!

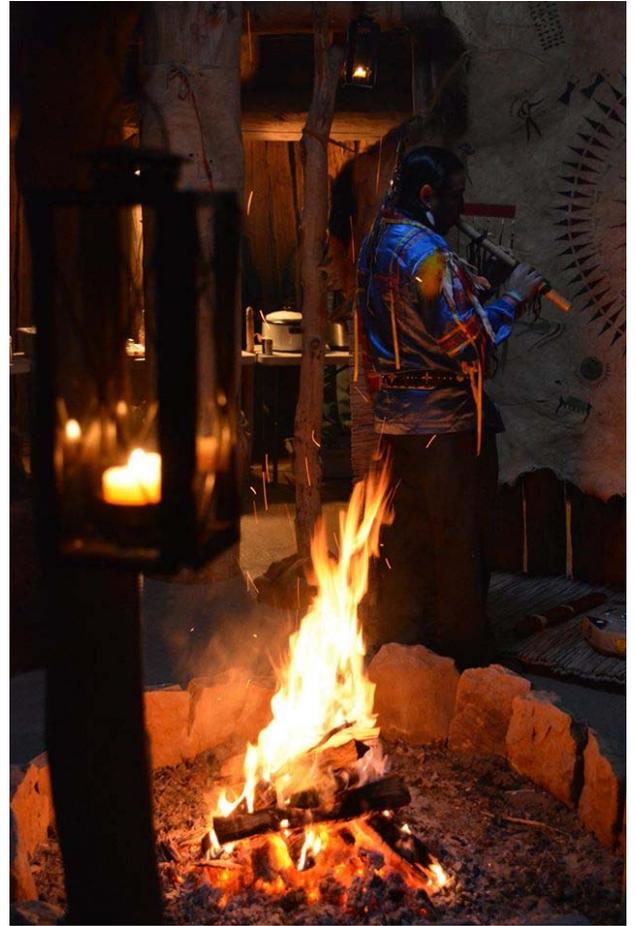


Recently, an Eagle Scout project was completed on Upper Souris NWR! Griffin Lemar, a junior at Minot High School, brought the idea of putting up two osprey nesting platforms to Refuge Manager, Tom Pabian. With the help of his fellow scout members and scout masters, Griffin was able to see his idea become a reality. One platform is located just north of the Baker Bridge parking lot, and the other is located between Lake Darling's boat landings 1 and 2. We are hoping that the osprey will use the platforms and get established here in the near future.



# Knife River Heritage Outbound

Visitors were invited to participate in the Annual Heritage Outbound event at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site and Fort Clark State Historic Site on February 16th. Participants were given an opportunity to visit the Big Hidatsa village and learn about village life along the Knife and Missouri rivers. After exploring the archaeology and history participants were treated to an evening in the Earthlodge, complete with a traditional feast and culture presentations.



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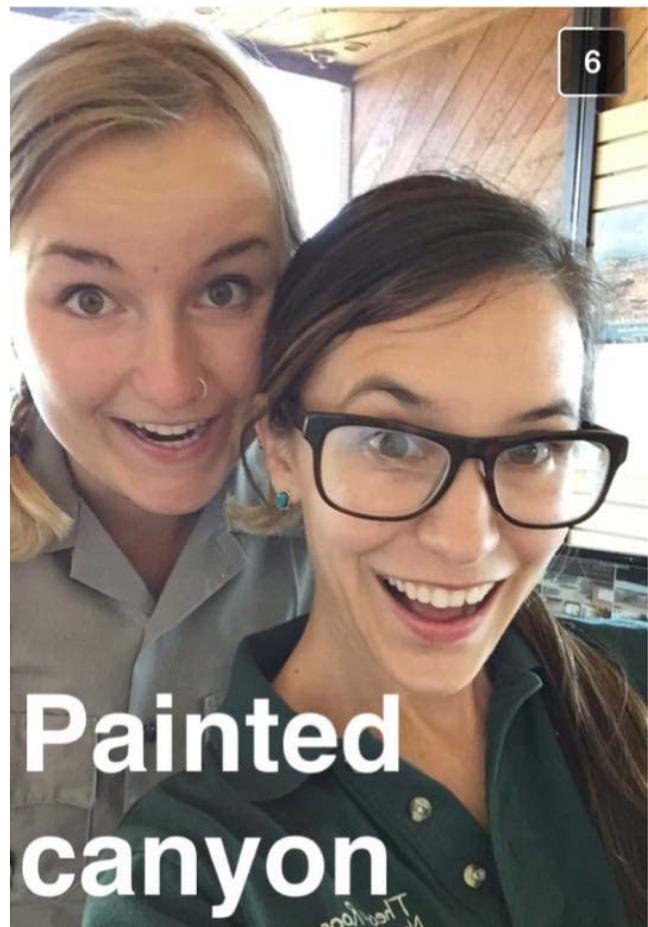
# Find Your—selfie in a National Park!

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As you know the National Park Service is celebrating 100 years this year, with their Find Your Park campaign. We want you to find your-selfie in North Dakota's National Parks. Each person who posts a selfie and tags it correctly will receive an official "Find Your-selfie in North Dakota's National Park" souvenir!

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, or Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site
2. Take a Selfie!
3. Post it to a social media site
4. Tag it #findyourpark, #trnha1951, #NDNationalParks
5. Wait for us to contact you with your souvenir!



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# TRNHA NEWSLETTER

April 2016

## Craig Hansen Selected as Superintendent at Knife River

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“I am pleased to welcome Craig Hansen as the next Superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site,” stated Midwest Regional Director Cam Sholly. “Craig has demonstrated his outstanding leadership ability by developing an award winning education program, implementing innovative business practices, and building strong tribal and youth partnerships.”

Hansen said, “I am excited to continue to work with Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site staff and partners in my new position. In this National Park Service Centennial year, I look forward to guiding the park and providing direction for the next century.”



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# NPS 100th Anniversary to be Celebrated on Forever Stamps!

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WASHINGTON, March 31, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The U.S. Postal Service will begin celebrating the National Park Service's Aug. 25 centennial just in time for summer vacation letter writing by issuing a pane of stunning Forever stamps depicting 16 examples of our national treasures on June 2.

To create buzz and excitement among national park fans, each stamp will be previewed alphabetically over the next three weeks, beginning Monday, April 4.

"These stamps celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Parks and depict the beauty and diversity of these national treasures," said Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan. "They serve as an inspiration for Americans to visit, learn and to write cherished memories of their trips to these incredible wonders."

"This set of stamps will take people on a journey to some of the most amazing places in the world," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "We are thrilled that the 16 national park stamps issued in '16 for the centennial depict the variety of parks that collectively tell the story of our country."

The June 2 first-day-of-issue ceremony will take place at New York City's Javits Center at 11 a.m. as part of World Stamp Show NY-2016. Dedication ceremonies also will take place at or near each of the national parks depicted on the stamps. Individuals are asked to spread the news on social media by using the hashtags #FindYourPark or #NPS100.

**We can't wait to see if Theodore Roosevelt National Park gets a stamp!**

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## TRNP to Offer Electronic Entrance Passes

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MEDORA, ND: The National Park Service has begun a pilot program to sell online electronic entrance passes to selected national park units through the "Your Pass Now" program. Visitors will be able to purchase annual and seven-day passes at their convenience in advance of their park visit.

Theodore Roosevelt and Acadia National Parks, and Colorado National Monument passes can be purchased at [www.yourpassnow.com](http://www.yourpassnow.com). There is no additional cost for electronic passes.

"Your Pass Now" was developed by NIC, Inc. in partnership with the National Park Service to better serve national park visitors. Additional electronic entrance pass systems are being tested for Everglades and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Once purchased, electronic passes may be printed or can reside on a mobile device for use at the park on the date of purchase or at a specified future date. Park staff will validate them upon presentation at the park. Specific instructions for the electronic passes will be provided when they are purchased. Passes are non-refundable, non-transferrable, and non-replaceable if lost or stolen.

Entrance fees collected at Theodore Roosevelt National Park are used to provide services which directly benefit visitors and to maintain and enhance visitor facilities.

For more information about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and this year's NPS Centennial events and activities, please visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/thro](http://www.nps.gov/thro).

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# Junior Ranger Day in Theodore Roosevelt National Park - April 16th!

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## In search of TR's TReasure ...

Rumor has it there is hidden treasure lurking somewhere in Theodore Roosevelt's old stomping grounds. But we Senior Rangers need some Junior Rangers with good riddle-solving, game-trail finding, clue-deciphering skills to help us uncover the mystery loot. Do you accept this mission?

**For your service to the cause, you will have a chance to:**

- Try on some official ranger gear!
- Test yourself at games of skill and craft!
- Pose for an old-fashioned portrait with the former President!
- Look for hidden TReasure!
- Win some nifty prizes!
- Search for clues in an important Ranger movie!



And, become an official Junior Ranger with badge during a mass swearing-in ceremony after the movie!

**Come one, come all to Theodore Roosevelt National Park by 10:30 am to join in Junior Ranger Day!**

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## Craig Hansen - Superintendent at KNRI

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Raised in Wildrose, North Dakota, Hansen earned his Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services through Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has served as Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site Chief of Interpretation and Cultural Resources since February 2012, and was the park's Education Specialist for 9 years prior to that. Hansen started his permanent federal career in 1999 as a Park Ranger for the US Army Corps of Engineers at projects in Minneapolis and Northern Minnesota and later in central California. He worked for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department as the coordinator of an environmental learning center between his US Army Corps of Engineers and National Park Service employment. He and his wife Kasha, have two children, Kyler and Sylvie.

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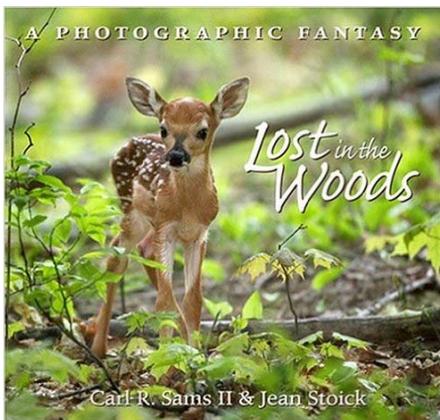


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## Tourism to TRNP Creates Millions in Economic Benefits

MEDORE, ND: A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that visitors to Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park in 2015 spent 39.959 million in communities near these parks. That spending supported 516 jobs in the surrounding areas.

The parks welcome visitors from across the country and around the world and, according to North Dakota Superintendent Wendy Ross, “National Park tourism is a significant driver in the U.S. economy—returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the NPS—and it’s also a big factor in our local economy.”

The peer reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz for the NPS. The report shows \$16.9 billion of direct spending by 307.2 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 295,000 jobs nationally, with

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## 62nd Annual Birdwalk and Breakfast

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The 62nd Annual Spring Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's South Unit on Sunday, June 5th. The birdwalk is sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association (TRNHA), the park's non-profit partner. TRNHA stocks and sells books, souvenirs, and other interpretive materials in the park visitor centers and donates the proceeds to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The leisurely one-hour stroll begins bright and early at 6:30 a.m. MDT and welcomes both novice and experienced birders alike. Participants will meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area. Each year, 40-50 species are observed during this popular outing and during the last 20 years over 80 different species have been sighted.

Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m., TRNHA will host breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area. We will be charging a small fee to help defray expenses of the meal. Those interested in attending the breakfast are encouraged to make reservations in order to assist in planning the event. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 701-623-4884 or e-mail [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org).



Image by Artist Chuck Black

**Participants should bring binoculars, field guides, and keen eyes to help record the day's sightings!**

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## NPS Centennial ArcheoBlitz

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STANTON, ND: Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, Midwest Archeological Center, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, Northern Plains Heritage Foundation, State Historical Society of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Geographic Alliance are partnering to hold a multi-day event celebrating the National Park Service Centennial and highlighting research on Hidatsa history preserved at the park.

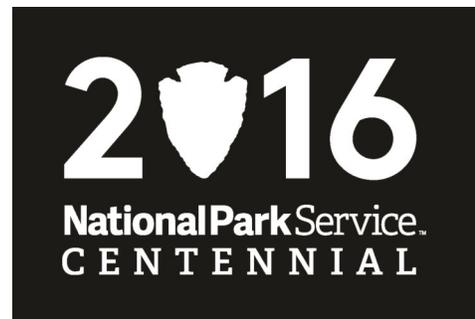
Where: Knife River Indian Villages NHS

When: May 5-7, 2016

May 5th and 6th—Student Field Days

May 7th—Public Event

Time: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



For more information and to RSVP contact [alisha\\_deegan@nps.gov](mailto:alisha_deegan@nps.gov) or 701-745-3300.

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According to the 2015 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.1%), followed by food/beverages (20.2%), gas and oil (11.8%), admissions and fees (10.2%), and souvenirs and other expenses (9.8%).

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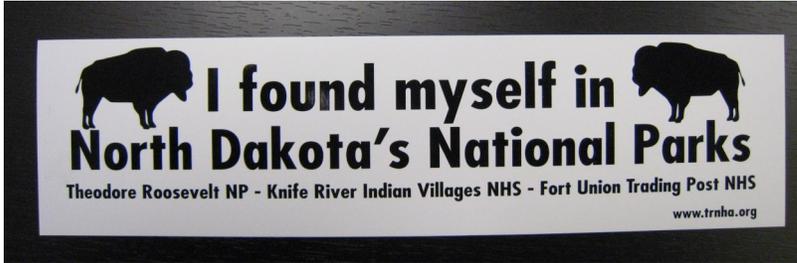


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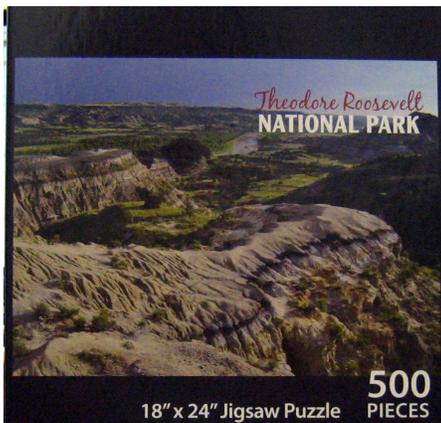


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# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

June 2016

## FIRST-EVER NPS ARCHEOBLITZ GREAT SUCCESS!

The first-ever NPS Archeoblitz took place at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site on May 5-7 and engaged 250 middle-school students in archeological research. The first two days gave students from local area schools the rare opportunity to conduct archeological field work. These students worked closely with professionals to collect viable data for research across sub-disciplines.

The students, paired with archeologists, mapped the surface near burrowing mammal holes, sorted artifacts into basic material classes, used geophysical techniques, and even conducted small diameter coring to better understand the occupation history of an earthlodge. Throughout all of this, students learned how to accurately document their findings with maps and field notes so that these collections could be used for future research.

The third day was open to the public, including Native performing arts groups, research presentations, and interpretive events throughout the day.



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June 9, 2016 - John Bluemle's Geology Lecture at the South Unit

June 12, 2016 - The history, development and future of the NPS lecture by Clay Jenkinson

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July 24, 2016 - Terry Tempest Williams presentation and book signing

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## ARCHEOBLITZ CONTINUED

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In addition to local public and tribal school students, the Archeoblitz engaged youth from further afield. An Ancestral Lands Corps crew traveled from Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico to provide critical support on event preparation and logistics. Going beyond the job description, they shared their enthusiasm and unique perspective on the resources at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, enriching the experience for all. They have truly become part of the NPS family.

Archeoblitz was a grand three-day gathering of minds and expertise, all sharing a common passion and goal. A pilot-study of sorts, this collaboration was the very first of its kind to occur in the United States with the National Park Service. The Archeoblitz would not have been possible without the monumental collaborative effort that was put forth by many partners, namely:

NPS, Midwest Archeological Center, WASO Archeology, WASO Youth Programs, The Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, The Historical Society of North Dakota, The Ancestral Land Corps, The Northern Plains Heritage Foundation, Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association, Knife River Indian Heritage Foundation, North Dakota State University, University of North Dakota-Grand Forks, Minnesota State University-Moorehead, Southern Methodist University, US Bureau of Reclamation, and US Forest Service.



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## TRNP FEATURED ON NPS FOREVER STAMP

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Join the US Postal Service in celebrating the 100th birthday of the National Park Service! A photograph of the Little Missouri River winding through the badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park was previewed as the 15th of 16 Forever Stamp images to be revealed over a three-week celebration of the NPS centennial.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park contains several sites of historical significance, each relating to the era of cattle ranching in the late 1800s. Most significant is Theodore Roosevelt's Elkhorn Ranch site, the main ranch site where he spent the bulk of his time and where many of his conservation ideas grew. Roosevelt's first ranch home, the Maltese Cross Cabin, is open for viewing at the South Unit Visitor Center.

The first-day-of-issue ceremony for TRNP, NPS Forever Stamps pane will take place at the Medora Community Center on June 2nd at 11:00 a.m. MDT. This event will include speeches from the US Postal Service and National Park Service. Stamps and cancellations will be available on site.



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## JOHN BLUEMLE TALKS GEOLOGY AT TRNP

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### **Are you a geology buff? Don't take this lecture for granite!**

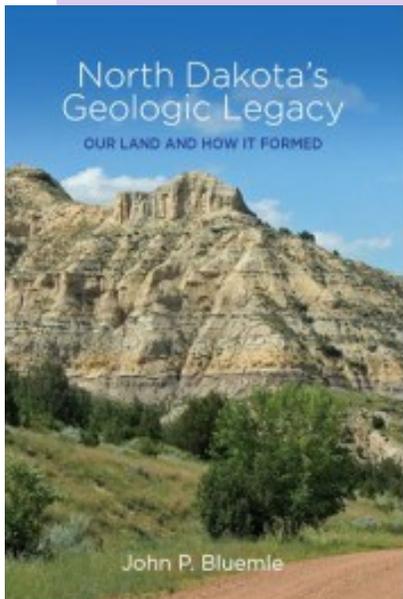
***Join John Bluemle as he shares his love of geology and North Dakota with a special presentation about his book North Dakota's Geologic Legacy.***

John Bluemle was employed by the North Dakota Geological Survey from 1962 until he retired in 2004. John's main interest has always been surface geology, the geology of the landforms that can be seen while traveling around the state. Beginning in 2009 John and his wife Mary visited each of the counties in North Dakota and took over eight thousand landform photos.

For more information on John Bluemle and North Dakota's geology, check out [www.johnbluemle.com](http://www.johnbluemle.com).



**Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm MT  
South Unit Visitor Center of TRNP**



North Dakota's Geologic Legacy is the story of the landscape — why it looks like it does and how it formed. The book is designed for physical and arm-chair travelers. Most of the features portrayed can be seen from the road. The shape of the land, the geologic materials, the processes that shaped them, the length of time involved in their formation — all of these comprise a fascinating puzzle.

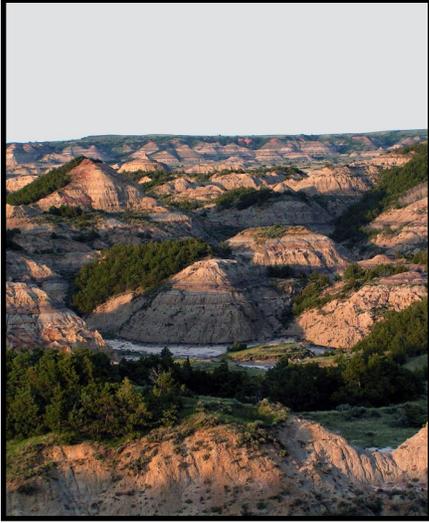
North Dakota has a split geologic personality: rugged, erosional badlands and buttes in the southwest, formed during tens of millions of years, juxtaposed with a much younger, rolling landscape shaped by glaciers to the east and north. Separating the two styles of geology is the Missouri River, itself unsure of its own geology, a combination of the young, the very old and time in between. Geology's influence transcends the mere appearance of the land. It once helped people settling the state decide where to live. Now, early in the 21st century, geology's challenge is to help us wisely develop our vast mineral and energy resources and deal with climate change and other environmental issues.

**Following the special presentation TRNHA will be hosting a book signing with John Bluemle**

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# CONOCO PHILLIPS GENEROUS DONATION

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TRNHA is proud to announce that we have received a generous donation of \$2750 from ConocoPhillips to assist us in celebrating the National Park Centennial. While ConocoPhillips is committed to efficient and effective exploration of oil and natural gas, they are also committed to being a community partner.

TRNHA plans to use all funds donated to support the National Park Service Centennial celebrations happening in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Our goal is to use these funds to help make your experience in the park even more educational and memorable. A big thank you to ConocoPhillips. Remember it is the support of individuals and companies that help us support North Dakota's National Parks.

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## 62ND ANNUAL BIRDWALK AT TRNP

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The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Birdwalk in Theodore Roosevelt National Park will be held in the park's South Unit on Sunday, June 5. The birdwalk is sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association.

The leisurely one-hour stroll begins at 6:30 a.m. MDT and is for novice and experienced birders alike. Participants should meet at the Cottonwood Campground registration area. Following the walk, at approximately 8:00 a.m. MDT, the TRNHA will host its annual Chuck Wagon Breakfast at the Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area. Those interested in attending the breakfast are encouraged to make reservations in order to assist in planning the event.

**When: June 7, 2015 Birdwalk at 6:30 a.m. MT;  
Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. MT**

**Where: Birdwalk at Cottonwood Campground Registration Area; Breakfast at Cottonwood Campground Picnic Area, Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit**

**Contact: TRNHA at 701-623-4884 or [info@trnha.org](mailto:info@trnha.org) for more information or to make reservations for breakfast**



# TRNHA GETS A “FACELIFT”



TRNHA has recently experienced a “facelift” in more ways than one. For starts we have created a new logo that better represents our organization. Look closely at the logo and you will notice elements that represent Theodore Roosevelt National and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site.

While we are excited about the new logo and the possibilities that go along with it, we are also excited to welcome a few new staff members. Please join us in welcoming a great group of ladies to Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

**Operations Assistant** - Cara Beasley

### Seasonal Visitor Service Clerks

- Addison Olson
- Kristina Dale
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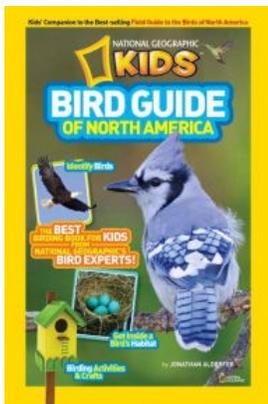
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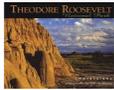


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# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

July 2016

## 15 FACTS ABOUT OUR NATIONAL MAMMAL: THE AMERICAN BISON

On May 9, 2016, President Obama signed the National Bison Legacy Act into law, officially making the American bison the national mammal of the United States. This majestic animal joins the ranks of the Bald Eagle as the official symbol of our country -- and much like the eagle, it's one of the greatest conservation success stories of all time. In prehistoric times, millions of bison roamed North America -- from the forests of Alaska and the grasslands of Mexico to Nevada's Great Basin and the eastern Appalachian Mountains. But by the late 1800s, there were only a few hundred bison left in the United States after European settlers pushed west, reducing the animal's habitat and hunting the bison to near extinction. Had it not been for a few private individuals working with tribes, states and the Interior Department, the bison would be extinct today.



Photo by Russell Hons

Explore more fun facts about the American bison on page 5.

This article can be found at: <https://www.doi.gov/blog/15-facts-about-our-national-mammal-american-bison>

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### What's Happening?

July 10, 2016 - Art in the Park and Teddy Bear Picnic - South Unit

July 24, 2016 - Terry Tempest Williams presentation and book signing

July 26, 2016-- Explore the Outdoors and Teddy Bear Picnic - North Unit

August 25, 2016 - Founder's Day and Quarter release ceremony

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## 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN MEDORA!

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Theodore Roosevelt National Park staff, worked hard to put together this amazing float celebrating the National Park Service's Centennial. Park Rangers, Junior Rangers, and TRNHA staff escorted the float through parades in Medora and Dickinson over the 4th of July weekend. TRNHA provided Frisbees, water bottles, bison stress balls, and candy for parade goers. Look for this amazing float in Watford City Thursday afternoon!



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## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTEND OUR 62ND ANNUAL BIRDWALK

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**Join us June 4, 2017 for our 63rd Birdwalk!**

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## TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS - THE HOUR OF LAND

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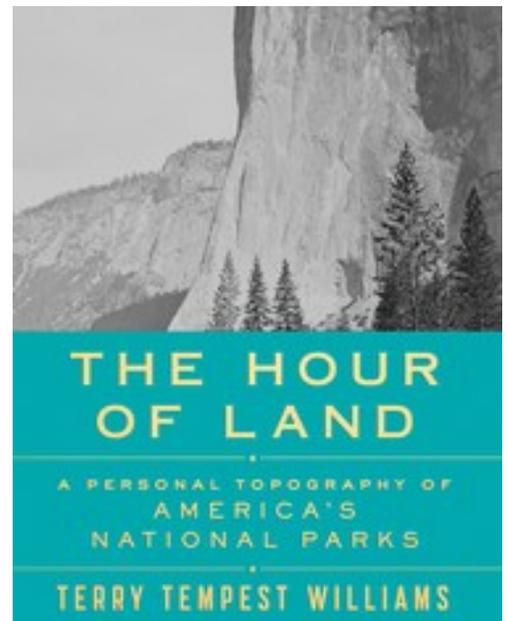
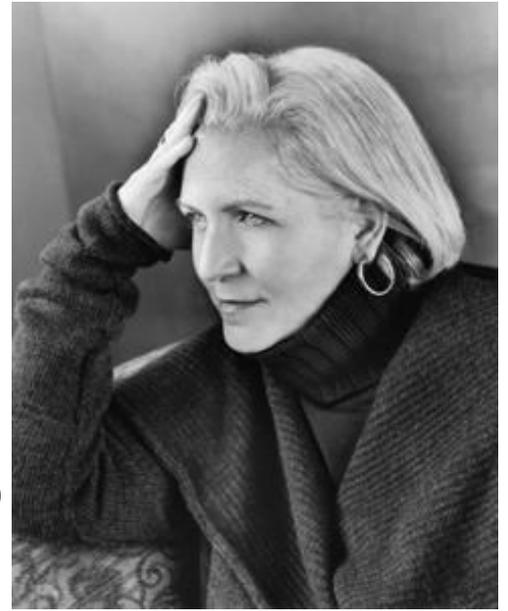
Join Terry Tempest Williams as she reads passages from her book about National Parks entitled "The Hour of Land"

**July 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm MT**  
**South Unit Visitor Center of TRNP**

For years, America's national parks have provided public breathing spaces in a world in which such spaces are steadily disappearing, which is why close to 300 million people visit the parks each year. Now, to honor the centennial of the National Park Service, Terry Tempest Williams, the author of the beloved memoir *When Women Were Birds*, returns with *The Hour of Land*, a literary celebration of our national parks, what they mean to us, and what we mean to them.

Through twelve carefully chosen parks, from Yellowstone in Wyoming to Acadia in Maine to Big Bend in Texas, Tempest Williams creates a series of lyrical portraits that illuminate the unique grandeur of each place while delving into what it means to shape a landscape with its own evolutionary history into something of our own making. Part memoir, part natural history, and part social critique, *The Hour of Land* is a meditation and manifesto on why wild lands matter to the soul of America. Our national parks stand at the intersection of humanity and wildness, and there's no one better than Tempest Williams to guide us there. Beautifully illustrated, with evocative black-and-white images by some of our finest photographers, from Lee Friedlander to Sally Mann to Sebastião Salgado, this book will be a collector's item as well as a seminal work of environmental writing and criticism about some of America's most treasured landmarks.

Terry Tempest Williams is the award-winning author of fourteen books, including *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*, *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*, and *When Women Were Birds*. Her work has been widely anthologized around the world. She divides her time between Castle Valley, Utah, and Moose, Wyoming.



**Hope to see you there!**

# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE KIDS?

## Art in the Park & Teddy Bear Picnic

**July 10, 2016 10:00 AM MT TO 1:30 PM MT**  
**PICNIC SHELTER - COTTONWOOD CAMPGROUND**  
**South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National**



### EVENT SCHEDULE

10:00 to 11:30

Kids 10 and up - Join Wildlife Artist Chuck Black as he shares his passion of art and teaches participants some of his favorite drawing techniques. (Art supplies will be provided)

Kids 10 and under - Join TRNHA and Park staff in creating nature related artwork and crafts.

11:30 to 12:30

Join us for hot dogs and snacks and meet our special guest Yogi Bear.

12:30 TO 1:30

Join Park Rangers and TRNHA staff is a Junior Ranger Sing Along.

## Explore the Outdoors & Teddy Bear Picnic

**July 26, 2016 11:30 am CT TO 2:30 pm CT**  
**PICNIC SHELTER - JUNIPER CAMPGROUND**  
**North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park**

### EVENT SCHEDULE

11:30 to 12:30

Join us for a hot dog lunch. Picnic participants will learn how the teddy bear got it's name, meet our special guest Yogi Bear, and receive a goodie bag.

12:30 to 2:00

Join Park Rangers and TRNHA staff as we become nature detectives exploring Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Kids of all ages are invited to participate.

2:00 to 2:30

Join Park Rangers and TRNHA staff is a Junior Ranger Sing Along.



*These events have been made possible thanks to donations from XTO energy, Dean and Debbie Rodne, and Flow 397. Each kid in attendance will receive their very own Theodore Roosevelt National Park Teddy Bear.*

# NATIONAL MAMMAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

**1. Bison are the largest mammal in North America.** Male bison (called bulls) weigh up to 2,000 pounds and stand 6 feet tall, while females (called cows) weigh up to 1,000 pounds and reach a height of 4-5 feet. [Bison calves weigh 30-70 pounds at birth.](#)

**2. Since the late 19th century, Interior has been the primary national conservation steward of the bison.** Public lands managed by Interior support 17 bison herds -- or approximately 10,000 bison -- in 12 states, [including Alaska.](#)

**3. What's the difference between bison and buffalo?** While bison and buffalo are used interchangeably, in North America the scientific name is bison. Actually, it's *Bison bison bison* ([genus: Bison, species: bison, subspecies: bison](#)), but only saying it once is fine. [Historians believe that the term "buffalo" grew from the French word for beef, "boeuf."](#)

**4. Yellowstone National Park is the only place in the U.S. where bison have continuously lived since prehistoric times.** What makes Yellowstone's bison so special is that they're the [pure descendants \(free of cattle genes\) of early bison](#) that roamed our country's grasslands. As of July 2015, Yellowstone's bison population was estimated at 4,900 -- making it the largest bison population on public lands.

**5. What's a "red dog"?** It's a baby bison. Bison calves tend to be [born from late March through May](#) and are [orange-red in color](#), earning them the nickname "red dogs." After a few months, their hair starts to change to dark brown and their characteristic shoulder hump and horns begin to grow.

**6. The history of bison and Native Americans are intertwined.** Bison have been integral to tribal culture, providing them with food, clothing, fuel, tools, shelter and spiritual value. Established in 1992, the [Inter Tribal Buffalo Council](#) works with the National Park Service to transfer bison from national park lands to tribal lands.

**7. You can judge a bison's mood by its tail.** When it hangs down and switches naturally, the bison is usually calm. [If the tail is standing straight up, watch out!](#) It may be ready to charge. No matter what a bison's tail is doing, remember that they are unpredictable and can charge at any moment. Every year, there are regrettable accidents caused by people getting too close to these massive animals. It's great to love the bison, but love them from a distance.

**8. Wind Cave National Park's herd helped revive bison populations around the country.** The story starts in 1905 with the formation of the American Bison Society and a breeding program at the New York City Zoo (today, the Bronx Zoo). By 1913, the American Bison Society had enough bison to restore a free-ranging bison herd. Working with Interior, they [donated 14 bison to Wind Cave National Park](#) in South Dakota. More than 100 years later, the bison from Wind Cave have helped [reestablishing other herds across the United States and most recently in Mexico.](#)

**9. Bison may be big, but they're also fast.** [They can run up to 35 miles per hour.](#) Plus, they're extremely agile. Bison can spin around quickly, jump high fences and are strong swimmers.

**10. Pass the salad, please.** Bison primarily eat grasses, weeds and leafy plants -- [typically foraging for 9-11 hours a day.](#) That's where



Photo by Janice Shanks

# NATIONAL MAMMAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

the bison's large protruding shoulder hump comes in handy during the winter. It allows them to swing their heads from side-to-side to clear snow -- especially for creating foraging patches. [Learn how bison's feeding habits can help ensure diversity of prairie plant species especially after a fire.](#)

**11. From hunter to conservationist, Teddy Roosevelt helped save bison from extinction.** In 1883, Teddy Roosevelt traveled to the [Dakota Territory to hunt bison](#). After spending a few years in the west, Roosevelt returned to New York with a new outlook on life. He paved the way for the conservation movement, and in 1905, formed the [American Bison Society](#) with William Hornaday to save the disappearing bison. Today bison live in all 50 states, including Native American lands, wildlife refuges, national parks and private lands.

**12. Bison can live up to 20 years old.** [The average lifespan for a bison is 10-20 years](#), but some live to be older. Cows begin breeding at the age of 2 and only have one baby at a time. For males, the prime breeding age is 6-10 years. [Learn how Interior works to ensure genetic diversity and long-term viability of bison.](#)

**13. A little dirt won't hurt.** Called [wallowing](#), bison roll in the dirt to deter biting flies and help shed fur. Male bison also wallow during mating season to leave behind their scent and display their strength.

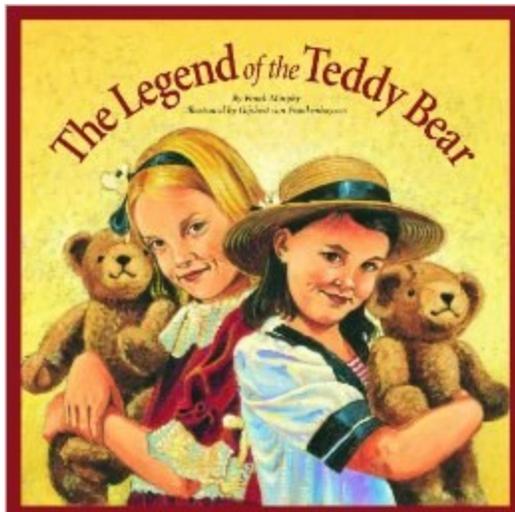
**14. The American bison's ancestors can be traced to southern Asia thousands of years ago.** Bison made their way to America by crossing the ancient land bridge that once connected Asia with North America during the Pliocene Epoch, some 400,000 years ago. These ancient animals were much larger than the iconic bison we love today. [Fossil records show that one prehistoric bison, Bison latifrons, had horns measuring 9 feet from tip to tip.](#)

**15. Bison are nearsighted -- who knew?** While bison have poor eyesight, they have excellent senses of smell and hearing. Cows and calves communicate using pig-like grunts, and during mating season, [bulls can be heard bellowing](#) across long distances.

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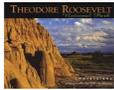
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# THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATURE & HISTORY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

August 2016

## RELEASE OF TRNP QUARTER DOLLAR COIN

The release of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park quarter dollar coin, the 34th coin of the U.S. Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program, will take place at Theodore Roosevelt National Park on August 25th, the 100th birthday of the National Park Service. This exciting event will take place at the park's Painted Canyon Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. MDT and is part of the National Park Service's Centennial celebration.

The event is free and open to the public. All children who attend will receive a brand new Theodore Roosevelt National Park quarter from the U.S. Mint. There will be a coin exchange immediately following the ceremony where coins can be obtained for face value (1-roll minimum/ 10-roll maximum, cash only).

The design on the quarter depicts a young Theodore Roosevelt on horseback surveying the Badlands terrain near the Little Missouri River in North Dakota. It was in North Dakota that Theodore Roosevelt reflected on human impacts to the remote spaces of the American West. Roosevelt's experiences in North Dakota inspired his first ideas of conserving our country's lands, wildlife, natural resources, and scenic wonders.



".... Nothing could be more lonely and nothing more beautiful than the view at nightfall across the prairies to these huge hill masses, when the lengthening shadows had at last merged into one and the faint after-glow of the red sunset filled the west. The beauty and charm of the wilderness are his for the asking, for the edges of the wilderness lie close beside the beaten roads of the present travel...."

-Theodore Roosevelt

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### What's Happening?

- August 25, 2016 - Founder's Day and Quarter Release
- August 31, 2016 - Last Day to Submit photos to the 2016 contest
- September 23 - 25th - Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival - TRNP



## TRNP DOLLAR COIN CONTINUED...

During his presidency (1901-1909), Theodore Roosevelt provided federal protection for more than 230 million acres of land. After Roosevelt's death in 1919, his conservation legacy prompted national interest in establishing a memorial to honor his work; North Dakota was the neutral location. The park was first created as a wildlife refuge in 1946, then became Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park in 1947, and was finally re-designated as Theodore Roosevelt National Park on November 10, 1978.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park memorializes Theodore Roosevelt and pays tribute to his enduring contribution to the conservation of our nation's resources by preserving and protecting the scenery, wildlife. And wilderness qualities of the North Dakota Badlands - the landscape the inspired Roosevelt and still inspires visitors today.

### UPCOMING COIN RELEASE AND FOUNDER'S DAY SCHEDULE

You are invited to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park quarter launch and coin exchange, the 34th quarter to be released in the America the Beautiful Quarters® Program.

Thursday, August 25, 2016 10:00 am (MT)  
Theodore Roosevelt National Park  
Painted Canyon Visitor Center - I-94, Exit 32 Medora, ND 58645

**The United State Mint will host a coin forum the evening before.**

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 5:30-6:30 pm (MT)  
Old Town Hall Theater, Broadway, Medora ND 58645



#### **South Unit**

**Thursday, August 25th**

**Pictorial Postmark Celebrating the NPS Centennial  
Medora Post Office 8:00am to 4:30 pm MT**

**The History, Development, and Future of the National  
Park Service with Clay Jenkinson**  
Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater 8:00pm MT

**Friday, August 26th**

**Roosevelt & the National Refuge System with Clay Jenkinson**  
South Unit Visitor Center - 10:00am MT

**Centennial Challenge! with Ranger Katie**

A jeopardy-style game to test your NPS knowledge  
Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater - 8:00pm MT

**Sunday, August 28th**

**Elkhorn Ranch Guided Tour**

Caravan to the park's Elkhorn Ranch Unit. Explore the site with Eileen Andes, chief of Interpretation.  
Caravan leaves the South Unit Visitor Center at 9:00am MT

#### **North Unit**

**Thursday, August 25th**

**Birthday Cupcakes with Rangers**  
Juniper Picnic Area - 7:30pm CT

**Fast and the Furriest with Ranger Jeff**

Who are Theodore Roosevelt NP Olympians and world record holders? Juniper Campground Amphitheater - 8:00pm CT

**Friday, August 26th**

**TRNP Quarter Celebration**

Join Rangers for conversation and refreshments. Limited supply of quarters available.  
Gallery Area at First International Bank & Trust in Watford City - 10:00am CT

**Visit with Theodore Roosevelt played by Arch Ellwein**

Juniper Campground Amphitheater - 8:00pm CT

**Saturday, August 27th**

**Wilderness Hike** - Explore the badlands with Ranger Matt and visit some of the more remote areas of TRNP. Bring plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes.  
Hike leaves from Oxbow Overlook 8:30am CT.  
Total mileage ranges between 5 and 7.2 miles.

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## TRNP TO HOST ANNUAL BADLANDS STAR PARTY

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MEDORA, ND: Theodore Roosevelt National Park invites the public to the 32nd Annual Badlands Star Party in the park's North Unit on Friday and Saturday, August 5th and 6th.

Telescopes will be set up at the Oxbow Overlook, 14 miles from the park entrance. Constellation tours will be offered as soon as stars are visible, at approximately 10:00 p.m. CDT. The planet Saturn will be one of the objects observed. In addition, the sun can be viewed through a solar telescope at the Cannonball Concretions pullout from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. CDT on Saturday.

Nights in the North Dakota Badlands can be cool and rain is a possibility; a jacket or sweater is recommended. Caution is advised when driving in the park after dark, as bison and other wildlife may be on the road. Please call the North Unit Contact Station at 701-842-2333x1240 for further information and an updated weather forecast.

The North Dakota Badlands Star Party is presented by the Northern Sky Astronomical Society of Grand Forks, an amateur astronomy club associated with the University of North Dakota. The organization is dedicated to observing the sky and educating others about astronomy. Membership is open to the general public.

For more information about Theodore Roosevelt National Park and other Centennial activities, please visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/thro](http://www.nps.gov/thro).

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is on social media! Follow us on Twitter @TRooseveltNPS and "like" us on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark](http://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark).



Photo by Robin McQuinn

# 4TH ANNUAL DAKOTA NIGHTS ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL

Help us celebrate our dark night skies, a precious and diminishing resource, by participating in the 4th Annual *Dakota Nights* Astronomy festival!

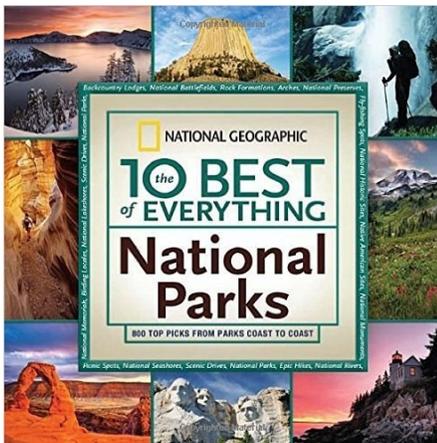
Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora welcome you to a weekend of star viewing, presentations by nationally recognized speakers, a “Discovery Dome” planetarium with hourly programs on astronomy-related topics, telescope building, solar system hikes, and much more as we celebrate *Dakota Nights*, September 23rd to the 25th.

Dr. Tyler Nordgren, professor of physics and astronomy at the university of Redlands, artist, photographer, astronomer and night sky ambassador, will make the featured presentation on Friday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. MDT in the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater, in the park’s South Unit.

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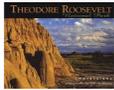


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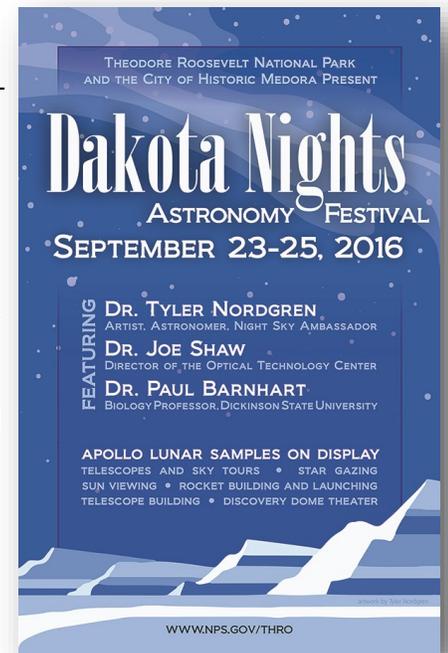
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## DAKOTA NIGHTS ASTRONOMY FESTIVAL COMING UP!

Help us celebrate our dark night skies, a precious and diminishing resource, by participating in the 4th Annual *Dakota Nights* Astronomy Festival, September 23-25.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Historic Medora welcome you to a weekend of star viewing, telescope building, a “Discovery Dome” planetarium with hourly programs on astronomy-related topics, solar system hikes, rocket building and launching and, as a special offering this year, the festival is proud to host NASA lunar samples!

In addition, visitors are welcome to enjoy presentations by nationally recognized speakers: Dr. Tyler Nordgren, professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Redlands, artist, photographer, astronomer and night sky ambassador, will make featured presentation “Come for the Stars, Stay for the Sun” on Friday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m. MDT in the Cottonwood Campground amphitheater, in the park’s South Unit. *Continued on page 2*



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### What's Happening?

September 5th - Labor Day

September 22nd - First Day of Fall

September 23rd to 25th - *Dakota Nights* Astronomy Festival

September 24th - Fall Photography Workshop at

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The full schedule of events is evolving and will be posted and updated at: <http://www.nps.gov/thro>.



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## TRNP QUARTER RELEASE

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The National Park Service celebrated it’s 100th anniversary on August 25, 2016! The day was particularly special to Theodore Roosevelt National Park because it also marked the release of the 2016 Theodore Roosevelt National Park quarter! In 2010, the United States Mint began issuing 56 quarter-dollar coins featuring designs depicting national parks and other national sites as part of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program. This year marks the seventh year of the program and features the next five quarters. The 2016 National Park Quarters to be released are:

- Illinois - Shawnee National Forest Quarter
- Kentucky - Cumberland Gap National Historical Park Quarter
- West Virginia - Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Quarter
- North Dakota - Theodore Roosevelt National Park Quarter
- South Carolina - Fort Moultrie (Fort Sumter National Monument) Quarter

**DID YOU KNOW**—the portrait of George Washington has been featured on the quarter since 1932! Now Theodore Roosevelt gets his much deserved chance to be featured as well. The Theodore Roosevelt National Park Quarter honors the site where tourists can visit the rugged terrain of the badlands, the wildlife unique to the area, or find a cottonwood tree to lie under, and find out why Theodore Roosevelt loved this area so much. The quarter depicts a young Theodore Roosevelt on horseback surveying the terrain near the Little Missouri River.

Thanks to this area, Roosevelt garnered great success as a conservationist. Bison, elk, prairie dogs, a variety of deer, birds and other animals make their home in Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Theodore Roosevelt played a great hand in the preservation of the American Bison and helped bring them back from the edge of extinction. It’s a great honor for him and TRNP to be featured on the America the Beautiful Quarters.

# NPS CENTENIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The National Park Service celebrated its 100th birthday on August 25th 2016 which coincided with the release of Theodore Roosevelt National Park Quarter. Theodore Roosevelt National Park celebrated the birthday with a ceremony for the quarter release at the Painted Canyon Overlook. The celebrations included guided hikes, prizes, coin release ceremony, and much more.

Children who attended the ceremony all received a Theodore Roosevelt National Park Quarter and learned about the surrounding land from the Park Rangers on guided hikes. Theodore Roosevelt himself showed up to help swear in a couple of hundred students as official Junior Rangers!

Theodore Roosevelt National Park was named for the Conservationist President, so we were thrilled to celebrate this historic Centennial with all of the parks in our beautiful country! Theodore Roosevelt protected millions of acres of land while he was in office, a decade before the Organic Act created the NPS. He found much of his inspiration here, in the rugged "grim beauty" of these North Dakota Badlands.

We think Theodore Roosevelt would be proud to wish the National Park Service a Happy 100th Birthday!



## BOARD MEMBER SEARCH

Do you love North Dakota's National Parks? Do you want to share your passion for these parks while helping TRNHA support Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Knife River Indian Villages NHS? If so, we may be looking for you! TRNHA is looking for candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. Our organization is governed by seven member volunteer board of directors who is elected by our membership. Each newly elected board member will serve a 3-year term. We have 2 board positions which will be up for election in October.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can add your name to our election ballot contact Tracy Sexton at 701-623-4884 or [tracy\\_sexton@trnha.org](mailto:tracy_sexton@trnha.org) by September 30, 2016.



### Director Expectations

1. Attend 3-4 board member meeting per year
2. Board members should recognize the legal and ethical responsibility of the board.
3. Make a serious commitment to participate in association and park activities.
4. Stay informed about TRNHA matters, prepares for meetings, and reviews and comments on minutes and reports.
5. Gets to know the other fellow board members, park partners, and TRNHA staff and builds a solid working relationship.
6. Actively interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.
7. All board members are required to be a member of TRNHA.

# HOPPING INTO A NEW SEASON: RUBBER RABBITBRUSH

There are many ways to tell the summer season is winding down around Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The annual astronomy festival is on our minds, interns return to their college schedules, and, across the dusty badlands and browning grasses, rubber rabbitbrush begins to steal the show.

Name: Rubber Rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus nauseosus*)

Height: 1-3 foot (or taller!)

Description: branched shrub with straight, narrow, alternate leaves, and clusters of small, yellow flowers

Habitat: found on dry slopes, thrives in clay soils

Uses: By Native Americans for yellow dye and medicinal tea;  
by large mammals for winter forage; by small mammals (like jackrabbits) and birds for cover



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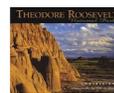
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## KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES RECEIVES PINNACLE AWARD

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site is an honored recipient of the coveted Center of Interactive Learning and Collaborations (CILC) Pinnacle Award for the 2015—2106 school year for receiving outstanding scores on program evaluations submitted by educators and end users. This is the third year in a row the park has received this distinct honor.

Receiving the award indicates remarkable quality of education content and exceptional skill at program delivery. Because this award is based on input from actual participating teachers and institutions, it serves as a highly regarded objective measure of their ability to meet the needs of students and teachers.

Demand for distance learning programs is on the rise as more schools become aware of the impact they can have on teaching and learning.

The use of distance learning equipment brings Park Rangers directly into the classrooms where they can share Northern Plains American Indian culture. This award is an honor that is attributed to the innovation, creativity, and hard work of all the staff at Knife River Indian Villages NHS. Please join us in congratulating them on a job well done!



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### What's Happening?

**October 26th:** Happy Birthday Knife River Indian Villages NHS

**October 27th:** Theodore Roosevelt's Birthday

**October 29th:** 33rd Annual Craft Fair, Medora

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# NORTH UNIT VISITOR CENTER DEMO COMPLETE

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As you may recall in July of 2013 Theodore Roosevelt National Park had no choice but to shut the doors of the North Unit visitor center when the building was condemned after an underground drainage caused the foundation to slip and crack. Badlands soils are notoriously unstable, and this was an extremely unfortunate consequence of natural processes.

The Visitor Center consisted of 4344 square feet, including basement offices. Built in 1991, it served visitors for over 20 years. In 2002, the building was raised, repaired, and stabilized due to shifting and settling. The building was fairly stable until 2011, when it shifted again. Interior walls cracked and moved, and the floor buckled. The damage was deemed not capable of being repaired.

In August 2015 trailers were placed at the park entrance as a temporary contact station for visitors to the North Unit. The planning process for a new building has began and the old building demolition was completed in September.



# FALL FUN IN THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK

Prairie dogs often find themselves at the bottom of the food chain. Predatory birds, mammals and snakes all take advantage of them as a food source. Sometimes the coyotes and badgers will team up and work together to catch a prairie dog snack, which is exactly what we see here! Thanks to Ranger Trever for catching this photo on Wednesday.

Learn more about this unique friendship

<http://animals.howstuffworks.com/animal-facts/coyotes-badgers-find-food1.htm>



## Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival



A couple days of rain didn't stop Park Rangers from teaching visitors about the solar system and night sky at this year's Dakota Nights Astronomy Festival. Ranger Kaisa was also smiling as she took visitors with umbrellas on a solar system hike in Medora! Other activities include special presentations, moon rocks, rocket building, and the discovery dome! The sky cleared on Sunday for some awesome night sky viewing!



Autumn is a second spring  
when every leaf is a flower.  
- Albert Camus



Photo by: Katherine Plessner

# 13 BEST PLACES TO VIEW FALL FOLIAGE IN NORTH DAKOTA

In North Dakota, fall foliage begins showing up in early to mid-September and reaches its peak by the end of the month or early October depending on location. Visitors use this time to tour areas of heavy forest growth like the Turtle Mountains or river valleys. In the Red River Valley, long thick tree rows take on amazing hues. This is a great time to get out on the highway and admire many colors of North Dakota. Report updated on September 29.

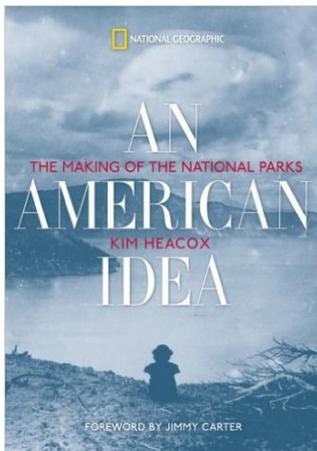
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7. Turtle Mountains/International Peace Garden
8. Lake Metigoshe
9. Bismarck—Mandan
10. Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park
11. Washburn
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13. Theodore Roosevelt National Park



View the complete update at: <http://www.ndtourism.com/best-places/13-best-places-view-fall-foliage-north-dakota>

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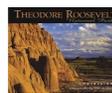
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## PARK'S ELK POPULATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM RESUMES

The National Park Service will resume the annual maintenance phase of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park Elk Management Plan this week. Small groups of park staff expect to remove approximately 30 elk between November 1 and December 17th. The management goal is to maintain the number of elk between 100 and 400 animals. The past several years, the park has kept the population at 200 animals.



The South Unit's backcountry trails will not be closed during the time elk are being removed. Reduction activities could take place at any point in the seven day week depending on staff availability to provide greater program flexibility and take advantage of favorable weather conditions. Roads and overlooks, as well as Cottonwood Campground, and the four front-country trails in the South Unit - Buck Hill, Wind Canyon, Ridgeline Nature Trail, and Coal Vein Trail - will also remain open.

Although the park has Chronic Wasting Disease-free status, staff will continue to test culled elk to support North Dakota's monitoring effort for this infectious disease. Elk meat will be packed out of the park and donated to Sportsman Against Hunger through the North Dakota Community Action Partnership. The park has conducted elk management operations with little change over the past six years and this year will be no exception. Park staff will continue to use only non-leaded ammunition during the reduction.

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**November 24th:** Visitor Centers Closed for Thanksgiving

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**January 1st:** Visitor Centers Closed for New Year's Day

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## 2016 PICTURE YOURSELF IN TRNP PHOTO CONTEST

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America's National Parks are world renown for possessing some of the most compelling historical and natural environments ever captured on film. With an incredible combination of wildlife and scenic landscapes Theodore Roosevelt National Park is one of America's best. The park has teamed up with TRNHA to once again bring you a beautiful glimpse into what the park has to offer. Visitors were asked to submit their best photos of the park to the Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park photo contest. 140 photos were submitted and the winning photo will be featured on the 2017 Annual park pass.

The National Park Service and TRNHA are pleased to announce that we have narrowed it down to 12 finalist. Finalists were selected by a panel of judges and the winner will be announced on December 1, 2016.

The top twelve photos will be on display in the visitor center December 1st through 17th and will be featured in a 2017 calendar. All finalists will be recognized and receive a signed certificate of appreciation from the park superintendent. TRNHA will award the top 4 finalists with prizes they have donated.

Limited Edition 2017 calendars will go on sale December 1, 2016 and can be purchased at the South Unit Visitor Center or online at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org). A limited number has been ordered so please get your calendars quickly!

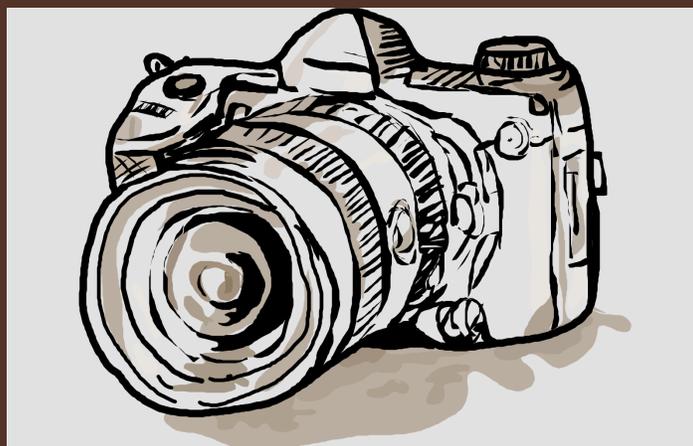
**Visit our facebook page to help choose a fan favorite!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNHA>**

Here is your chance to choose your favorite photo that was submitted to this years contest. While judges will be choosing the contest winner, we want to give you a chance to chose your favorite. The photo that receives the most likes as of 11:49 pm MT on November 30, 2016 will be awarded fan favorite.

Here's how it works.

1. Click like on your favorite photo or photos (as many as you want)
2. Invite your friends to come and choose their favorite.
3. Wait until Dec. 1st to find out which photo wins fan favorite.



# TOP 12 PHOTOS OF 2016



By: Angela Hoffman, West Fargo, ND



By: Todd Schroeder, Knoxville, TN



By: Ann Berget, Minneapolis, MN



By: Roger Riveland, Williston, ND



By: Todd Schroeder, Knoxville, TN



By: Joshua Houghton, Cumberland, ME



By: Marla Henry, Cedar Rapids, IA



By: Jan Burton, Boulder, CO



By: William Archer, Mount Pleasant, WI



By: Mikah Meyer, North Bethesda, MA



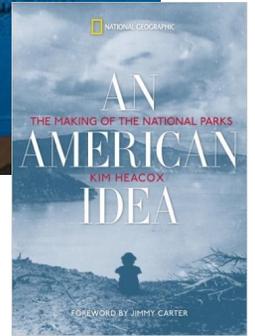
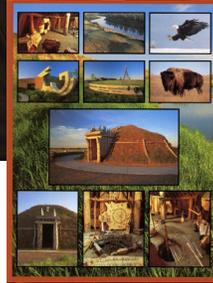
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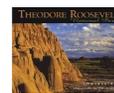
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December 2016

## FREE ENTRANCE DAYS IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

The National Park Service just turned 100 years old! Celebrate the start of our second century by visiting a park in 2017. During ten days of the year, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone.

Mark your calendars for these entrance fee-free dates in 2017!

- January 16:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 20:** Presidents' Day
- April 15-16 and 22-23:** Weekends of National Park Week
- August 25:** National Park Service Birthday
- September 30:** National Public Lands Day
- November 11-12:** Veterans Day Weekend

National parks are America's Best Idea, and there are more than 400 parks available to everyone, everyday. The fee-free days provide a great opportunity to visit a new place or an old favorite, especially one of the 124 national parks that normally charge an entrance fee. The others are free all of the time. Other fees such as reservation, camping, tours, concession and fess collected by third parties are not included unless otherwise stated. Plan your visit and enjoy our country's history and nature!

**Visitor Center Hours**

**Theodore Roosevelt National Park**  
South Unit 8:00-4:30 MT  
Painted Canyon Closed for Season  
North Unit - Thurs to Mon 9:00-5:00 CT

**Knife River Indian Villages NHS**  
8:00-4:30 CT

**Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge**  
Mon to Fri 8:00-4:30 CT

**What's Happening?**

**December 9-11:** Cowboy Christmas

**December 25:** Visitor Centers closed for Christmas

**January 1:** Visitor Centers closed for New Years Day

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# 2016 PICTURE YOURSELF IN TRNP CONTEST WINNERS

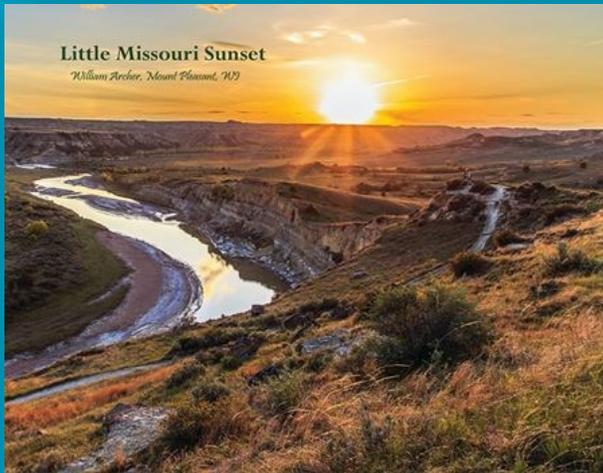
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The National Park Service and Theodore Roosevelt Nature & History Association announced the winner of the annual “Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park” photo contest on December 1st. We received 139 photos, making choosing the top 12 very difficult.

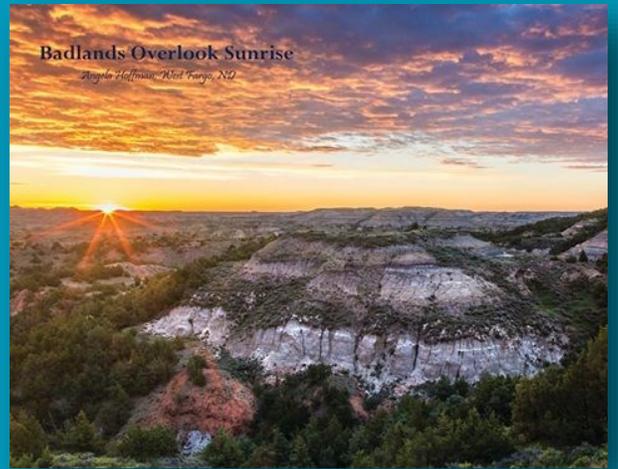
However, we were pleased to award William Archer of Mount Pleasant, WI with top honors for his photo “Little Missouri Sunset.” William’s photo will appear on Theodore Roosevelt National Park’s 2017 Annual Park Pass. Angela Hoffman of West Fargo took second and third place with her photos “Mornings at Scoria Point” and “Badlands Overlook Sunrise.” Fourth place was awarded to Jan Burton of Boulder, CO for her photo “Foggy Morning.” These photos will appear with the other 12 finalist photos in our 2017 Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park Calendar, which are on sale in our bookstores or online at [www.trnha.org](http://www.trnha.org).

The 2017 photo contest will be for photos take between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017. The official contest will be announced in April and we will begin accepting photos at that time.

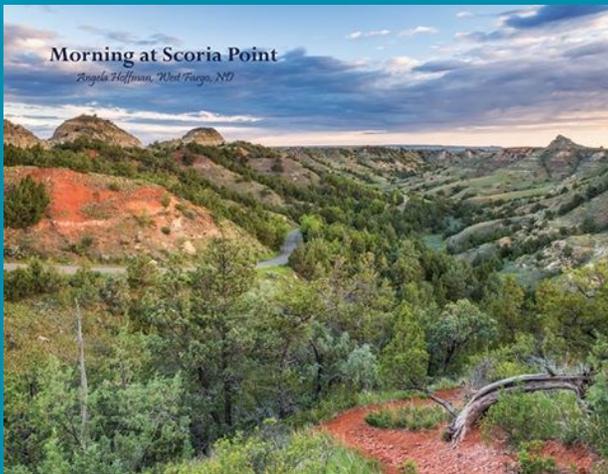
Visit our Facebook page to view all 139 of the photo submissions and see the fan favorite winner on our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNHA>



1st Place: William Archer



2nd Place: Angela Hoffman



3rd Place: Angela Hoffman



4th Place: Jan Burton

# TRNP TO IMPLEMENT FINAL PHASE OF ENTRANCE FEE INCREASE

Theodore Roosevelt National Park entrance fees will increase as planned beginning January 1, 2017. This is the second part of the phased increase approved in 2015. During a 2014 open comment period, the park received 29 citizen responses; the majority were in favor of fee increases. Camping prices will not be affected by the increase. The complete fee schedule is attached.

Federal law requires recreational fees charged on public lands be used for direct visitor benefits. Monies collected through the increased entrance fees will continue to fund projects such as the multiyear wayside exhibit project, visitor services and restrooms, and trail rehabilitation.

Park annual passes and entrance fees may be purchased in advance through Your Pass Now at [www.yourpassnow.com](http://www.yourpassnow.com). Passes purchased electronically may reside on a mobile device or can be printed and presented upon entrance.

Entrance fees are not charged to persons under 16 years of age or to holders of Access or Military Passes. Prices for the Interagency Annual (\$80) and Senior (\$10) Passes will not change and those passes will still be available for purchase at the park. Through Every Kid in a Park, U.S. students in fourth grade have the opportunity to receive a free annual pass. Information about Every Kid in a Park may be obtained at [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov).

For more information about Theodore Roosevelt National Park, please visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/thro](http://www.nps.gov/thro). Theodore Roosevelt National Park is on social media! Follow us on Twitter @TRooseveltNPS and "like" us on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark](http://www.facebook.com/TheodoreRooseveltNationalPark).

2015 - 2017 Approved Fee Rate Changes for Theodore Roosevelt National Park	2014 Fee Rate	2015 Approved Rate	2016 Approved Rate	2017 Approved Rate
<b><i>Theodore Roosevelt National Park Entrance Fees (7 day permit)</i></b>				
Per Vehicle	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
Motorcycle Rate	\$10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Per Person	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00
TRNP Annual Park Pass	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
<b><i>Theodore Roosevelt National Park Camping Fees (per night)</i></b>				
Cottonwood Campground (per site per night)	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00
Cottonwood Campground (Per site per night) Senior/ Access	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Cottonwood Campground (per site per night) Winter	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Cottonwood Campground Winter (per site per night) Senior/Access	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
Cottonwood Group site (per person to flat rate)	\$ 2.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Juniper Campground (per site per night)	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00
Juniper Campground (per site per night) Senior/ Access	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Juniper Campground (per site per night) Winter	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Juniper Campground Winter (per site per night) Senior/ Access	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
Juniper Group (per person to flat rate)	\$ 2.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Roundup Group Horse Camp (per Person to flat rate)	\$ 2.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00

# 2016 COWBOY CHRISTMAS



# Medora's 21st Annual Old-Fashioned Cowboy Christmas

**FRIDAY  
SATURDAY  
SUNDAY** December 9, 10 AND 11 2016

**FRIDAY  
FEATURES**  
Oyster Stew, Potato Soup  
Veteran's Memorial Service & Wreath Ceremony  
Tree Lighting with Santa  
Community Theatre  
**Medora Melodrama**  
Spirits of the Season Holiday Bar Stroll

**SATURDAY  
FEATURES**  
Eats on the Streets  
Kids Crafts  
Buggy Rides  
Holiday Magic Show  
Community Theatre  
**Medora Melodrama**  
Cowboy Christmas Supper  
Kiddie Carnival  
THUNDER ROAD Band  
Dance Contest

**SUNDAY  
FEATURES**  
Christmas Cookie Decorating with Santa  
Ethnic Buffet at the Chateau de Mores

TICKETS FOR MEDORA MELODRAMA  
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[www.medorachristmas.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.medorachristmas.brownpapertickets.com)  
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BROWN PAPER TICKETS

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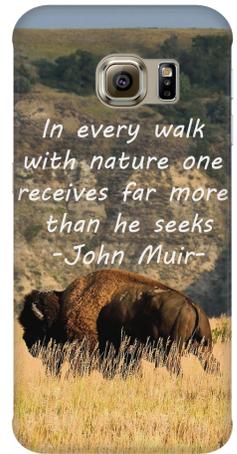
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### TRNHA Member Only Coupon

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**Regular Price \$25.99**

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# TRNHA Membership

Since 1951, TRNHA has donated over \$900,000 to the parks we serve!

*Become a Member today and help TRNHA support North Dakota's National Parks. Proceeds from sales of membership donations support Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, and Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge.*



## COOPERATION

TRNHA partners with the National Park Service in operating visitor centers by providing visitor service clerks. We also assist with the cost of student internships, volunteer programs, and other conservation efforts.

## EXPLORATION

TRNHA provides funds to support scientific and oral history research. Recent funding has been used for mountain lion studies and elk management efforts.

## EDUCATION

TRNHA assists in the publishing of free trail guides, informational brochures, plant and animal checklists, and the junior ranger program. In addition to free publications TRNHA also helps educate the public by funding and hosting special events in the sites we serve.

Become a member today and enjoy one full year of membership privileges while supporting North Dakota's National Parks!

### Join today at a higher level and receive additional gifts as a thank you!

All Members will receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Park Sticker</li> <li>15% in our stores</li> <li>Reciprocal discount at other park stores</li> <li>Monthly e-newsletter subscription.</li> <li>Opportunity to vote for TRNHA Board Elections</li> <li>Monthly Member Only Coupons.</li> </ul>	Membership Levels		Support Pin	TRNP Mint Tin	TRNHA Mug	Photo Book	TR Bobble Head	Donor Listing in TRNHA Annual Report
	\$20	Individual						
\$35	Family	X						
\$50	Friend	X	X					
\$100	Contributor	X	X	X				
\$250	Supporter	X	X	X	X			
\$500	Partner	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
\$1000	Corporate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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