



Centennial Newsletter

CONNECT WITH AND CREATE THE NEXT GENERATION
OF PARK VISITORS, SUPPORTERS AND ADVOCATES

This LARO Centennial newsletter is to inform you about all the celebrations the centennial committee is planning for the National Park Service 100th Birthday in 2016! It is an exciting time to be a part of the National Park Service and we hope you join in the celebration!

"Birthday Birthday" Centennial Celebration

The National Park Service (NPS) is excited to celebrate [100 years](#) of engaging citizens through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. On August 25th, 2016 Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area will be celebrating the NPS Centennial at our historic Fort Spokane Visitor Center.

In addition to the NPS 100th birthday, we will host a Naturalization Ceremony to watch as new American citizens take their Oath of Allegiance. We hope to host living history interpreters, Native American tribal rituals, and more! If you are interested in contributing to the celebration please [contact](#) the Centennial Committee with your thoughts, ideas or time!

Questions? Ideas?

Please [contact Lorie Carstensen](#) with any input you have for the centennial committee. We would be happy to hear from you!

Quick Links

[Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area](#)

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Upcoming Events

**August 25th, 2016
"Birthday Birthday"
Centennial
Celebration**

See Centennial
Celebration
article for details.



Frontier Regulars set up their historical reenactment camp in front of Fort Spokane Visitor Center. Photo Credit: M. Handke

LARO: Connecting to the Community

As a part of our centennial goals at LARO, we want to raise visibility of our logo in the surrounding communities. We started this effort on September 29th with our All Employee Sticker Day by posting new NPS logos on park signs. This gives visitors an easy way to identify our park locations and our affiliation with the National Park Service.



All Employee Sticker Day. Photo Credit: D. Beekler

We have also reached out to Chamber's of Commerce in the area to provide links to our website and use the Find Your Park logo in order to capture our local communities. Lastly, our hope is to be a part of this year's [Lilac Parade](#) in Spokane to broaden our visitation and awareness.

May/June 2016 Columbia High School Graduation

We are teaming up with the Class of 2016 to host their graduation. Most of these students have been involved with [The River Mile](#) since elementary school!

July 1st - 4th, 2016 Quilt Show

This [nationally touring quilt show](#) highlights some of the National Parks and will be held at the Lake Roosevelt School, Elementary Gymnasium. Read more in [this article](#) from The Star!

100 Years of the National Park Service

The 99th anniversary of the National Park Service was the 25th of August. You can help to create a strong future for the NPS by first learning about its storied history. When President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Organic Act into law in 1916, the National Park Service was only overseeing 45 sites. Legislation applied for the NPS to "conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

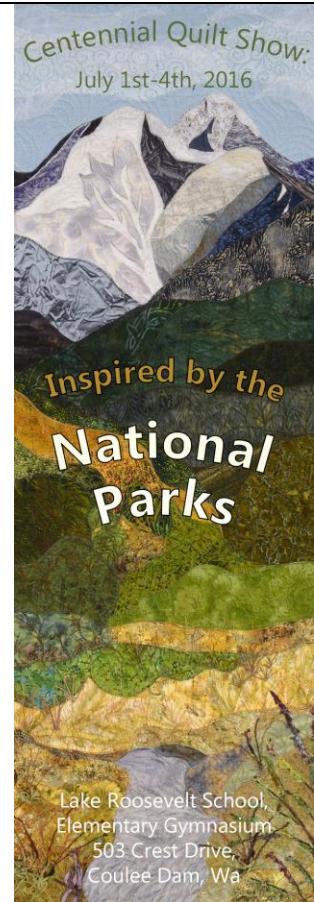
In recent years, the NPS has grown to oversee over 400 sites, and more than 45 million acres, in all 50 states. As the NPS grew, so did its overall mission; the National Park Service is now a world leader in environmental health, parks and preservation, cultural preservation, and pioneers in protecting America's Open Spaces.



LARO preserves historical sites, like St. Paul's Mission
Photo Credit: D. Bausch

As the NPS nears the centennial, the organization has embraced new technologies and trends in order to appeal to new generations. Using websites like Facebook and Twitter to spearhead the [Find Your Park Campaign](#), they have brought the parks to the people. They hope this will continue the growth of the National Park Service into its second century of operation. Find out more about NPS-wide centennial efforts [here](#).

-M. Handke



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