



# Homestead National Monument of America Beatrice, NE

## 2009 Special Events and Programs

Admission to all events, exhibits and displays is free

### JANUARY

Sunday, January 18, 1-4 pm  
Monday, January 19, 1 pm & 3 pm  
Sunday, January 25, 1-4 pm

Abraham Lincoln Film Festival  
Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Abraham Lincoln Film Festival

### FEBRUARY

#### *Special Exhibition*

Sunday, February 1, 1-4 pm  
  
Sunday, February 8, 1-4 pm  
Thursday, February 12, 7 pm  
  
Sunday, February 15, 1 pm & 3 pm

*Joel Sartore Photographs – “On the Land”*,  
Featured at the Education Center  
**Book Signing** at the Heritage Center  
*Copperheads: The rise and fall of Lincoln’s opponents in the North*  
**By: Jennifer Weber**  
Abraham Lincoln Film Festival  
Celebrating Lincoln and the Homestead Act  
Student Writing Contest  
Refreshments  
**Honoring Black History Month**

### MARCH

#### *Special Exhibition*

Sunday, March 8, 1 pm & 3 pm  
Sunday, March 15, 1 pm & 3 pm  
  
Sunday, March 19 - 22  
Times:TBD  
  
Sunday, March 15, 1 pm & 3 pm

*Joel Sartore Photographs – “On the Land”*,  
Featured at the Education Center  
**Honoring Women’s History Month and Book Signing**  
National Agriculture Week Presentation: Jeremy Steel,  
Museum Development Associate at Lester F. Tractor Test and Power  
Museum  
**Celebration of Homestead NM of America’s Birthday**  
Education Center Open house  
Special Speakers  
Refreshments  
**National Agriculture Day Program**

### APRIL

#### *Special Exhibition*

Saturday -Sunday, April 18-26  
Sunday, April 19, 1 pm-4 pm  
Saturday, April 25, 9-3 pm

*Joel Sartore Photographs – “On the Land”*,  
Featured at the Education Center  
**National Park Week**  
**Book Signing**  
**Homestead Prairie Walk: A March for Parks Event**  
**Environmental Exposition**

### MAY

#### *Special Exhibition*

Thursday-Friday, May 7-8, 10-3 pm  
Friday, May 8, 7 pm  
Saturday, May 23, 10 am -9 pm

*Joel Sartore Photographs – “On the Land”*,  
Featured at the Education Center  
**Heartland Storytelling Festival**  
**Public Storytelling Performance**  
**Monumental Fiddling Championship and Acoustic Band  
Contest** - Funded by the Coffin Foundation, Nebraska Arts  
Council, and Eastern National.  
**Book Discussion with Beatrice Public Library**  
**Beginning of Nebraska Wild Flower Week**

Thursday, May 28, 7 pm  
May 30

### JUNE

June 1 – 7,  
June 6 – 30, daily

Saturday – Sunday, May 30 - June 7  
Sunday, June 7, 1 pm – 4 pm  
Sunday, June 14, 2 pm

Friday-Sunday, June 19-21

## JULY

July 1 – 31, daily

Saturday, July 4, 7:30 pm  
Saturdays, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 10 am  
Saturdays, July 11, 18, 25, 7:30 pm  
Friday-Saturday, July 10-11 8-4pm

## AUGUST

August 1 – 31, daily

Sunday – Saturday, August 2 – 8  
Saturdays, August 1, 8, 10 am  
Saturdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday – Monday, September 5 – 7  
Thursday, September 17, 2 pm

Saturday, September 26, 9:30 am  
Sunday - Saturday, September 27  
- October 3

## OCTOBER

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am  
Thursday-Friday, October 8-9  
Saturday – Sunday, October 17 – 18  
Saturday, October 24, 6 pm

## NOVEMBER

*Special Exhibition*

Sunday, November 1, 1pm & 3pm  
Sunday, November 15, 1 pm – 4 pm  
Sunday, November 29, 1 pm & 3 pm

## DECEMBER

*Special Exhibition*

Sunday, December 6 & 13, 1 pm & 3 pm

## **Nebraska Wild Flower Week**

**Park Ranger led programs** at the Freeman School,  
Palmer-Epard Cabin and demonstration prairie

### **Celebrating Nebraska Wildflower Week**

**Book signing** at the Heritage Center

### **U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony**

Witness 75-100 people becoming United States citizens

### **Homestead Days 2009**

Craft demonstrators, entertainment, homestead history, antique  
farm and horse-drawn equipment demonstrations

**Park Ranger led programs** at the Freeman School,  
Palmer-Epard Cabin and demonstration prairie

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Heritage Campfire Program**

**Kids in Parks Programs**

**Campfire Programs**

**Land Records and Genealogy Symposium** at Southeast  
Community College, registration fee required

**Park Ranger led programs** at the Freeman School,  
Palmer-Epard Cabin and demonstration prairie

### **Art in the Park Week**

**Kids in Parks Programs**

**Campfire Programs**

### **Special Ranger Led Historical Demonstrations**

**U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony**

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**Public Lands Day Volunteer Project** – Deer Survey

**Prairie Appreciation Week**

### **Prairie Vision: High School Student Writing Workshop**

Registration Required

**Prairie Work Day** - a Prairie Appreciation Week Event

**Pioneer Days**

**Family History Month Weekend**

**Howling Homestead**

### **Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures**

On exhibit at the Education Center, Opens November 27

**Honoring American Indian Heritage Month**

**Book signing** at the Heritage Center

**Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures special program**

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Closes December 31

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**Homestead National Monument of America is located 4 miles northwest of Beatrice, Nebraska on State Highway 4. The park is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekend hours from Labor Day to Memorial Day are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The park is closed Thanksgiving Day, December 25, and January 1. Admission to all events is free. For more information, call (402) 223-3514 or visit us on the web at [www.nps.gov/home](http://www.nps.gov/home).** Some programs partially funded by the Nebraska Humanities Council and the Nebraska Arts Council.