



# Homestead National Monument of America 2016 Special Events and Programs

## Centennial Celebrations – 100 Years of Service

Admission to all events, exhibits and displays – free!

### Special Exhibits at the Education Center

January - April 2016: *Velma Armstrong*

May 2016 – Tape-Ography: America in Tape: *Chad Farnes*

June – August 2016: *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

November 29 – December 31, 2016: *Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures*

### JANUARY

Every Sat. & Sun.	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – National Parks in the Movies
8 Monday	2 p.m.	Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr – <i>Sisters to Selma</i> film
23 & 24 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Indiana Jones &amp; the Last Crusade</i>
30 Saturday	1 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Explore your winter world!</i>

### FEBRUARY

Every Sat. & Sun.	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – National Parks in the Movies
6 & 7 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Butch Cassidy &amp; the Sundance Kid</i>
13 & 14 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival – <i>Escape from Alcatraz</i>
14 Sunday	1 p.m.	Speaker Series – <i>Marcia Rowley presents “The History of Valentines”</i>
15 Monday	2 p.m.	African-American History Month – <i>“George Washington Carver”</i>
20 & 21 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival - <i>Taps</i>
27 & 28 Sat&Sun	2 p.m.	Centennial Film Festival - <i>Shane</i>
27 Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Winter Deer Survey - <i>Come and help!</i>
27 Saturday	1 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Explore your winter world!</i>

### MARCH

4 Friday	7 p.m.	“Lift Every Voice: The Black Experience in the Heartland”
13 Sunday	2 p.m.	Women’s History Month Program – <i>Laureen Riedesel presents “Beatrice, Nebraska’s Own Suffragette – Clara Colby”</i>
17-18 Thurs & Fri	noon-2 p.m.	Heartland Storytelling Festival - <i>all ages invited</i>
19 Saturday	1 p.m.	Homestead’s 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday!
26 Saturday	1 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Birding Basics!</i>

### APRIL

16-24 Saturday - Sunday		National Park Week!
16 & 17 Sat & Sun	1 pm	National Jr. Ranger Day programs – <i>Kids and families</i>
24 Sunday	2 p.m.	“Catherland” – <i>Musical Production</i>
28 Thursday	7 p.m.	Speaker Series – <i>Dr. Rebecca Wingo presents “Who Were the Women Who Settled Nebraska?”</i>

### MAY

6 & 7 Fri. & Sat	8–9 a.m.	Birds & Bagels – <i>Celebrate the Centennial with the birds!</i>
21 Saturday	7 am – 3 pm	Homestead Critter Count – <i>Help us count birds, bugs and blossoms! Join us for this Centennial Bioblitz</i>
28 Saturday	10 a.m.	Tallgrass Prairie Fiddle Festival

### JUNE

3 & 4 Fri. & Sat	8–9 a.m.	Birds & Bagels – <i>Celebrate the Centennial with the birds!</i>
4 Saturday	8 a.m.	Tractor Relay Across Nebraska – <i>Nebraska Parks Centennial Tour</i>

11	Saturday	2 p.m.	<b>Speaker Series and Book Signing</b> - <i>Chris Enss, author of "Frontier Teacher" and other books on women on the western frontier.</i>
14	Tuesday	2 p.m.	<b>U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony</b>
17-19	Fri-Sun	10am-4pm	<b>Homestead Days 2016</b>
18		11-3	Centennial Picnic in the Park Event

## JULY

Every	Saturday	10 a.m.	<b>Kids in Parks Program</b> - <i>Nature Detective Series</i>
4	Monday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Program</b> – <i>Homestead Historian, Dan Ott</i>
9	Saturday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series</b> – <i>Michael Murphy</i>
15 & 16	Fri & Sat	8 a.m.	<b>Land Records &amp; Genealogy Symposium</b> – <i>in cooperation with SCC</i>
16	Saturday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series</b> – <i>Toasted Ponies</i>
23	Saturday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series</b> – <i>Paul Siebert</i>
30	Saturday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series</b> – <i>String Beans</i>

## AUGUST

4	Thursday	10am-4 pm	<b>American Solar Car Challenge</b> – <i>Homestead Stop &amp; Centennial Environmental Expo</i>
6	Saturday	10 a.m.	<b>Kids in Parks Programs</b> - <i>Nature Detective Series</i>
6	Saturday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series</b> – <i>Gulizia Brothers</i>
13	Saturday	7 p.m.	<b>Centennial Campfire Concert Series</b> – <i>Lightning Bugs</i>
25	Thursday		<b>Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, National Park Service!</b> – <i>Beatrice Elementary to "Sing Across America"</i>

## SEPTEMBER

3-5	Sat-Mon	10am-4pm	<b>Labor Day – Living History Weekend</b>
4	Sunday	10am-4pm	<b>Centennial Car Show</b>
5	Monday	10 a.m.	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Fashioned Spelling Bee</b>
16	Friday	2 p.m.	<b>U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony</b> – <i>Constitution Day</i>
20	Tuesday	9 a.m.	<b>Prairie Visions Writing Festival</b> ( <i>Grades 9-12</i> )
24	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	<b>Public Lands Day Volunteer Project</b> – <i>Deer Survey</i>
25	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>Prairie Appreciation Photography Festival</b> to kick off Prairie Appreciation Week

## OCTOBER

1	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	<b>Prairie Work Day</b> - <i>A Prairie Appreciation Week event</i>
2	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>Bee Bioblitz</b> – <i>Celebrate the Centennial with pollinators of the prairie</i>
5-7	Wed-Fri.		<b>Pioneer Days</b> ( <i>Grade 4 - Reservations Required</i> )
9	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead Hedge Apple Festival</b>
16	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>Family History Month</b> - <i>Special Speaker</i>
29	Saturday	8:45 am	<b>Plow The Prairie Centennial Celebration Trail Run</b>
29	Saturday	6 p.m.	<b>Howling Homestead</b>

## NOVEMBER

13	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>American Indian Heritage Month Program</b> - <i>Special Speaker</i>
25-27	Fri-Sun		<b>Junior Ranger Weekend</b>
26	Saturday	2 p.m.	<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> – <i>Kids, Explore your autumn world</i>
27	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures</b> - <i>Special Speaker</i>

## DECEMBER

4	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures</b> - <i>Special Speaker</i>
11	Sunday	2 p.m.	<b>Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures</b> - <i>Special Speaker</i>

**Visitor Center Hours:**  
**Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Trails Open Dawn till Dusk**



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