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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### Over 300 Local Students Participate in Geology Day Program

Tulelake, CA – On Thursday, September 24, and Friday, September 25, Lava Beds National Monument hosted over 300 students, from grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, for its annual Geology Day program. Students from several local schools participated in the event.

Staff organized and conducted hands-on educational programs throughout the park for the students. Activities included demonstrations of plate tectonics, the rock cycle, and the water cycle, as well as a cave tour and an example of mountain formation.

“We are excited that local students continue to come to Lava Beds National Monument to learn about the unique and exciting geology of this park,” said Superintendent Larry Whalon. “One of the goals of the National Park Service Centennial in 2016 is to engage the next generation of park visitors, and events such as Geology Day are key in achieving that goal.”

Geology Day was made possible through a Ticket To Ride grant from the National Park Foundation, which funded all of the students’ transportation to the park. This is the fourth year of the Ticket To Ride program, which enables thousands of students to visit national parks each year. To learn more about the Ticket To Ride program and the National Park Foundation, visit <http://www.nationalparks.org/>.

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*Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!*

*For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email [labe\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:labe_interpretation@nps.gov), or go to [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe). Also, visit the park’s Facebook and Twitter pages.*

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