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## Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument News Release

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### Little Bighorn Battlefield Plants Trees at Local School for Day of Service and Announces Fee- Free Day

September 11 is a National Day of Service across the United States to remember the events that occurred on that day in 2001. People all across the country participate in events to help serve their communities on September 11 and the following week. The AmeriCorps/VISTA program is no different and a day of service is required for all of those that are involved with the program nationwide.

On September 14, Rachel Vegors, an AmeriCorps/VISTA Volunteer for Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, planted two apple trees with students at Pretty Eagle Catholic School on the Crow Indian Reservation. Mrs. Angie Egbert's first grade class helped plant the trees. The trees were donated to the school by the Friends of the Little Bighorn Battlefield and will provide a source of education and nutrition for the school.

The goal of AmeriCorps/VISTA is to fight poverty through public awareness and educational opportunities. The trees that have been planted at Pretty Eagle Catholic School will provide multiple educational opportunities for the students at the school. First, the trees can be used for hands-on science projects as the students observe the trees as they grow throughout the years, and as the seasons. As the trees begin to produce apples they can serve as an example of plant reproduction and will provide a fresh source of fruit for the school and the community.

National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 24, marks the next fee-free day at National Parks. Fee-free days provide a great opportunity to visit a new place or an old favorite! The fee waiver includes entrance fees, commercial tour fees, and transportation entrance fees. This year we welcome the Yellowstone Radio Club who will operate a temporary amateur radio station at the Reno-Benteen Site from 8am-5pm that day. The activity is one of nearly 500 National Parks on the Air events sponsored by the National Association for Amateur Radio to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial.

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument administers the site of one of the most famous battles in American history, the Battle of the Little Bighorn. For more information, please call (406) 638-2621, or visit our web site at [www.nps.gov/libi](http://www.nps.gov/libi).

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