



Happy 100th Birthday National Park Service

August 25, 2016

Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial Birthday at Mesa Verde National Park! Events are scheduled throughout the day and are free. There is something for everyone.

Time	Event Description	Location
10:00 am	<p>Founder’s Day Celebration Join us for the kick-off to the National Park Service birthday celebration at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center. The crew of the USS Mesa Verde will present the colors, followed by speakers and a birthday cake.</p>	Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center
9:00 am and 3:00 pm	<p>Curation Tours The behind-the-scenes tour will focus on the artifacts and archives associated with Mesa Verde’s “famous folks” who helped shape Mesa Verde National Park. (Limited space-available.)</p>	Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center
11:30 am and 1:30 pm	<p>Zia Buffalo Dancers The Zia Buffalo Dancers from Zia Pueblo, New Mexico will perform this traditional Pueblo dance.</p>	Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center
8:30 am to 2:30 pm	<p>Book Reading & Signing Children’s book reading and signing by author, Betty Bauer.</p>	Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum
1:00 pm	<p>Historic District Walking Tour - <i>The Way We Were</i> Join Jesse Nusbaum, Mesa Verde’s first superintendent, for a 1.5 hour walking tour that explores the Chapin Mesa Historic District.</p>	Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum
3:00 pm	<p>Junior Ranger Pledge and Ceremony Junior Rangers — bring your completed Mesa Verde Junior Ranger booklets to the museum for a special “swearing-in ceremony” by Park Superintendent Cliff Spencer.</p>	Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum
8:00 pm	<p>Centennial Campground Evening Program Participate in a special evening program reminiscent of early National Park Service campfire talks. Enjoy a traditional sing-a-long, birthday cupcakes, group photo, and a slide program, <i>For Future Generations: The Story of America’s National Parks</i>.</p>	Morefield Campground Amphitheater