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Time Change for Evening Lighting Ceremony

KEYSTONE, SD: As daylight shortens the hours of operation change at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Beginning Sunday August 12, 2012, the Evening Lighting Ceremony at Mount Rushmore will transition to an earlier start time of 8:00 PM. The Lincoln Borglum Visitor Center, bookstore and museum as well as the Information Center's closing time will change to 9:00 PM.

The Lakota, Nakota and Dakota Heritage Village hours will condense to 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM. Closing time for the Carvers Café and the Memorial Team Ice Cream Shop changes to 8:00 PM on August 16. The Xanterra Gift Shop will close at 9:30 PM. Opening hours for all operations remain the same.

The last Evening Lighting Ceremony of the season will be September 30, 2012. Remember smoking has been banned throughout the park to promote a safe visiting and working environment under the current dry conditions. For additional information regarding the park operations and seasonal time changes, please visit the park website: www.nps.gov/moru

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