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Celebrate San Diego's Parks, Natural Areas and Open Space for National Park Service Founder's Day at Cabrillo National Monument

(San Diego, California) Cabrillo National Monument Superintendent Tom Workman invited everyone to celebrate National Park Service Founders Day, and kick-off preparations leading up to the Cabrillo National Monument Centennial in 2013 and National Park Service Centennial in 2016, by joining in *A Celebration of San Diego County's Parks, Natural Areas and Open Space* on Tuesday, August 25, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Cabrillo National Monument, *San Diego's National Park*, will host the event, which is co-sponsored by the National Park Service, KPBS, the Maritime Museum of San Diego, REI and the park's non-profit cooperating association partner, the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation. The day's activities will feature living history and tours of the 1855 Old Point Loma Lighthouse, ranger interpretive talks about Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo and Point Loma's military history, ranger-guided hikes of the Bayside Trail, national park films and screenings of special previews of Ken Burns' coming documentary *National Parks: America's Best Idea*. California's official state tall ship, *Californian*, which is owned and operated by the Maritime Museum of San Diego, will make an appearance, sailing past Point Loma under full sail and firing a cannon salute. On hand will be more than thirty federal, state, county, special district, municipal, university and non-profit agencies which manage parks, natural areas and open space throughout San Diego County. The Cabrillo National Monument Foundation will sell books, films, postcards and other park-related items in the Cabrillo Store, which is open daily from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM inside the park's visitor center. The schedule and list of confirmed exhibitors are attached.

Said Workman "for almost 100 years, San Diego has been home to Cabrillo National Monument, one of 391 units of the National Park System. This year our celebration of the national parks is made special by the previews of Ken Burns' *National Parks: America's Best Idea*, which will introduce some people associated with the history of national parks that many people will have never heard of, while reintroducing such familiar people as John Muir, Ansel Adams and Nevada Barr. It is also an opportunity to showcase the wealth of parks, natural areas and open space that residents of San Diego have access to year-round. Places such as Balboa Park, Presidio Park, Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, the Elfin Forest, the San Diego River Park, San Elijo Lagoon, the Famosa Slough, the Chula

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Vista Nature Center, Mission Trails Regional Park, Rancho Peñasquitos, Rancho Guajome and Chollas Creek County Parks, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Torrey Pines and Borderfields State Parks and Silver Strand State Beach, research preserves such as the University of California Reserve System and San Diego State University Field Stations, the Cleveland National Forest, the California Coastal National Monument, which runs along the entire coast of California, to the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex, one of the largest in the nation, and of course, Cabrillo National Monument. San Diego County is truly a treasure trove of parks, natural areas and open space and we are proud to partner with our co-sponsors and other agencies to highlight them.”

August 25th is one of two days each year that the tower, lantern and gallery sections of the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, one of the first eight lighthouses built on the West Coast, are open to visitors (the other being November 15, the anniversary of the day the lighthouse went into operation). Ken Burns' new six-part, 12-hour documentary, *National Parks: America's Best Idea*, premieres on September 27, 2009 at 8:00 PM on KPBS and PBS stations nationwide and will continue for six successive nights. The park encourages attendees to be green and take public transportation (MTS #84 bus) to the Cabrillo National Monument visitor center.

This event is co-sponsored by Cabrillo National Monument, the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, KPBS, the Maritime Museum of San Diego and Recreational Equipment, Incorporated (REI). Funding is provided by General Motors; the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund; Corporation for Public Broadcasting; The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation; The Park Foundation, Inc.; Public Broadcasting Service; National Park Foundation; The Peter Jay Sharp Foundation; The Pew Charitable Trusts; and Bank of America.

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Public transportation (#84 Bus) is available hourly to the visitor center from the Old Town Transit Center and visitors are encouraged to *Go Green* and take public transportation. Beginning September 6, there will be no weekend bus service to Cabrillo National Monument. For additional information call 619-557-5450, ext. 0, or visit the event website at <http://www.kpbs.org/parks/> or Cabrillo National Monument web site at <http://www.nps.gov/cabr/>.

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Celebration of San Diego's Parks, Natural Areas and Open Space Schedule of Events
Cabrillo National Monument
August 25, 2009

9:00 AM	Cabrillo National Monument Opens
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibit Booths Open - <i>Traffic Circle and Breezeway in Front of Visitor Center</i>
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM	National Park Films/Ken Burns' <i>National Parks: America's Best Idea</i> Previews - <i>Visitor Center Auditorium</i> (<i>National Parks: America's Best Ideas</i> previews at top of hour beginning at 10:00 AM, <i>National Park Films</i> at bottom of hour beginning at 10:30 AM. Last film begins 4:00 PM)
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Old Point Loma Lighthouse Tower Open, Living History Presentations - <i>Old Point Loma Lighthouse</i>
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Bayside Trail Ranger-Guided Walk - <i>Meet Bayside Trail Trailhead</i>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Program: Military History of Point Loma - <i>Military History Exhibit</i>
12:45 PM	Signing of Partnership Agreement Between Cabrillo National Monument and the Maritime Museum of San Diego – <i>Cabrillo Statue Plaza</i>
1:00 PM	Canon Salute by the California State Tall Ship <i>Californian</i> (<i>Best Viewing from Visitor Center patios & Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo statue plaza</i>)
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Bayside Trail Guided Walk - <i>Meet at Bayside Trail Trailhead</i>
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Program: Cabrillo the Man - <i>Visitor Center Patio</i>
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<i>Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo and the Age of Exploration</i> Exhibit Open - <i>Visitor Center Exhibit Room</i>
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<i>Lighthouses of Point Loma</i> Exhibit Open - <i>Assistant Keeper's Quarters (next to Old Point Loma Lighthouse)</i>
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	<i>They Stood the Watch: Point Loma's Coast Defenses</i> Exhibit Open - <i>WWII Army Radio Station Building</i>
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Bayside Trail Open
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Lower Area of Cabrillo National Monument Open
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Cabrillo Store Open - <i>Inside Visitor Center View Building</i>
5:00 PM	Cabrillo National Monument Closes

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Celebrate Our Local Parks Day
Tuesday, August 25
Participating Exhibitors

1. Bureau of Indian Affairs
2. Bureau of Land Management, California Coastal Monument and California Desert District
3. Cabrillo National Monument Foundation
4. California Conservation Corps.
5. California State Parks, Colorado Desert District
6. California State Parks, Ocotillo Wells District
7. California State Parks, San Diego Coast District
8. City of Chula Vista Public Works Department, Parks and Open Space
9. City of Chula Vista Recreation Department, Chula Vista Nature Center
10. City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department
11. City of Santee Community Services Department, Parks and Recreation
12. Friends of the Famosa Slough
13. Golden State Lands Conservancy
14. Helix Water District
15. KPBS
16. Lakeside River Park Conservancy
17. Maritime Museum of San Diego
18. National Park Service, Southern California Research Learning Center and River, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and the High Performance Wireless Research and Education Network (HPWREN)
19. Port of San Diego, Recreation Division
20. Quail Botanical Garden
21. REI
22. San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation
23. San Diego Habitat Conservancy
24. San Diego Lifeguard Association
25. San Diego State University Field Stations Program
26. San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy
27. The National Audubon Society, San Diego Chapter
28. The Nature Conservancy
29. The San Diego River Park Foundation
30. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Diego Wildlife Refuge Complex
31. United States Army Corps of Engineers
32. United States Navy, Command Navy Region Southwest Environmental Programs
33. University of California Natural Reserves System, U.C. San Diego
34. USDA Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest

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