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National Park Service Celebrates 100th Birthday in Riverside Park!

Join us in celebrating the National Park Service's 100th birthday at Yankton's Riverside Park Amphitheater on Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy music, dancing, river art, hands-on activities, appearances by National Park Service rangers and junior rangers and a special guest appearance and speech by Theodore Roosevelt!

A modern re-creation of Roosevelt, performed by Adam Lundquist, will step on the stage at 7:00 p.m. Since 2008, Lundquist has traveled the country as Roosevelt and has entertained audiences with his remarkable likeness to Roosevelt. According to his website, "...I discovered I was the same height and weight, with the same color eyes and hair as Roosevelt. Since that day in 2007, I have not looked back." His portrayal of the 26th president earned him first place in national living history competitions in 2011, 2012, and 2013.

The birthday party is in celebration of our National Parks. Our National Park along the Nebraska-South Dakota border is well known throughout the Nation. Settled within a 98-mile ribbon of the Missouri River, from Fort Randall Dam at Pickstown to Ponca State Park, is the Missouri National Recreational River. Established in 1978, the Missouri National Recreational River is a partnership park working alongside with communities, tribal governments, state and federal agencies and private landowners to preserve the cultural and natural stories associated with the river. Most importantly, the Park embraces natural and recreational activities suited for all ages! Similar to Yellowstone National Park, the Missouri National Recreational River is a public park or pleasuring-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people. One of seven National Park Service sites in South Dakota, it contains national heritage areas, historic trails and two free-flowing segments of the Missouri River.

In celebration of the 100th birthday of the National Park Service, the agency had launched a campaign to spread the word about the amazing places they manage, the inspirational stories that the national parks tell, our country's natural resources, and our diverse cultural heritage. Have you heard the slogan "Find Your Park"? Find Your Park (www.findyourpark.com) is about more than just National Parks! It's about the National Park Service working in your community through education programs, community assistance projects, and more. It's about state parks, local parks, trails, museums, historic sites, towns and communities and the many ways that the American public can connect with history and culture, enjoy nature and make new discoveries.

For information about this event, the Park and its neighbors, or to volunteer, please visit us online at www.nps.gov/mnrr; call us at 605-665-0209 or visit our Park Headquarters located off of Second Street in Yankton Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.