Sierra Club members:

The 100th anniversary celebration of the National Park Service in 2016 marks a milestone in the county’s – in our – commitment to protect our natural world.

We in the Sierra Club can join in the celebration.

We can use this as a stimulus to:

- Further the mission of the Sierra Club,
- Show that we, as members of the Sierra Club, are vitally engaged in issues related to natural land protection,
- Stimulate public appreciation of our natural world,
- Address current concerns such as Global Climate Change, and
- Perform deeds to protect our natural world.

We can use this opportunity to recruit new members and to get more people involved in the love, respect and appreciation of our natural world.

We can:

- Provide activities to celebrate,
- Develop – encourage – stories in newspapers and television specials,
- Arrange joint service projects with the National Park Service, and
- Include National Park Service Centennial celebration in our activities for 2016.

Attached is a list of suggestions. Your members will have many more.

Go for it!

John F. Byrne, Chair
List of suggestions to:
Help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service during 2016

This list just contains possible things-to-do. Chapters, Groups and members need to broaden the scope, and work with local park staffs to develop their own list of things-to-do.

1. Get involved with the National Park Service.
   A. Coordinate Chapter & Group activities with NPS celebrations,
   B. Promote visitation to local NPS units,
   C. Support new and less visited national parks, and
   D. Participate in programs listed on the NPS Centennial web site and the National Park Foundation National Park Service Centennial web site.

2. Support legislative and Administration improvements to the national park system, such as:
   A. The proposed National Park Service Centennial Act,
   B. Initiatives to expand existing units of the national park system,
   C. Wilderness designation or expansion, and
   D. Park restoration programs.

3. Participate in activities identified by the Sierra Club's National Park Service 100 Task Force including some of the 100 outings during National Park Week, April 16-24, 2016.. Contact Melanie MacInnis at melanie.macinnis@sierraclub.org, Brenna Muller at brenna.muller@sierraclub.org and Jackie Ostfeld at jackie.ostfeld@sierraclub.org.

4. Conduct programs to attract diverse, multicultural communities. See, e.g., Green groups set sights on diversity.

5. Support outdoor use and appreciation.
   A. Support the National Park Foundation’s The Next 100 Years for America’s National Parks,
   B. Conduct programs to address Nature Deficit Disorder, obesity, and lack of physical exercise, and
   C. Conduct programs to benefit physical and mental health. See, for example:
      1. Green spaces and cognitive development in primary schoolchildren, and
      2. D.C. doctor’s Rx: A stroll in the park instead of a trip to the pharmacy.

6. Get children involved with the natural world.
   A. National Parks and local parks.
      1. Get DVDs from parks and distribute to schools,
      2. Connect with K – 12 curricula through teachers in schools, and
      3. Promote field trips. See, for example, Youth in Yosemite.
   B. Support Every Kid in a Park programs, such as:
      1. The White House’s Let’s Get Every Kid in a Park initiative,
      2. The Department of the Interior’s Every Kid in a Park Pass program,
      3. The National Park Foundation’s Every Kid in a Park program, and
      4. Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move program.

7. Bring the natural world home.
   A. Promote nature-friendly planning and zoning. See, for example, The Nature and Wellbeing Act being proposed by The Wildlife Trusts and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds for the UK,
   B. Promote natural, e.g., wind & solar, energy generation and use,
   C. Promote extension of the tree canopy, and
   D. Promote adaptations to inevitable climate changes such as water level rises, and species migration.