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**Grand Canyon National Park Celebrates Centennial Year
with Events at the Canyon and Around Arizona**

GRAND CANYON, ARIZ.—With the 2019 Centennial celebration of Grand Canyon National Park on the horizon, Grand Canyon Conservancy (formerly Grand Canyon Association) and Grand Canyon National Park have announced a calendar of events for the year. Ranging from activities at the canyon to special presentations in cities throughout Arizona, the Centennial events have something for everyone.

“We’re excited to share this milestone celebration with the millions of people who love, care for, and visit the Grand Canyon each year. The Centennial is a time for reflection on the past and inspiration for the future. We honor those who have called Grand Canyon home for thousands of years while building towards a future that is inclusive and reflective of our nation,” said Christine Lehnertz, Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park.

Events at the canyon include a Centennial celebration on February 26, 2019 (the actual Centennial date), a fun-filled Summerfest & Star Party on the South and North Rims in June, and other special performances and presentations throughout the year.

“We look forward to commemorating 100 years of the National Park Service at Grand Canyon, while inspiring future generations to experience, connect with, and protect the canyon’s unique resources,” said Susan Schroeder, Grand Canyon Conservancy CEO. “The Centennial events are a wonderful way to build awareness of the vital conservation, restoration, and education efforts supported by Grand Canyon Conservancy donors.”

For more information visit www.nps.gov/grca/getinvolved/centennial
or <https://www.grandcanyon.org/events/grand-canyon-centennial/>.

2019 CALENDAR OF CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Throughout Year	“100 Years of Grand” online exhibition https://lib.asu.edu/grand100
Through September 2019	“Splendor & Spectacle: The 100-Year Journey of Grand Canyon National Park” Exhibition at NAU Cline Library, Flagstaff, AZ
January 11 – 12	“Grand Canyon Suite” performances Phoenix Symphony
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. National Fee-Free Day Grand Canyon National Park
February 20 – 24	Grand Canyon Historical Society Symposium Shrine of the Ages Grand Canyon National Park
February 22	Community Centennial Celebration Tusayan, AZ
February 23	“Teddy Roosevelt: The Man in the Arena” Performance at Shrine of the Ages Grand Canyon National Park
February 26	Founder’s Day Centennial Celebration South Rim/Visitor Center Grand Canyon National Park
March 1	“Mapping Grand Canyon” conference ASU, Tempe, AZ
March 2 – 3	“Grand Canyon State” performances Tucson Symphony
April 9	Grand Canyon Storytellers event Phoenix, AZ
April 16	Naturalization Ceremony Mather Amphitheatre Grand Canyon National Park

April 20	National Park Week Fee-Free Day Grand Canyon National Park
May 10	Railroad Day/Transcontinental Sesquicentennial Grand Canyon National Park
May 17 – 19	Grand Gathering: Grand Canyon Conservancy Supporters' Weekend Grand Canyon National Park
May 18	Pete McBride Presentation Author of "Grand Canyon: Between River and Rim" Shrine of the Ages Grand Canyon National Park
May 19	Powell Memorial Plaque Dedication Grand Canyon National Park
May 24 – 25	Wildlife Days Grand Canyon National Park
June 22	Junior Ranger Day Grand Canyon National Park
June 22 – 29	Centennial Summerfest and Star Party Grand Canyon National Park
July (through month)	"Echoes from the Canyon" Living History Grand Canyon National Park
July 4	July 4 Parade – Flagstaff July 4 Parade – Tusayan
August (through month)	American Indian Heritage Days Grand Canyon National Park
September (through month)	Hispanic Heritage Month Grand Canyon National Park

September 7 – 15	Celebration of Art Grand Canyon National Park
September 28	Public Lands Fee-Free Day Grand Canyon National Park
September 28	Naturalization Ceremony Grand Canyon National Park
November 9 – 10	Native American Heritage Month Celebration Grand Canyon National Park
November 11	Veterans' Fee-Free Day Grand Canyon National Park
November 28	Community Holiday Open House Visitor Center Plaza Grand Canyon National Park

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About Grand Canyon Conservancy

Grand Canyon Conservancy (formerly Grand Canyon Association) is the official nonprofit partner of Grand Canyon National Park, raising private funds, operating retail shops within the park, and providing premier guided educational programs about the natural and cultural history of the region. Our supporters fund projects including trails and historic building preservation, educational programs for the public, and the protection of wildlife and their natural habitat. Grand Canyon Conservancy inspires people to protect and enhance Grand Canyon National Park for present and future generations. For more information, visit www.grandcanyon.org.