

Centennial Challenge Projects Announcement April 2008

Letter to the editor template

Thank you for your willingness to write and submit a letter to the editor to your local newspaper about the potential for the National Park Centennial Challenge to motivate your donors and benefit your national park, and national parks nationwide.

Please customize this template, as editors detest form letters, and then submit it to your local newspaper. Thank you and good luck!

To the editor,

IF YOUR PROJECT WAS ON THE LIST:

- The U.S. Government recently announced a list of national parks that would benefit from the interim funding Congress provided for the new National Park Centennial Challenge program, which would double private and other non-federal donations to carry out specific projects and programs.
- This is good news for X National Park, as we've received matching federal funds to do Y project.
- We're looking for Congress to pass the pending National Park Centennial Fund Act to ensure that federal funds for the full 10-year-long Centennial Challenge are available in future years.

IF YOUR PROJECT WAS NOT ON THE LIST:

- The U.S. Government recently announced a list of national parks that would benefit from the interim funding Congress provided for the new National Park Centennial Challenge program, which would double private and other non-federal donations to carry out specific projects and programs. If fully authorized by Congress, there are many projects pending here at X National Park that would benefit.
- Congress needs to do everything necessary to pass the pending National Park Centennial Challenge legislation. This 10-year program would complement private support from groups like ours with federal funds to carry out important park projects such as (INSERT SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF PROJECT YOU ARE HOPING FOR FUND WITH CENTENNIAL MONIES) at X National Park.

Congress, we need your help to prepare our national parks for a second century of service to all Americans. Please support the National Park Centennial Challenge.

Sincerely,

Name, Title
Organization
Address, City, State
Phone, Email