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NPHA's October Meeting Anchors *Grand Thoughts at the Grand Canyon*

The National Park Hospitality Association, in close collaboration with Grand Canyon National Park officials, will invite more than 200 corporate and nonprofit representatives, citizen activists and government officials to join in a novel week of learning, sharing and action on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon this fall. Called ***Grand Thoughts at the Grand Canyon***, the program will build upon the successful January 2012 America's Summit on National Parks and will continue preparations for the 2016 Centennial of the National Park Service. Each of the seven days will feature a theme and will draw leaders in industry and government for keynote presentations, followed by small group discussions.

Daily themes will include: *Telling America and the World About Our Parks; Connecting Urban Parks with Remote and Iconic Parks; Harnessing Technology in America's Parks; Funding America's Parks; Building Unity in America Around Parks; and Learning in Parks for All Ages.*

NPHA will hold its Board of Directors and membership meetings on October 16 and 17, to kick off the discussions. Some NPHA committees and task forces will meet later in the week – details shortly at www.parkpartners.org. The gathering will be just weeks before the nation goes to the polls to elect 435 U.S. Representatives, 33 U.S. Senators, a dozen governors and the President of the United States, who will be in office on August 25, 2016, the 100th anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service.