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Sneak preview of Ken Burns' National Parks series to be shown at Gettysburg museum Saturday

Gettysburg, Pa. (**September 22, 2009**) – The public is invited to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. for a free, special screening of a 45-minute preview film for Ken Burns' new television documentary – "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."

The series was filmed over the course of more than six years at some of nature's most spectacular locales – from Acadia to Yosemite, Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon, the Everglades of Florida to the Gates of the Arctic in Alaska. The six-episode series directed by Burns and written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan is airing on WITF-TV and other PBS stations nationwide beginning Sept. 27.

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The Gettysburg Foundation is co-sponsoring Saturday's preview screening and they plan to present a new special volunteer opportunity to members of the community who attend. For more information, call the Gettysburg Foundation at 717/334-3460 extension 231.

The National Park Service anticipates that the film will inspire millions of people to get to know their national parks. On the day before the film's premiere, parks all over the country will be hosting community events.

The Gettysburg Foundation, www.gettysburgfoundation.org, is a private, non-profit educational organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to enhance preservation and understanding of the heritage and lasting significance of Gettysburg.

Gettysburg National Military Park is a unit of the National Park Service that preserves and protects the resources associated with the Battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and provides an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history. Information is available at www.nps.gov/gett.

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