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This is the VOA Special English Education Report.

The National Park Service in the United States will mark its one hundredth **anniversary** in twenty-sixteen. As it nears its second century, the Park Service plans to increase its educational programs for students and teachers.

The plans include transportation support for one hundred thousand students each year to visit national parks to learn about nature and history.

Yellowstone is believed to have been the world's first national park when it was established in eighteen seventy-two.

Other students will get a chance to see parks in faraway places through Skype and other online programs.

The National Park Service also works with partners to provide education. One of its partners is a **nonprofit** organization called NatureBridge.

NatureBridge is celebrating its fortieth anniversary and says one million young people have taken part in its programs.

The organization works with students from kindergarten through twelfth grade and uses national parks as its classrooms. It provides field science programs at Yosemite National Park and four other locations in California and the northwestern state of Washington.

Now, NatureBridge is launching an East Coast center with a four-million-dollar **grant** from Google. The program will begin in April at the Prince William Forest Park in Virginia.

Students stay for three to five days in NatureBridge programs. The activities are aimed at developing their science skills. For example, they learn about different soils and study water quality under a **microscope**.

Jason Morris is executive vice president of NatureBridge. He says when they are not sleeping, eating or in a laboratory, the students spend their time outdoors.

Julia Washburn is associate director of education and interpretation for the National Park Service. She says in a time of budget cuts, the agency has to find ways to still meet its goals.

JULIA WASHBURN: "We are not likely to get a lot of money in this current economy. This is about doing different work with the money that we have and redirecting resources into it."

Ms. Washburn says one of the most important services that the Park Service provides every day is nature interpretation. Park rangers try to make visiting the outdoors more meaningful.

JULIA WASHBURN: "Interpretation is a form of informal education. Essentially, it is a word that we use for the people in parks that explain the park or help **orient** you. So park rangers are interpreters. They orient you to the place you are in and help you make connections, emotional and intellectual connections, with the place."

And that's the VOA Special English Education Report, written by Jerilyn Watson. You can find captioned videos of our programs at the VOA Learning English channel on YouTube. I'm Steve Ember.

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词汇解释:

1.anniversary n.周年纪念(日)

She reproached him for forgetting their anniversary.  
她责备他竟把他们的结婚周年纪念日忘了。

2.nonprofit adj.非赢利的

This charity is a nonprofit organization.  
这个慈善团体是个非盈利性组织。

3.grant n.拨款，授予物

You can get a grant to improve your house.  
你可以得到一笔拨款来修缮住房

4.microscope n.显微镜

A Microscope will reveal much that cannot be seen with the naked eye.  
显微镜可以看到许多肉眼看不见的东西。

5.orient vt.使适应, 使朝东,定 ... 的方位

This algorithm is byte-oriented, not line-oriented.  
这个运算法则是字节导向的，不是线性导向的。

参考译文:

这里是美国之音慢速英语健康报道。

2016年，美国国家公园服务中心将迎来第100周年纪念日。在它的第二个世纪开始之际，

公园服务中心计划为学生和教师们增加教育项目。

公园计划每年为10万名学生提供交通服务，让他们来公园学习自然和历史知识。

黄石公园1872年成立时，它被视为是世界上第一个国家公园。

其他远处的学生将有机会通过Skype等在线项目欣赏公园。

国家公园服务中心还将与合作者一起提供教育项目，其中一个合作者是名为“自然桥”的非营利组织。“自然桥”目前正庆祝40周年，称已有一百万年轻人参与到项目中来。

该组织为从幼儿园到十二年级的学生提供服务，将国家公园当做课堂。它在约塞米蒂国家公园、加州和华盛顿西北部其他4个地方提供实地科学项目。

现在，“自然桥”利用谷歌提供的4万美元赞助费，创建了东海岸中心。该项目将于4月份在维吉尼亚州威廉王子森林公园启动。

学生们会在“自然桥”项目里呆上三到五天，活动的目的是提高学生的科学技能。比如，他们会用显微镜学习各种土壤和水质。

Jason Morris是“自然桥”的副总裁，他说学生们是在户外吃住的，不会在实验室里吃住。

Julia Washburn是国家公园服务中心教育与讲解处副主任，她说在如今预算削减的时候，机构必须寻找别的办法来实现目标。

Julia Washburn：“如今的经济形势下，我们是不可能得到很多资金的。所以，利用仅有的资金来调配资源，这个工作比较困难。”

Washburn说，公园服务中心每天提供的最重要的服务就是自然讲解，公园管理员尽力让户外游览更有意义。

Julia Washburn：“讲解是一种非正式的教育方式，本质上说，它是为公园游客解说公园或帮助你熟悉环境。所以公园管理员就是解说员。他们帮助你适应你所在的地方，并帮助你和这个地方建立情感和知识的联系。”

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