



Buffalo Soldiers Day Celebration

July 27–28, 2024



Congress designated July 28 as Buffalo Soldiers Day to commemorate the formation of the first Army regiments comprised of Black soldiers following the Civil War in 1866. Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks have designated this day as a fee-free day and will offer special events and programs in celebration.

Saturday, July 27

Special Presentation: **Charles Young and the Ninth Cavalry at Sequoia, 1903-1904**

Historian and author Brian G. Shellum presents a 45-minute illustrated program uncovering the history of the Buffalo Soldiers in Sequoia

8:30 pm
Lodgepole
Lodgepole Campground
Amphitheater

Sunday, July 28

Featured Event: **Brigadier General Charles Young Tree Naming Ceremony**

A ceremony to honor the posthumous promotion of Charles Young, the first Black superintendent of a national park (Sequoia National Park)

10 am
Giant Forest
Auto Log Parking Area
** Requires short shuttle ride
from Giant Forest Museum*

Ranger-led Programs and Services:

Interpretive Talks, Guided Walks, Drop-in Programs, Site Interpretation, Interactive Booths, and Evening Programs

All Day Parkwide Locations

Check visitor centers and the online event calendar at www.nps.gov/seki for details.