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# The Star-Spangled Banner

## Mount Rushmore National Memorial

The Mount Rushmore Society—through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores, the Mount Rushmore Audio Tour, Mount Rushmore Memories, the Mount Rushmore Institute and other activities—is dedicated to the preservation, promotion and enhancement of Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the values it represents through a partnership with the National Park Service.

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## Youth Exploration Area Shelter Ground Breaking Held

By Gary Keller, Development Director

Members of the Mount Rushmore Society, National Park Service and major donors were part of a ground-breaking ceremony for the Youth Exploration Area (YEA) shelter on Sunday, August 24 at Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The YEA shelter is set to begin construction in 2015.

When constructed, the shelter will serve as a multi-use facility for not only the “kid-friendly” Youth Exploration Area program but other special events held at the Memorial as well.

Fund raising for the project is 95% complete.

“The Society is raising all funds



**Pictured l-r at the Youth Exploration Area ground breaking: Superintendent Cheryl Schreier; Emeritus Society Board Member Nancy Gowen; Society Board Member Gene Lebrun; Society President Andy Knight; Buddy Seiner of South Dakota Community Foundation; Mike Rodman of the Grand Lodge of the Masons of South Dakota; Marsha Nichols of Black Hills Power; Chief of Interpretation and Education Maureen McGee-Ballinger. Not pictured: Steve Conzet of Wells Fargo Bank; Neil Mulholland of the National Park Foundation; and the Adams-Mastrovich Foundation.**

for the \$396,000 project privately and we are only \$22,000 from our goal,” says Society President Andy Knight. “We have had great donor support.

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