

SPECIAL THANKS TO

AGE Corporation
American Legion Post 8
BPro
Capital Motors
Dakota Motor Sports
Dakota Radio Group
Fort Pierre Development Corporation
Grand Rental Station
Great Lakes of South Dakota Tourism Association
Inman's Water Technologies
Jamie Damon Law Office
Oahe Chapel Preservation Society
Oahe Marina
OaheTV
Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce & Convention and
Visitors Bureau
PryntComm
RiverLife, Don Boyd
Short Grass Arts Council
South Dakota Department of Tourism
South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
South Dakota State Historical Society
South Dakota Historical Society Foundation
South Dakota Rural Electric Association
Stanley County Schools
State 123 Theatres
United States Army Corp of Engineers

Oahe Dam 50th Anniversary Commemoration



THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Dedication

Power-on-the-line Ceremony

Oahe Dam

Pierre, South Dakota

11 A.M. Friday, August 17, 1962

Commemoration of that Ceremony

11A.M. Friday, August 17, 2012

Oahe Visitor Center

PROGRAM

- Welcome, Emcee Don Boyd, Pierre
- Invocation, Reverend Don Block, Lutheran Memorial Church, Pierre
- Color Guard, Boy Scout Troop # 173, Pierre
- National Anthem, Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill
- Executive Proclamation
- Senator George McGovern
- High Spirit Singers, Pierre
- Mayoral Address, Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill
- Mayoral Address, Fort Pierre Mayor Sam Tidball
- U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Address, Eric Stasch, Oahe Operations Project Manager
- Musical Selection, Jen & Tonic , Pierre
- Congressional Recognition
- Jamie Damon, Attorney at Law, Pierre
- Closing Remarks

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 17, 2012

Oahe Chapel

Unveiling and dedication of interpretive sign, Oahe Chapel Preservation Society.

Oahe Chapel tours: The Chapel will be open for visitors to view. Built in 1877, the Chapel was originally located on the Oahe Mission at Peoria Flats five miles north of the intakes. It was moved from the Mission in 1957 before Oahe was flooded and was placed at its present location in 1964.

Power Plant & Intake Structure Tour

1:00 - 7:00 PM-Intake Structure tours: Walk out on the upper structure platform. Those who want will be guided down the stairs into the structure.

1:00 - 4:00 PM-Extended Power Plant tours similar to the way the tours were given "in the old days." Last tour begins at **4:00 PM**.

Cultural Heritage Center

4:00 PM - State Historical Society staff will offer a presentation of Oahe Dam construction images. Visitors are invited to share stories.

Oahe Marina Activities

4:00 - 9:00PM - Owner, Steve Rounds, will have live music, food and a fireworks display. Proceeds to benefit local disaster relief fund.

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Cultural Heritage Center

9:00 AM - Reception for those who worked during the construction of the Oahe Dam, their spouses and children. Sponsored by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

Power Plant Tours

10:00 AM - Extended Power Plant tours similar to the way the tours were given "in the old days." Last tour begins at **4:00 PM**.

Oahe Chapel

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Oahe Chapel tours: Chapel will be open for visitors to view.

Oahe Visitor Center

10:00 AM - "**Oahe Talk Back**" session will be held at the Visitor Center hosted by Great Lakes of South Dakota Tourism Association staff. Participants include:

Matt Sutton, who will have available the book he wrote which gives the history of the Sutton Ranches. He will be signing the book. Sutton will talk about the flooding of the land belonging to the ranchers when the gates were opened.

Jamie Damon, who wrote the letter to President John F. Kennedy inviting him to the dedication.

Dottie Howe, mother of Jamie Damon, who remembers the dam being built, the river being closed off, the bulldozers lined up to close off the river and how the surge tanks were lifted.

Cecil Staples, Pierre resident who worked on construction of the Dam.

Each person will give a short talk about their relationship to the Oahe Dam project and then will answer questions from the audience. Please bring lawn chairs as seating is limited.

State 123 Theatres

11:00 AM - Film footage of the Missouri River closing operations, Oahe Dam construction and visit by President Kennedy from the State Archive's Collection. Sponsored by the South Dakota State Historical Society.

