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AUTHOR AND STORYTELLER CHRIS EPTING TO SPEAK AT ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., June 1, 2016 – The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will host a presentation by author and storyteller Chris Epting on June 29 at 6PM. Chris will discuss his latest book, *Teddy Roosevelt in California*. The Environmental Nature Center is located at 1601 E. 16th Street, in Newport Beach. Registration is available at encenter.org

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt embarked on his first visit to California. Before leaving, he reached out to naturalist John Muir with a special favor: to act as the president's tour guide in Yosemite. Chris will discuss that fateful three-day trip, and how it helped to shape the destiny of Yosemite and the National Park system.

"It's so exciting to have Chris share this timely story with us, since the National Park Service turns 100 this year" said ENC Executive Director Bo Glover. "This story -- and this Adult Speaker Series -- aligns perfectly with the ENC's goal to inspire all generations to protect the natural world."

Chris is the author of 26 books including *Roadside Baseball*, *James Dean Died Here* and *Vanishing Orange County*. He is also an award-winning journalist and contributor to such publications as the *Los Angeles Times* and *Westways Magazine*.

Guests will enjoy an open house with appetizers, wine and beer from 6-7PM, followed by the speaker at 7PM. This is an adult only event. Tickets (\$15 for non-members and \$10 for members) are available at encenter.org.

About the ENC

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For 40 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life's pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 21,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC recently purchased property to develop a nature play area, and construct our community's first nature based preschool. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community's foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call 949-645-8489, or visit www.ENCcenter.org. The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.

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