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YOUNG VISITORS INVITED TO BECOME JUNIOR CIVIL WAR HISTORIANS BY VISITING CIVIL WAR NATIONAL PARKS

One hundred fifty years ago, our nation nearly tore itself apart. Soldiers in blue and gray struggled on battlefields across the country and changed the face of the United States of America.

Nine national parks in the Southeast Region have banded together to encourage young visitors and their families to visit the special places where the Civil War unfolded and to reexamine what that terrible conflict means to us today. Children ages six and older can earn a special Junior Civil War Historian patch by completing the Junior Ranger programs at two or three of the participating parks and/or completing special online activities. During their visits, young visitors and their families will have the opportunity to explore how the Civil War impacted the lives of everyone in America then and still affects us as a people today.

Why did they fight? What was it like to be in the middle of a Civil War battle? How did civilians cope with the destruction of war? How did enslaved people seize their opportunities to gain, and sometimes fight for, their freedom? These are just some of the questions Junior Civil War Historians can answer for themselves while they earn their special patch.

There are two ways to become a Junior Civil War Historian.

Option 1

Become a Junior Ranger at three (3) participating parks. Make sure you get a ranger to initial and date your activity card (available at all participating parks) or your Junior Ranger program booklets.

Once you have become a Junior Ranger at three parks, turn in your activity card or Junior Ranger program booklets at a participating park to receive your patch.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Option 2

Become a Junior Ranger at two (2) participating parks and do one online activity. Online activities can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/stri/forkids/jcwhonline.htm>.

Turn in your activity card or Junior Ranger program booklets along with a printout of your completed online activity at a participating park to receive your patch.

Participating Parks

Andersonville National Historic Site

Andersonville, GA – (229) 924-0343 – ande_information@nps.gov – <http://www.nps.gov/ande>

Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park

Fort Ogelthorpe, GA - (423) 752-5215 – chch_information@nps.gov - <http://www.nps.gov/chch>

Fort Donelson National Battlefield

Dover, TN - (931) 232-5348 – food_information@nps.gov - <http://www.nps.gov/fodo>

Fort Pulaski National Monument

Savannah, GA - (912) 786-5787 – fopu_information@nps.gov - <http://www.nps.gov/fopu>

Fort Sumter National Monument

Charleston, SC – (843) 883-3123 – fosu_information@nps.gov - <http://www.nps.gov/fosu>

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Kennesaw, GA – (770) 427-4686 – kemo_information@nps.gov – <http://www.nps.gov/kemo>

Shiloh National Military Park

Shiloh, TN - (731) 689-5696 – shil_information@nps.gov – <http://www.nps.gov/shil>

Stones River National Battlefield

Murfreesboro, TN – (615) 893-9501 – stri_information@nps.gov – <http://www.nps.gov/stri>

Vicksburg National Military Park

Vicksburg, MS – (601) 636-0583 – vick_information@nps.gov – <http://www.nps.gov/vick>

For more information about programs at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, contact the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at (706) 866-9241, the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at (423) 821-7786, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/chch.