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The Dominoes Begin to Tumble: Two Forts Fall and a General Emerges

Chattanooga, Tennessee: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to participate in a special one-hour program at Orchard Knob Reservation on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

Join a Park Ranger to learn and discuss the 150th anniversary of the Twin Rivers Campaign. In early February 1862, an unknown brigadier general, Ulysses S. Grant, began a military campaign to capture two strategic forts located near the Kentucky/Tennessee border. The fall of Forts Henry and Donelson began a “Domino” effect for the Confederacy in which they would lose vast amounts of territory. The Twin Rivers campaign not only made Ulysses S. Grant a household name, it also started the general on an upward path that eventually led to the overall command of the combined Union forces in Chattanooga. In Chattanooga, Orchard Knob became the site of Grant’s headquarters and the location from which he witnessed the Battles of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Visitors are welcomed to bring a lawn chair. Meet the park ranger at the entrance gate located at the corner of Orchard Knob Avenue and Ivy Street.

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.

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