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As spring slowly but surely takes hold, it is time once again to begin planning for the Memorial Day Observance at Andersonville National Cemetery. The Memorial Day holiday is the largest event sponsored each year in the park. The success of the weekend depends on groups of scouts, students, and individual volunteers. We welcome your group to join us as participants in this event.

Over the four days of the holiday weekend (Saturday through Tuesday, May 23-26), we need assistance in the following tasks: Cemetery Wardens to place, monitor, and straighten flags during the weekend, and pickup of the flags on Tuesday and event assistance for the Sunday observance.

Troops serving as Cemetery Wardens in charge of flag placement will be limited to no more than 300 participants on Saturday morning. All other Cemetery Wardens will be tasked with straightening flags Saturday afternoon, Sunday, and Monday. Tuesday morning flag pickup should take one to two hours and will require up to 100 volunteers. For the ceremony on Sunday, we have needs for parking assistance (25 people), program distribution (5 people), and staffing a refreshment tent serving ice water (10 people). All tasks are equally honorable and should be encouraged by troop leaders. The care and upkeep of these flags throughout the long weekend can be difficult depending on weather, and it is absolutely necessary to have troops committed to helping during the entire observance.

Please fill out the Memorial Day registration form and return before April 24, 2015. It can be mailed, faxed (fax number: 229-924-1086), or e-mailed to the address shown on the form. Courtesy of the park's cooperating association, Eastern National, *a special patch will be made available to registered participants only*, as a measure of our thanks for your assistance. Additional information can also be found at:

<http://go.nps.gov/memorialdayandersonville>



Limited primitive camping for scouting groups is available first-come, first-serve on the park grounds which must be reserved using the online form at: http://www.nps.gov/ande/forkids/scouting_activities.htm before Friday, April 24, 2015. There is a limit of 50 scouts in the campground or three troops, whichever occurs first.

A hotdog meal will be provided to registered cemetery wardens on Saturday afternoon, at the conclusion of flag placement, courtesy of The Dixie Crows. Please remember to thank them for their service, and ensure that the picnic area and other park grounds are clean and tidy after sharing the meal.

Following the registration deadline, you will receive a confirmation letter with additional details. We are looking forward to seeing you and your group in May. It is always a moving experience to watch both adults and children performing a patriotic service for Andersonville National Cemetery, our veterans, and our country.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Steinhorst
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