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## Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park NEWS RELEASE

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### ***BULL RUN AT CHICKAMAUGA and CHATTANOOGA***

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to participate in a special Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program commemorating the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas) and some of those who fought there in 1861 and later here in 1863. The program is on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 7 p.m.. The two-hour part car caravan, part walking tour will begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center on the Lafayette Road in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and will be led by National Military Park Historian Jim Ogden. Clothing appropriate for the out-of-doors and the weather, water, and comfortable, supportive footwear are recommended.

Two years before the 1863 events of the Campaign for Chattanooga began to unfold, the eyes of the two contending nations were focused on Northern Virginia with the expectation that *the* clash of the war would occur there before many more days passed. A battle did occur there, in the valley of a water course that became an American commonplace thereafter, Bull Run, but it proved not to be the *one* fight of the war. That battle's veterans went on to clash at many other places in the months and years following the July 21, 1861, Battle of Bull Run or Manassas (on that same ground again thirteen months later ironically) in the ever-lengthening and costly war. Some, from privates to generals, were amongst those struggling for control of the "Gateway to the Deep South" here in the shadow of Lookout Mountain in 1863.

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](http://www.nps.gov/chch).

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