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Annual Civil War Trust Park Work Day 2012

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia: On **Saturday, March 31, 2012**, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park will join Civil War sites across the nation to host a volunteer workday for the Civil War Trust's Park Day 2012. Since 1996, the Civil War Trust (formerly the Civil War Preservation Trust) has teamed with Civil War sites and Take Pride in America (a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior) to preserve the United States' priceless Civil War battlefields, helped in part with a grant from History™ (formerly The History Channel). It is a great opportunity for members of the community to get involved with their local battlefields, learning about their historical significance while joining others in doing practical service projects to improve visitor experience in the park.

Projects this year will take place at **Chickamauga Battlefield** and **Moccasin Bend**. At Chickamauga Battlefield, work will include cultural landscape restoration near the newly reopened Alexander's Bridge and a variety of other projects from fence line restoration, trash pickup, to spring cleaning on monuments and other historic structures. On Moccasin Bend, work will be done on the historic Civil War earthworks on Stringer's Ridge, clearing invasive species and preserving these important features. Registration for all projects begins at 8:30 a.m. and work will be completed by 12:30 p.m.

All projects will include a program about the 1863 battle and the impact of completing the project. For their hard work, all volunteers will receive a T-shirt and be invited to join a special tour of Chickamauga Battlefield beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center.

Long pants and sturdy, close-toed shoes are required for all projects. Personal protective equipment, water, and Powerade will be provided, but bringing your own gloves and water is recommended. Please be sure to wear weather appropriate clothing—the project will continue rain or shine!

Registration: At **Chickamauga Battlefield**, register at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m.. At **Moccasin Bend**, please follow the special event signs.

To register or for more information, please contact Park Volunteer Coordinator Will Sunderland at 423-752-5213x137 or william_sunderland@nps.gov or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/chch.

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