



The Battlefield Dispatch

Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP offers new and exciting programs for 2011!!

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to join Park Rangers for new and exciting tours, talks and walks! For detailed information concerning specific program locations and descriptions, please check the park website (www.nps.gov/chch) or call the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 706-866-9241 or the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786.



Living History volunteers portray north Georgia political speakers during the commemoration of the 1860 presidential election for the 147th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga.

150th Anniversary Programs at Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

These programs commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial and focus on national occurrences in 1861 and their connections to Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP.

Friday, March 4: 3pm – 3:45pm
Abraham Lincoln's Inauguration

Sunday, April 10: 2pm -5pm
Fort Sumter at Chickamauga and Chattanooga (2 mile walk)

Tuesday, April 12: 7pm – 8pm
Fort Sumter at Chickamauga and Chattanooga (1 mile walk)

Saturday, May 7: 9:30am – 3:30pm
2nd Annual Civil War Symposium
Girls Preparatory School, 205 Island Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405

Saturday, May 21: 2pm – 3pm
Secession on the Border: Slave States that Did Not Secede

Saturday, May 28 & Sunday, May 29:
Tennessee Secession Debate (Point Park)

Saturday, July 2: 2pm – 3pm
Boys of '61

Thursday, July 21: 7pm – 9pm
Bull Run at Chickamauga

Wednesday, August 10: 6pm – 7pm
Wilson's Creek at Chickamauga

Friday, September 2: 7pm -8pm
The "Good Bishop" Commits a Blunder:
Leonidas Polk Violates Kentucky's Neutrality

Saturday, October 22: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
My Old Kentucky Home: The Confederate Army of Tennessee

2011 Special Programs at Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

These are special programs/tours located at Chickamauga Battlefield, Lookout Mountain

Battlefield, or other Civil War units of the park, separate from the 150th Anniversary programs.

Saturday, March 5: 1pm – 2pm
Kate Cumming's Chattanooga Experience

Sunday, March 6: 2pm – 2:30pm
Women of the Civil War

Saturday, March 19: 11am – 12pm
Women in War: The Roles Women Played

Saturday, March 26: 2pm – 3pm
Nadine Turchin

Saturday, April 2
Civil War Preservation Trust Work Day

Saturday, April 2: 2pm – 3pm
From Chicago to Chickamauga

Sunday, April 3: 2pm – 2:30pm
Drummer Boys in the Civil War

Friday, May 20: 6pm – 7pm
The Nature of Battle (walk)

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A Little History About the Nation's First National Military Park...

In recommending creation of the park, both House and Senate military affairs committees pointed out that probably no other field in the world presented more formidable natural obstacles to large scale military operations than the slopes of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Since the purpose would be to maintain the park in its historic condition, they also noted that there had been scarcely any changes in the roads, fields, forests, and houses at Chickamauga since the battle, except in the growth of underbrush and timber, which could easily be removed. Taken together, these battlefields offered unparalleled opportunities for historical and professional military study of the operations of two great armies as they both encountered the multiple military obstacles created by forests, steep mountains, open fields, and streams. From strategically placed observation towers placed on the Chickamauga Battlefield, Missionary Ridge, and Lookout Mountain, observers and students could comprehend the grand campaign that extended over a 150 mile front and follow many tactical details of the actual battle. No battlefield park of this quality and magnitude could be found in any other location in the world.

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was officially dedicated on September 18-20, 1895. Most of the 1,400 monuments and historical markers on the battlefields were planned and placed by veterans of the battles, under the supervision of the War Department, which administered all national military parks until they were transferred to the National Park Service in 1933.

Efforts continue today to protect and preserve the park's many cultural and natural features while providing an inspiring experience for visitors.

We look forward to your visit.

Moccasin Bend National Archeological District to Host Bike Rides and other Programs in 2011

Moccasin Bend National Archeological District will be hosting a series of bike rides and special events this year. The park has partnered with Outdoor Chattanooga in order to offer special bike rides, known as "Biking the Bend," from Chattanooga to Moccasin Bend. As an added bonus for bikers and park visitors alike, park staff from Russell Cave National Monument will provide educational opportunities about American Indians and their ties to Moccasin Bend through a program entitled Prehistoric Peoples and Their Lifeways. Other programs offered this year include walks along the Old Federal Road, hikes to Civil War earthworks and fortifications, and programs dealing with life and death on the bend before, during, and after European contact. The park staff encourages the public to visit Moccasin Bend to learn more about this national treasure and its importance to Chattanooga and the surrounding area! For additional information on these and other programs, please visit the park website (www.nps.gov/chch) or call the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 706-866-9241 or the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786.

Special Programs at Moccasin Bend National Archeological District

- Sunday, March 13: 4pm – 6pm**
Moccasin Bend Federal Road/"Cracker Line" Walk
- Sunday, March 27: 2pm -3pm**
Wattle & Daub to Warfare
- Saturday, April 16: 1pm – 2pm**
Wattle & Daub to Warfare
- Saturday, April 23: 2pm – 3pm**
Biking the Bend
- Sunday, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25 & October 23: 9am – 11am**
Biking the Bend
- Sunday, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25 & October 23: 10:30am – 11am**
Prehistoric Peoples and Their Lifeways
- Saturday, June 4: 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
Causes of Contact
- Sunday, July 10: 2pm – 3pm**
Wattle & Daub to Warfare
- Sunday, August 20: 2pm – 3pm**
Wattle & Daub to Warfare
- Saturday, November 12 & November 27: 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
Native American History Month Programs



A park ranger leads a tour for visitors on Chickamauga Battlefield.

Become a Junior Civil War Historian

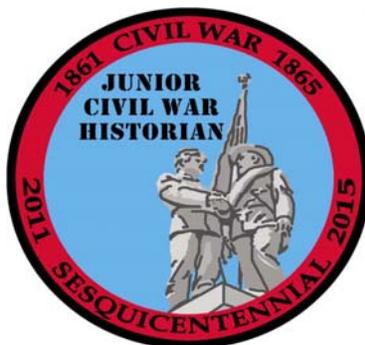
One hundred fifty years ago, our nation nearly tore itself apart. Soldiers in blue and gray struggled on battlefields across the country and changed the face of the United States of America. You can start your journey towards understanding how important the Civil War was to us by becoming a Junior Ranger at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. You will have the chance to continue exploring this important part of our history by also becoming a **Junior Civil War Historian**. When you are done, you will understand how the Civil War shaped our nation's history and become part of a select group of young visitors who truly appreciate how important the Civil War is to us today.

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

Option 1

Become a Junior Ranger at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP and two (2) participating parks. Make sure you get a ranger to initial and date your activity card or your Junior Ranger program booklets.

Once you have become a Junior Ranger at



Junior Civil War Historian Patch –
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP's
New York Peace Mounment Featured

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

Option 2

Become a Junior Ranger at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP and one (1) other participating park and do one online activity at the [Junior Civil War Historian website](http://www.nps.gov/stri/forkids/jcwhonline.htm).

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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.

The following parks are also participating in the Junior Civil War Historian Program.

[Andersonville National Historic Site](#)
Andersonville, GA

[Fort Donelson National Battlefield](#)
Dover, TN

[Fort Pulaski National Monument](#)
Savannah, GA

[Fort Sumter National Monument](#)
Charleston, SC

[Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park](#)
Kennesaw, GA

[Shiloh National Military Park](#)
Shiloh, TN

[Stones River National Battlefield](#)
Murfreesboro, TN

[Vicksburg National Military Park](#)
Vicksburg, MS



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In 1863, Union and Confederate forces fought for control of Chattanooga, known as the "Gateway to the Deep South." Confederates were victorious at nearby Chickamauga in September. However, renewed fighting in Chattanooga that November provided Union troops victory and control of the city.

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

Support Your Park

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. The Volunteers in Parks (VIPs) program allows people of all walks of life to lend a hand in helping park staff ensure that visitors have a quality experience at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. VIPs assist with:

- Staffing information desks
- Landscape restoration by removal of invasive plants
- Maintaining trails
- Cleaning historic monuments and plaques
- Litter pick-up
- Painting historic plaques
- Living history and interpretive programs
- General maintenance assistance

For more information about current opportunities or special group projects contact the park's volunteer coordinator. To apply for current volunteer openings click on *volunteer opportunities* on the Support Your Park section of the park website (www.nps.gov/chch) or call the park's volunteer coordinator at 423-752-5213 ext. 113.



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New and Exciting Programs

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Saturday, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15:
9:30am – 11:30am
 Chickamauga Battlefield Bike Ride

Monday, May 30: 2pm – 2:30pm
 Casualties of War

Saturday, June 11: 3pm – 4pm
 Dogs of War

Friday, June 17: 6pm – 7pm
 Myths of Chickamauga

Saturday, July 9: 2pm – 2:30pm
 An Army Moves on its Stomach

Sunday, September 11: 2pm – 2:30pm
 Andersonville: The Epitome of Civil War Prisons

Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18
 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga

Friday, September 30: 6pm – 7pm
 Hellish Deeds in a Christian Land

Friday, October 7: 6pm – 7pm
 Ambrose Bierce – The Truth and Fiction of Chickamauga

Saturday, October 29: 11am – 12:30pm
 Battle of Wauhatchie

Friday, November 11: 2pm – 2:30pm
 Enlisted Men of the Civil War

Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6
 Signaling during the Siege of Chattanooga

Saturday, November 19 & Sunday, November 20
 148th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga

Sunday, December 4: 2pm – 2:30pm
 Artillery – The Bombs Bursting in Air