



The Battlefield Dispatch

Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP to commemorate 148th Anniversary

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park (NMP) invites the public to join park rangers and volunteers for new and exciting tours, talks, and walks commemorating the 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga, September 16-20! For detailed information concerning specific program locations and descriptions, please check the park website (www.nps.gov/chch) or pick up a printed program schedule at Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center or Lookout Mountain Visitor Center. You may also call 706-866-9241 for additional information.

Do You Have a Smart Phone?



Another way of accessing the 148th Anniversary program schedule is by scanning this QR code. Simply download a QR barcode reader on your smart phone, scan the above QR code, and instantly receive the program schedule on your phone!! This is a great way to save paper and reduce clutter!

A Call To Arms - Summer Day Camp 2011

Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP hosted its second annual summer day camp for kids this July. Over Seventy campers were divided into grades 4-6 for one week and grades 7 & 8 for the second week. The camp was conducted from Tuesday to Thursday each week. The park's Teacher-Ranger-Teachers, who are teachers during the school year and are park rangers during the summer, assisted regular park staff in conducting this camp. This year, campers learned about difficult decisions many Americans faced in 1861 concerning which side, North or South, they would support in the coming Civil War. After

learning about life on the eve of the war and what newly enlisted soldiers went through on a daily basis, campers learned about the importance of preserving and protecting the nation's cultural and natural resources. For this lesson, campers boarded a charter bus, where they met other campers from the Carver Recreation Center near Orchard Knob Reservation, a unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP. Here, campers learned about the monuments on Orchard Knob and their significance of being "silent voices" that relate soldiers' stories to visitors for generations to come. Campers assisted Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP's preservationist in cleaning these valuable pieces of American History!



Park Preservationist, Kiel Rommel (center with reflective vest) and Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Rob Stinson (upper left) help day campers clean and preserve monuments on Orchard Knob Reservation in Chattanooga, TN

Words From a Soldier...

*Camp of wagon train 28th Ala Vols.
Sunday September 24th 1863*

Mrs. Dulcinea B. Callaway

At 8 o'clock Sunday morning, the 20th, the battle commenced, away down on the right several miles, with increased fury, and kept coming up along the line till at 10 the whole line – which I suppose was some 6 or 8 miles long – became engaged we, being on the extreme left, were ordered forward.

We threw out a line of skirmishers a hundred and fifty yards in front and moved steadily forward not knowing how far off the enemy was. When we had gone about three hundred yards our skirmishers encountered those of the enemy, and as soon as the firing commenced all order and control was lost, the men raised the "War whoop," "the yell," "The battle cry" and away they went like a gang of mad tigers or demons, "Every man a host," in double quick time.

To undertake to describe the appearance of the field after the battle would be time lost. I saw it the next day for four or five miles along the line. The timber was shot down and large ones shot through and limbs of all sizes shot off, and trees peeled and scarred all over and everything full of Minnie balls, grape & cannister, and the ground literally ploughed up by cannon balls.

Your Loving

J. K. Callaway

The Battle of Chickamauga was tragic for men and women on both sides, North and South. For a better understanding of what soldiers encountered during the battle, join Park Rangers and volunteers for special programs during the 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga, September 16-20.

Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP hosts Moccasin Bend Teacher Workshop

On August 5 & 6, seventeen K-12 teachers and other professional educators attended a special Teaching History and Civics workshop sponsored by the National Park Service and conducted by Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park rangers, members of the Friends of Moccasin Bend, and staff from the Frank H. McClung Museum, located on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville.

The workshop began on Friday morning with a special visit to Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. There, teachers gained valuable insights into the lives of the American Indians who inhabited Moccasin Bend long ago. Jay Mills, a member of the Friends of Moccasin Bend and an archeologist, shared his vast knowledge of American Indian history with the teachers in attendance. On-site, teachers were introduced to the Archaic Period river bank and to a Mississippian village site, known today as Hampton Place.

Friday afternoon and Saturday were spent with Ms. Debbie Woodiel and Dr. Lynne Sullivan of the McClung Museum. Ms. Woodiel, the McClung's education coordinator, facilitated archeological teaching activities through "Project Archaeology," a program supported by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Dr. Sullivan, the McClung's curator of archeology, presented a lecture that introduced teachers to archeology in East Tennessee and provided them a first hand look at some of the cataloged artifacts associated with many of the archeological sites she discussed. Teachers attending the workshop will also supply the park with lesson plans based upon what they learned during the workshop and what they will use in their classrooms.

If you are an educator and are interested in opportunities for professional development and/or continuing education, periodically check the "For Teachers" section of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP's website (www.nps.gov/chch). You may also inquire by calling Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 706-866-9241 or Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786.



Jay Mills, a member of the Friends of Moccasin Bend and an archeologist, explains Moccasin Bend's Archaic Period riverbank to teachers

Volunteers Make a Difference at Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

Volunteers make up an integral part of the National Park Service workforce. Last year, the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) program allowed over 221,000 volunteers to get involved with their parks and donate 6.4 million hours of service. At Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, over 1,000 volunteers donated almost 16,000 hours of service.



Jane Corn, one of Chickamauga Battlefield's VIPs, washes a monument in the park

One of those volunteers was Jane Corn. An active volunteer since 2009, Jane and her dog Nick patrol the northern roads and trails of the park, picking up litter and keeping an eye out for maintenance issues to report to park staff. Twice a week, she can be seen driving the roads and trails, Nick faithfully riding along in a custom-made dog bed. In addition, not long after first volunteering at the park, Jane joined the Adopt-A-Monument program, committing to clean a group of monuments and maintain the area directly around them. Through both of these volunteer opportunities, Jane contributes to maintaining a clean and safe atmosphere in the park and aids

park staff in caring for and preserving the features commemorating the Battle of Chickamauga in 1863.

In addition to her regular volunteer work, Jane has helped out with volunteer work days and special events. For example, last year she volunteered to help orient visitors to the battlefield during the 147th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga. Along with several other volunteers, she staffed one of the park driving tour stops, answering questions and explaining the events of the battle in

1863. Jane has volunteered to reprise her role this year for the 148th anniversary, so when you come out to help us celebrate the anniversary, look for her friendly smile.

There are many other volunteers like Jane working at the park, doing litter patrol, staffing the visitor center desk, cleaning monuments, removing invasive plants, and many other opportunities. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering for the park, please visit the park website, www.nps.gov/chch, and click on "Support Your Park" or call the volunteer coordinator at 423-752-5213 ext. 137.



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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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Point Park Annual Pass Program – Get Yours Today

The Lookout Mountain Battlefield, "Point Park Pass," is your ticket to enter the park as many times as you wish for 12 months from the purchase date. The fee for the pass is \$20, and best of all, your pass dollars contribute to ongoing maintenance, trail stabilization, new exhibits, and other enjoyable educational programs.

Lookout Mountain Battlefield is being cared for today and preserved for future generations by the National Park Service. This dual objective – use and preservation – comes with a price. In 1996, Congress passed legislation addressing these needs. It directed the U. S. Department of the Interior to implement fee programs in three of its agencies – the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. The program helps spread the costs for

maintaining these spectacular *National Treasures* among those who use them. Managing our public lands is a major financial investment. While most of that investment comes from general tax base, those who use these areas derive a greater benefit from—and place a greater burden on—resources than the public at large. The entrance fee and the Point Park annual pass fee redistribute that burden so that users pay an increased share of the costs. Entrance fee dollars and annual pass fees will help keep this experience alive for others and for future generations.

Experience the majestic views of scenic beauty at Point Park. We hope your visit will be enjoyable and memorable.



Maintenance Matters at Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP...

As most local residents can attest, spring and early summer storms struck Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, leaving their devastating marks on the landscape. After the April and June storms, many of the hiking trails on the slopes of Lookout Mountain and throughout Chickamauga Battlefield were closed because of downed trees. Those same storms also closed the Sherman Reservation and the DeLong Reservation on Missionary Ridge. However, through the efforts of the park's Maintenance Division, all the hiking trails, roads, and other units of the national military park are now open to visitors!

In addition to storm clean-up, the maintenance staff has been assisting the park's preservationist to return many of the stone monuments and bronze plaques and figures to their original luster. Some of the most visible and easily accessible monuments that have been preserved are located at Cravens House Reservation (Ohio & New York Twelfth Corp), Orchard Knob Reservation (Illinois & New York Eleventh Corps), and along the auto tour route at Chickamauga Battlefield (79th Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and 2nd Minnesota)

Photos of the storm damage and of the monument preservation process can be seen at right. Be sure to keep an eye out as you drive, bike, or hike through Chickamauga Battlefield, Lookout Mountain Battlefield, Missionary Ridge, or Orchard Knob Reservation because you will definitely see the differences being made in YOUR national park!



A downed tree along LaFayette and Poe Roads – Chickamauga Battlefield



Downed trees near Rosecrans' Headquarters shell pyramid – Chickamauga Battlefield



Photograph of 113th Ohio Infantry Monument near the Yellow Trail & Service Road intersection on Horseshoe Ridge (Before preservation efforts) – Chickamauga Battlefield



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Photograph of 4th & 5th Tennessee Infantry Monument off the Orange Trail near Brock Field (Before preservation efforts) – Chickamauga Battlefield



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Ochs Museum Re-Opens

The Ochs Museum is once again open for visitors to Point Park. The museum features several new exhibits, including Photography on Point Lookout, Moccasin Bend, The Cracker Line, and Civil War Signaling. Within the Photography exhibit are several images of Union soldiers posing on the Point of Lookout Mountain. These amazing images were provided by Dr. Anthony Hodges, a Chattanooga dentist and member of the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Completed in 1940, the Ochs Observatory and Museum are named for Adolph Ochs, owner and publisher of the *Chattanooga Times* and *New York Times* newspapers.

Over the years, Ochs contributed time and money to assist public causes and charities. In addition, he and other members of the Ochs family donated large sums of money in order to purchase

land for inclusion into Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

Following Ochs' death in 1935, members of the Chattanooga community determined to build a memorial in his honor. Since Ochs was a leader in acquiring large tracts of land on Lookout Mountain for the national military park, a committee designed and constructed a museum and observatory on the Point of Lookout Mountain. The Adolph S. Ochs Observatory and Museum was dedicated in 1940. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was responsible for much of the memorial's construction.

On your next visit to Point Park, be sure to visit the Ochs Museum and Observatory to experience a breathtaking view of Chattanooga and to learn a little more about the Chattanooga campaign.

The renovation of this museum was completed using Entrance Fee dollars.



Photography on Lookout Mountain is one of the exhibits in the Ochs Museum. Visitors can view some of the historic images taken on top of the mountain in 1863



Visitors to the Ochs Museum can read about American Indian history on Moccasin Bend, then step outside and view the bend from above

Special Programs for Fall 2011

Sunday, September 11: 2pm – 2:00pm

Andersonville: The Epitome of Civil War Prisons
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Saturday, September 17: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Chickamauga Battlefield Bike Ride
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Sunday, September 25: 9:30 am – 12 pm

Biking the Bend – Moccasin Bend Bike Ride
(Location: Leaving from Outdoor Chattanooga)

Friday, September 30: 6pm – 7pm

Hellish Deeds in a Christian Land
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Friday, October 7: 6pm – 7pm

Ambrose Bierce – The Truth and Fiction of Chickamauga
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Saturday, October 15: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Chickamauga Battlefield Bike Ride
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Thursday, October 20: 6:pm – 6:30 pm

Brainerd Mission – A Gateway to the Cherokee Nation
(Location: Outdoor Chattanooga)

Saturday, October 22: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

My Old Kentucky Home: The Confederate Army of Tennessee
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Sunday, October 23: 9:30 am – 12 pm

Biking the Bend – Moccasin Bend Bike Ride
(Location: Leaving from Outdoor Chattanooga)

Saturday, October 29: 11am – 12:30pm

Battle of Wauhatchie
(Location: Chattanooga Nature Center)

Saturday, November 5 & Sunday, November 6

Signaling during the Siege of Chattanooga
(Location: Lookout Mountain Battlefield, Point Park)

Friday, November 11: 2pm – 2:30pm

Enlisted Men of the Civil War
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Saturday, November 12: 2 pm -3 pm

The Importance of Brown's Ferry during Indian Removal and the Civil War
(Location: Outdoor Chattanooga)

Saturday, November 19 & Sunday, November 20

148th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga
(Location: Varies according to program)

Sunday, December 4: 2pm – 2:30pm

Artillery – The Bombs Bursting in Air
(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield)

Additional Program Information:

www.nps.gov/chch

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Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was established in 1890 by the veterans that fought here 148 years ago. The purpose of its establishment as stated in the enabling legislation is, "To preserve for historical and military study the sites some of the most remarkable maneuvers and most brilliant fighting of the Civil War."

Moccasin Bend National Archeological District was established in 2003. The purpose of its establishment as stated in the enabling legislation is, "In order to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit of the public the national significant archeological and historic resources located on the peninsula known as Moccasin Bend, Tennessee, there is established as a unit of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District."

Please help us in this preservation effort by not climbing on monuments or cannon, and report any vandalism you observe to either 706-866-9241 or 423-752-5213.

Thank you for supporting your National Parks, and we hope that you enjoyed your visit to your park.