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Spangler's Spring rehab work will reveal an area so exposed that a Confederate soldier called it "Artillery Hell"

Battlefield rehabilitation work continues this fall with the planned removal of nonhistoric trees to the west of Spangler's Spring and work in other areas on the battlefield. Six acres of trees will be removed, provided soil conditions are dry enough or cold enough this fall and winter. The goal is to re-open the fields that exposed Confederate troops in and around the Spangler's Spring area to heavy fire from 28 Union guns - 18 of them concentrated on and around Powers' Hill alone. Confederate regiments engaged the Union positions here on the far right flank of the Union line during a seven hour engagement on July 3, 1863, that started before dawn. One of Confederate General George Stewart's men called the area "artillery hell" because of the intense artillery fire they were exposed to, leading them to stop their attack and withdraw, changing Lee's plans to attack both flanks on the third day of battle.

Since the battle era, trees have grown up and obscured the open view of Spangler's Spring from the west, making it hard to understand the battle action.

The majority of Culp's Hill was wooded at the time of the battle and the National Park Service continues to preserve more than 90 acres of historic woodlots on Culp's Hill.



Below: Chief of Resource Planning, Jim Johnson, at Spangler's Spring. GNMP photo by Katie Lawhon.

Above: Gettysburg National Military Park historian John Heiser at a press briefing about the planned battlefield rehabilitation work near Spangler's Spring. GNMP photo by Katie Lawhon.



Above: Friends of Gettysburg Work Day - The Friends of Gettysburg hosted over 300 volunteers from 18 states on June 6th for the Gettysburg Foundation's annual Friends Volunteer Day. The volunteers built over a mile of post-and-rail and Virginia worm fences, as well as scraping and painting barns and fences. Photo courtesy of the Gettysburg

Educational Satellite Broadcast Planned for February

This spring Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation will present a satellite broadcast for the 2009-2010 school year: Big Deal at Gettysburg: The Value of Historical Places.

The broadcast will follow the story of business executive Elizabeth Hoover as she visits Gettysburg to finalize a valuable land development deal. Will she succeed in securing key Gettysburg properties for her firm and earning a promotion, or will she leave Gettysburg understanding that historic value sometimes trumps property value? Students will follow her journey, with her teenage son, from the historic Spangler farm to the David Wills House to the Soldiers' National Cemetery as she rediscovers a battle, and a speech, that shaped a nation.

Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation are producing the broadcast, which is the latest in a series- including two that won Telly awards for excellence in children's television programming.

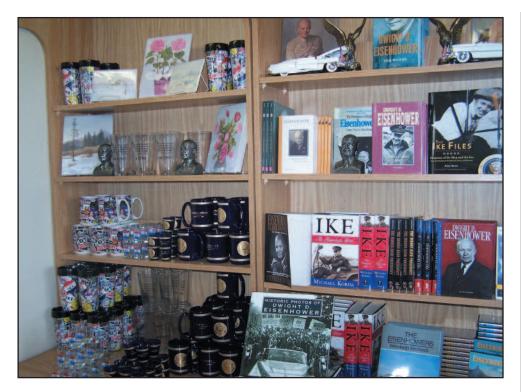
The broadcast launches on February 12, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and has an expected audience is at least 10 million school children nationwide.

"Big Deal at Gettysburg" is designed so that teachers can show it in three 20-minute segments, with online discussion-circle questions and activities for each segment. Teachers will be able to use these tools to bring their social studies, language arts and citizenship lessons to life. The broadcast and accompanying lessons were designed in accordance

with the National Council for the Social Studies curriculum standards and themes.

There is no cost to participate, but teachers and schools must register to receive the satellite coordinates. To register fill out the registration materials on the website: www.gettysburgfoundation.org or www.nps.gov/gett. For information, please contact:programs@gettysburg foundation.org or call 717/338-1243.

This year's broadcast is made possible through a generous gift to the Gettysburg Foundation from Bob and Marion Wilson and the Winnick Family Foundation, and is a program of the Ford Motor Company Fund Education Center.



Above: Great selection of books and gifts – Eisenhower National Historic Site Bookstore is now managed by Event Network – the same company that operates the bookstore in the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Photo courtesy of the Gettysburg Foundation.

Coming to PBS on September 27 – America's National Parks

Ken Burns' new television documentary was filmed over the course of more than six years at some of nature's most spectacular locales — from Acadia to Yosemite, Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon, the Everglades of Florida to the Gates of the Arctic in Alaska — **The National Parks: America's Best Idea.** The six-episode series directed by Burns and written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan will air on PBS nationwide on six consecutive nights beginning September 27.

The National Park Service anticipates that the film will inspire millions of people to get to know their national parks. On the day before the film's premiere parks all over the country will be hosting community events.

The public is invited to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center on Saturday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. for a special screening of a 45 minute preview film for the series. The Gettysburg Foundation is co-sponsoring this special preview screening and they plan to present a new special volunteer opportunity to members of the community who attend. For more information call the Gettysburg Foundation at 717/ 334-3460 x 231.



Gettysburg National Military Park,
established in 1895, is the site of the
great Civil War battle that repulsed
the second Confederate invasion of
the North. The mission of the
National Park Service at Gettysburg
is to preserve and protect the
resources associated with the battle of
Gettysburg and the Soldiers'
National Cemetery and provide an
understanding of the events that
occurred there within the context
of American history.

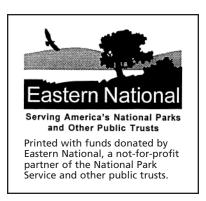
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Civil War Preservation Trust Honors Superintendent Latschar

During the organization's annual conference in Gettysburg, the Civil War Preservation Trust president James Lighthizer announced the winners of the 2009 Preservation Awards, recognizing extraordinary individual and organizational achievements in the cause of Civil War preservation. The National Park Service Preservationist of the Year Award, which is presented to outstanding NPS personnel, went to John Latschar, superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park.

"In his tenure, Latschar has overseen a massive landscape restoration project across the battlefield, as well as the planning and construction of the new Visitor Center," the Civil War Preservation Trust's announcement said.



Aove: Civil War Preservation Trust President James Lighthizer presents Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent John Latschar with the award. CWPT photo by Bruce Guthrie.