THIS MONTH’S PROGRAMS

Park Staff will be at a Booth at the East Tennessee History Fair on Saturday, August 20, in downtown Knoxville at the East Tennessee History Center located at 601 S. Gay Street.

Learn about “Secrecy, Security and Spies” on Friday, August 26th from 3-4:30 pm (ET) at the Turnpike Gatehouse at 2900 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The program will give some insight to what life was like in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project with all the security, the need for secrecy, and ever-present threat of espionage. There is very limited parking so try to carpool if possible.

Join a Park Ranger for a Walk through Jackson Square on Saturday, August 27 at 10 am (ET). The program will begin in the upper parking lot of Jackson Square. During the program we will discuss how routine, tradition, and the comforts of home helped keep Oak Ridge residents focused on mission and not hardships. We’ll head over to the Alexander Inn Guest House and the Chapel on the Hill during the program.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The park is excited to announce the Kick Off of the Udall Foundation's "Parks in Focus" Program this month. This year-long pilot program will connect youth to national parks through creative expression, environmental education, history and photography. Fourth grade youth from Girls, Inc. in Oak Ridge will be our partner organization for this first year of the program. The rich history of Oak Ridge will be the focus this fall, incorporating historical sites, the photography of Ed Westcott, and story of the secret city.

Saturday, September 24 is the Very First National Bike Your Park Day and we are celebrating by having our first Bike With a Ranger program that day. Meet at 10 am (ET) at the Elza Gate Park Parking Lot. #BikeYourPark #FindYourPark.

We’re Partnering with the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra for their 2016 Season Opener on Saturday, September 24. For more information call 865-483-5569 or go to www.orcma.org.