



The Battlefield Dispatch

Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP to Commemorate the 148th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga in November

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 Battles for Chattanooga, November 19-20 ! 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 Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center or Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center. You may also call 423-821-7786 or 706-866-9241 for additional information.

Do You Have a Smart Device?



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

Tennessee American Water & Student Conservation Association Volunteer at Moccasin Bend

On October 12, eight volunteers from Tennessee American Water and one volunteer from the Student Conservation Association (SCA) assisted park staff in clearing a portion of the Federal Road property on Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. This was the culmination of a partnership between Tennessee American Water, SCA, and the National Park Service. Earlier in the summer, an intern, funded by Tennessee American Water and employed by SCA, assisted park staff in writing site bulletins and wayside exhibits that focused on Moccasin Bend and the importance of river transportation to Chattanooga and the surrounding area. The portion of Moccasin Bend being cleared was located near the Brown's Ferry site on the eastern side of the Tennessee River. It is the hope of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP to create a hiking trail to the river and to have wayside exhibits present. Here, visitors will be afforded the opportunity to read about the importance of the Old Federal Road, which crossed the Bend near the terminus of the proposed trail. The road provided a route of travel for thousands of American Indians and

military personnel during Removal in 1838. Some twenty-five years later, during the American Civil War, it played a pivotal role in being an avenue over which much needed supplies traveled to feed a starving Union army besieged in the city of Chattanooga. Work is continuing to take place on this property, but continue to check Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP's website for updated information.



Park staff, along with volunteers from Tennessee American Water and SCA, pose for a picture with Brown's Ferry and the Tennessee River in the background



A photograph showing the completed volunteer project with the Tennessee River in the background

The Writings of a Soldier...

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 3, 1863

EDITOR HERALD: No doubt your readers are anxious to hear from this part of the army, and particularly the part borne by Jefferson county soldiers in the recent struggle. Avoiding all preliminaries, we commence with the fight...

Soon after sunrise the next act of the drama was coming off with Sherman's corps. I ascended to the summit of Lookout and had a good view of the country as far as the eye could reach. The flash of artillery could be seen up the river at the north end of Missionary Ridge, which extends in a semi-circle from Lookout Mountain to the Tennessee River a number of miles above. The roar of cannon and rattle of musketry could be heard distinctly, but the distance was too great to distinguish the troops, only by the flash of their guns...

The open plain between our lines and Missionary Ridge was soon darkened by the appearance of Yankee soldiers...

Our troops had been concealed all day by the thick underbrush which skirts the side of Chattanooga Valley, and consequently no attack was expected from this quarter. The open space between our lines and the ridge was soon passed but the ascent was more difficult. On, on, through showers of leaden hail our columns advanced, and the rebels seeing our men more determined to win, left their works and ran for life and a safer retreat. Victory was ours!

James Emory Porter, 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry to Steubenville Daily Herald

For a better understanding of what soldiers encountered during these battles, join Park Rangers and volunteers for special programs during the 148th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga, November 19-20.

New Park Orientation Film in Progress

In August 2011, the national military park began the first of three film shoots for the new park orientation film. The new film is being recorded in HD and will be about 25 minutes long. The first film shoot took place at Prentice Cooper State Park in Tennessee, while the second film shoot occurred on Chickamauga Battlefield this past September. The park hopes to have the film completed and available for viewing by September 2012. Great Divide Pictures, headquartered in Denver, Colorado, is filming the epic and has completed a variety of other park films including Fort Frederica National Monument, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and Cowpens National Battlefield. The script will follow two soldiers, one Union and one Confederate, and will hopefully inspire visitors of all ages to explore and learn about the Campaign for Chattanooga and the preservation of this great place.



Living Historians portraying Confederate infantrymen during scenes depicting McClellan's Cove



Living Historians portraying Union infantrymen marching along dusty roads during the Campaign for Chattanooga



The film crew sets up cameras and applies make-up in preparation for scenes depicting slaves readying a field for planting

Local School Lends a Hand at Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP

On October 12, McCallie School helped Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP kick off the new fiscal year in a big way. Over 150 students and teachers came to the park and helped clear a wet weather drainage ditch near the Wilder Brigade Monument. Diving in with rakes, clippers, and bare hands, the group cleared nearly half a mile of ditch, removing privet, fallen tree limbs, leaves, and trash. Their work will allow heavy rains to drain in a controlled fashion instead of flooding the field below the monument. All told, the group donated over 430 hours of service to the park.

Preservationist and Acting Maintenance Supervisor Kiel Rommel was thrilled with the work. "We really don't have the manpower to get work like this done," he said. "Having the McCallie students come out and give us a hand really gives us a leg up."

The workday added to a long tradition



A view of the wet weather drainage ditch near the Wilder Brigade Monument on Chickamauga Battlefield

of cooperation between McCallie and the National Military Park. For the past several years, McCallie students have helped staff with projects ranging from invasive privet removal, to trail resurfacing, to this year's drainage maintenance. The school has contributed over 1,200 service hours, and both school and the park look forward to adding to that number.

If you have a group interested in doing a service project at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP or are yourself interested in volunteering, please contact the volunteer coordinator at 423-752-5213 ext. 137 or visit the park website, www.nps.gov/chch, and click on "Support Your Park" for individual volunteer opportunities.



Volunteers from McCallie as they complete cleanup of the drainage ditch



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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.

November is Native American Heritage Month!

As most area residents are aware, Moccasin Bend National Archeological District is the National Military Park's newest unit, encompassing 12,000 years of human history, most of that time being inhabited by American Indians.

However, since the National Park Service is commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War from 2011 - 2015, it is important to note American Indian contributions during this conflict, especially during the Battle of Chickamauga.

On June 8, 1862, Kenshottentyche enlisted as a private in Company H of the 9th Kentucky, one of the famed "Orphan Brigade" regiments. Most accounts report he was Mohawk, but there is no definitive evidence to support this claim.

Often on campaign, soldiers documented him wearing a "blanket" wrapped about his shoulders with a "headband and feather" to complete his ensemble. The "Orphans" quickly befriended Kenshottentyche, better known to them as Flying Cloud.

Unfortunately, the handsome soldier received a serious wound in battle on September 20, 1863. At some point during the ill-fated assaults by Confederate General Benjamin Hardin Helm's "Orphan Brigade," a bullet from the Union line struck Flying Cloud in the face, tearing away much of his upper jaw and leaving him horribly disfigured.

He was sent to a hospital in LaGrange, Georgia, to convalesce. However, after his recuperation in 1864, Flying Cloud returned to duty and fought with his Kentucky comrades through the remainder of the war.



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Special Programs Continue during the Fall/Winter at Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP

Please visit the Calendar of Events link at www.nps.gov/chch for additional information

Saturday, November 12: 1:30pm - 2:30 pm

Brown's Ferry – Tragedy and Triumph
(Location: Outdoor Chattanooga)

Sunday, November 13: 2pm – 2:30pm

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

Saturday, November 19 & Sunday, November 20

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

Thursday, November 24: 10:30 am – 12pm

“Fighting Joe” Hooker Storms Lookout Mountain
(1 ½ - 2 mile hike)
(Location: Sunset Rock on Lookout Mountain)

Friday, November 25: 11 am – 12:30pm

The Men and Actions of the 5th Company, Washington Artillery on Missionary Ridge
(Location: Bragg Reservation on Missionary Ridge)

Friday, November 25: 2pm – 3:30pm

The Army of the Cumberland Assaults Missionary Ridge
(Location: Bragg Reservation on Missionary Ridge)

Saturday, November 26: 2pm – 3:30pm

Jefferson Davis Pursues the Confederates
(Location: Meet at 6210 Lee Highway in Chattanooga)

Sunday, November 27: 1pm – 1:45pm

Ringgold Goes to War: Ringgold 150 Years Ago
(Location: Ringgold Depot)

Sunday, November 27: 2:30pm – 4pm

The Battle of Ringgold Gap
(Location: 5044 Alabama Highway in Ringgold)

Sunday, December 4: 2pm – 3:30pm

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