



# The Battlefield Dispatch

## Resource Education Unveils Regularly Scheduled Programs for the Summer

Park staff invites the public to join park rangers and volunteers for new and exciting tours, talks, walks, and living history demonstrations over the course of the summer.

### Summer Programs for 2012

#### Chickamauga Battlefield

**Where's the Ranger?** – Join a park ranger at Tour Stop #4, Brotherton Cabin, or Tour Stop #6, Wilder Brigade Monument, in order to learn about the significant occurrences that took place at these locations on the battlefield. The ranger will be located at the designated tour stop between 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the days listed. (Program Times: Tour Stop #4, Mon. – Thurs.; Tour Stop #6, Fri. – Sun.)

**Ranger-Guided Tours** – (1 hr. 45 mins.) Follow a park ranger on a car caravan tour to various locations on Chickamauga Battlefield. Learn about the two days of fighting that led to the second bloodiest battle of the American Civil War. This tour begins at the battlefield visitor center.

(Tour Times: Daily at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.)

#### LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS & DEMONSTRATIONS

**Artillery Demonstrations** – (20 mins.) Hear the roar and smell the smoke as a Civil War cannon is fired! Watch a cannon crew load and fire a reproduction nineteenth century artillery piece.

(Sat., June 9 at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. & Sat., August 4 at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.) (Location – living history area adjacent to visitor center)



Visitors to Point Park, on Lookout Mountain, are assisted by a park ranger during programs in 2011

**A Soldier's Life** – (30-45 mins.) Learn about the daily lives of the soldiers in the Civil War. This program will include a firing demonstration of a reproduction rifle.

(Fri. - Sun.: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.)

(Location – living history area adjacent to visitor center)

#### Lookout Mountain Battlefield

**Ranger-Guided Tours** – (30 mins.) Walk with a park ranger as you stroll through Point Park, a part of the Lookout Mountain Battlefield. Here you will learn about the desperate fighting that took place on the slopes of the mountain on the foggy, drizzly day of November 24, 1863. This tour begins inside the Point Park entrance gate.

(Tour Times: Daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., & 3 p.m.)

**Cravens House Tour** – (30 mins.) Join a park ranger as you explore the Cravens House and surrounding grounds. This area is where some of the harshest fighting took place during the Battle of Lookout Mountain. The program begins on the Cravens House porch. Please inquire at the information desk for directions to the house.

(House Open: Sat. & Sun. between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.)

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**Artillery Demonstrations** – (20 mins.) Hear the roar and smell the smoke as a Civil War cannon is fired! Watch a cannon crew load and fire a reproduction nineteenth century artillery piece.

(Sat., July 7 at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.) (Location – living history area inside Point Park)

## Superintendent's Sidebar

### Remembrance & Restoration

As we prepare for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga in 2013, you will notice a variety of projects underway and programs being offered throughout the national military park. Join us this summer in remembering and reflecting on the causes and effects of the battles by attending one or more of these educational programs. Ride a bike, take a cell phone tour, join a guided walk, view a historic weapon's demonstration, meet a civil war soldier, see the park film, learn about Moccasin Bend, relax and reflect.

In honor of all who gave their lives on these battlefields, please remember to contain recreational activities such as kite flying, ball and frisbee throwing to the Recreation Field in the Chickamauga Battlefield that has been designated for that purpose. Picnicking is allowed in designated picnic areas only.

During your visit you will notice crews from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) conducting conservation work on eight of the largest monuments. The military park has 20 big monuments and the work this spring and summer combined with the work over the past two years will take care of restoration work on 19 monuments. Next year, the HPTC crew is to work on the last of the park's major assets, the New York Peace Monument at Point Park. That monument situated on Lookout Mountain is visible from the valley below and the cost to restore it is estimated at about \$500,000. All the work is in part to counter decades of deferred maintenance and ready the park for 2013. Please do your part to ensure that all of our monuments, markers and tablets are preserved for generations to come so they can also remember and reflect on this nationally significant landscape. Please stop by a visitor center to learn more about the Monument Preservation effort.

2012 list of monuments undergoing restoration:

#### Missionary Ridge

Iowa Monument – foot of Missionary Ridge in Rossville

Minnesota Monument – DeLong Reservation

Iowa Monument – Sherman Reservation

Ohio Monument – Ohio Reservation.

#### Chickamauga Battlefield

Florida Monument

Georgia Monument

Kentucky Monument

South Carolina Monument

-Cathy Cook  
Superintendent

# Moccasin Bend – Connecting Today's Youth to Tomorrow's Park

On April 18, 2012, students from Chattanooga, Tennessee, enrolled in Youth Leadership Chattanooga via the YMCA, spent a day with a park ranger, city planners, and Outdoor Chattanooga staff members learning about the vast natural and cultural resources associated with Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. After spending half an hour at the future home of Moccasin Bend's Interpretive Center, students boarded a bus for a trip to Chattanooga's Development Resource Center. Here, Sarah Weeks, senior planner at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency, allowed students to brainstorm about the things that might encourage youth their ages to come back to Moccasin Bend multiple times, especially for the youth living in the greater Chattanooga area. Once students discussed their ideas, they put them on paper maps and made presentations to the group. After meeting at

the development center, students ate lunch, then headed over to Outdoor Chattanooga to learn about various outdoor programs offered through the city. It is the hope of the National Park Service (NPS) that these students will provide important data concerning interests of youth today and how the NPS can help meet their needs.

### *Moccasin Bend Special Programs for 2012*

- Thursday, June 14: 6 p.m.  
"Biking the Bend" – Bike Ride of Moccasin Bend
- Thursday, July 12 & August 9: 6 p.m.  
"Navigating the Past" – Canoeing South Chickamauga Creek
- Thursday, September 6: 6 p.m.  
"The Passage West" – Ross' Landing Hike
- Thursday, October 4: 6 p.m.  
"The Gateway to the Deep South" – Downtown Chattanooga Walk (River Rocks)
- Saturday, November 3: 4 p.m.  
"Mashing Our Opponents Into the Earth" – Stringer's Ridge Hike



(Top) Park Ranger Christopher Young discusses the natural and cultural importances of Moccasin Bend; (Lower Left) Students create and discuss aspects of the future visitor center site on Moccasin Bend; (Lower Right) Students present their design ideas concerning what would encourage students their ages to return to Moccasin Bend.

# Volunteers and Volunteering Opportunities at the Park in 2012

The first half of the park fiscal year ended with a bang for the volunteer program as volunteers joined park staff for Civil War Trust Park Day 2012! Sixty-eight volunteers contributed nearly 250 hours at Moccasin Bend, Cravens House on Lookout Mountain, and three different locations at Chickamauga Battlefield.

At Chickamauga Battlefield, staff and volunteers helped guide other volunteers through parking and registration, then headed out on the battlefield. One group headed for Alexander's Bridge, removing undergrowth and invasive species to improve the viewshed and the interpretive experience around the bridge. The other two groups washed historic cast iron tablets on Poe Road, at Snodgrass Hill and Horseshoe Ridge, and along Brotherton Road. Camera crews from local channels WRCB and WTVC took video footage and a reporter from the Catoosa County News covered the event.

On Moccasin Bend, students and faculty from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Covenant College joined other community volunteers to clear



overgrowth from Civil War earthworks on Stringer's Ridge. A small crew of volunteers also joined the park curator at Cravens House on Lookout Mountain, conducting spring cleaning in order to prepare the house and the artifacts for the summer season.

In the afternoon, fifteen people returned for a tour of Chickamauga Battlefield. The weather was great, and the rain waited until after the project was complete. Coca-Cola once again generously donated the

drinks and both the Friends of the Park and the Friends of Moccasin Bend joined in to support the park and volunteers.

Thanks to all who came out to help! If you would like to volunteer at one of our upcoming volunteer days or to help out regularly around the park, please contact the park volunteer coordinator at 423-752-5213x137 or visit our website: [www.nps.gov/chch/supportyourpark](http://www.nps.gov/chch/supportyourpark).



A volunteer washes dirt off a Union plaque in Chickamauga Battlefield during the Civil War Trust's 2012 Park Day



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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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## A Call to Arms: A Year of Conflict 2012 Summer Day Camp

This year marks the 3rd annual Summer Day Camp for Kids! In addition to learning about the Civil War in 1862 (2012 marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War that year), campers will learn about soldiers' lives and families back home through hands-on learning activities. The camp is split into two different weeks in July:

July 17-19, 2012: 4th, 5th, & 6th grades

(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield; Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)\*

July 24-26, 2012: 7th & 8th grades

(Location: Chickamauga Battlefield; Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)\*

For those parents and kids interested in this awesome learning experience, please download the reservation form and/or flyer on the park website at [www.nps.gov/chch](http://www.nps.gov/chch). You may also stop by the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center or the Lookout Mountain Visitor Center to pick up a reservation form and/or flyer.

If you have any questions, please call Chris Young at 423-752-5213 x117 or send him an email at [christopher\\_young@nps.gov](mailto:christopher_young@nps.gov)

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

\* Lunch will not be provided



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## National Park Foundation Awards “Impact Grant”

In January 2012, the National Park Foundation (NPF) awarded Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park an “Impact Grant” for school transportation. This has currently allowed over 1300 students from Title I schools in Tennessee and Georgia the ability to travel to the park in order to receive curriculum-based programs provided by the park’s resource education staff.

Teachers are still encouraged to apply for this grant through the end of September 2012. The grant covers \$212.00 of transportation costs for Title I schools to bring students to any of the park units, including Chickamauga Battlefield, Lookout Mountain Battlefield, and Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. In order to receive funding, students must take part in a curriculum-based education program at any of the units with an NPS Ranger.

The best part about this grant is its

simplicity! All teachers need to do is visit the “For Teachers” section on the park website ([www.nps.gov/chch](http://www.nps.gov/chch)), choose “Plan A Field Trip,” and complete the reservation form provided. At the bottom of the form, there is a space to indicate the number of buses needing funding.

Once you complete this process and return the reservation to the park, the school will then receive a check, made to the attention of the requesting teacher, for funds needed to cover the requested transportation costs.

There are limited funds available, so be sure to submit your forms or share with teachers soon!



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