

National Park Service Department of the Interior

Manhattan Project National Historical Park
Oak Ridge, Tennessee



June 2017



With summer in full swing Rangers will be attending the **Secret City Festival on June 9th and 10th**. We hope to see you all there.

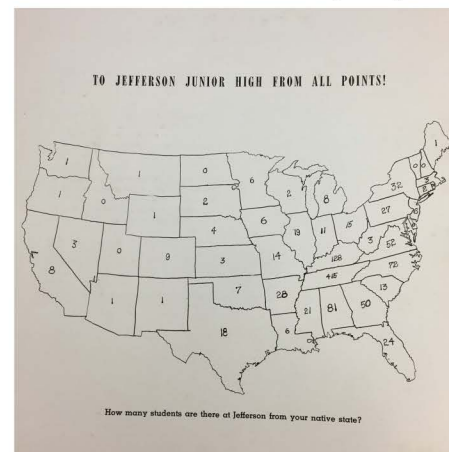
The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce will be Hosting “Natural Synergy”, a Photography Exhibition that opens on Thursday, June 15 with a reception starting at 4:30 pm (ET). The month long show will focus on the role of naturalized citizens in the Manhattan Project. The photo exhibit is sponsored by the National Park Service, Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, and Explore Oak Ridge.

Witness a Stirring Ceremony on Friday, June 16th. We are partnering with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to hold a Naturalization Ceremony for 80 new United States citizens at 10:30 am (ET) at the AMSE Auditorium.

Ride With a Ranger Program on Saturday, June 17th. Join us as we taking a bike ride along the North Boundary Greenway. The 6-8 mile ride will begin at the Turnpike Gatehouse and travel down Quarry Trail. Along the ride we will explore the rich history of the communities that were here before the Manhattan Project.

Join Us for “Secrecy, Security and Spies” on Friday, June 23rd at 3 pm (ET) at the Turnpike Gatehouse at 2900 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The program will give some insight to what life was like during the Manhattan Project with all the security, need for secrecy, and ever-present threat of espionage. There is limited parking so try to carpool if possible.

This Month’s AMSE Curatorial Collection Highlight is from the 1949 Jefferson Junior High School “Oak Twig.” The yearbook graphic shows where students had originally lived prior to moving to Oak Ridge.



Manhattan Project History in June

- One year before the Allied invasion of Normandy, site preparation for the K-25 plant began at the Clinton Engineer Works in Oak Ridge, TN in June 1943.
- The Normandy invasion begins on June 6, 1944.
- At the recommendation of Robert Oppenheimer, General Groves approved the construction of the S-50 liquid thermal diffusion plant on June 21, 1944.
- Even though the weapon had not yet been tested, the 509th Composite Group crews and their B-29s began arriving on Tinian Island in June 1945 and General Leslie Groves submitted the target selections to General George Marshall.

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