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150th Anniversary of First Manassas *Manassas National Battlefield Park*

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National Park Service and Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission Announce Lottery for Commemorative Program Tickets

The National Park Service and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission invite the public to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 2011. Speakers will include Robert F. McDonnell, Governor of Virginia, along with local, state, and federal officials. Dr. Edward L. Ayers, president of the University of Richmond and historian of the American South, will give the keynote address titled "The Battle of Manassas: America's Brief Civil War."

The commemorative program will open at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, with a ceremony on the grounds of Henry Hill at the park Visitor Center. A total of 4,500 tickets for the commemorative program will be available on a lottery system at www.recreation.gov. Lottery applications will be accepted at 10:00 a.m. on April 27th and run through 10:00 p.m. on May 4th. The winners of the lottery will be notified by email on May 9th and tickets will be mailed out no later than May 27, 2011.

For more information about the lottery system please visit www.recreation.gov. For more information about the commemorative programs please visit www.nps.gov/mana, or www.virginiacivilwar.org/manassas.

Other events throughout the weekend will be open to the public. July 21 is a fee-free day in the park. Events on July 22, 23, and 24 are open to the general public for the general admission fee of \$3 per person. Advance 3-day park entrance passes are available on Prince William County's Civil War website at www.Manassasbullrun.com.

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