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My Name Is Larry

The May Work Day started off a little rainy and it was questionable if we were going to proceed with the dispatching of crews. The Trail Ambassadors were in place and ready to sign up volunteers; equipment had been staged and some crew leaders were already at job sites.

As the time to start work approached, the weather cleared. There were understandably very few volunteers for the day. My assignment was to do clearing and wood chipping at the Cheatham Hill area. As it turned out, we had the Southeast Coast National Park Service Invasive Plant Team working in

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May 12 Work Day Report

Saturday started off rather damp; however, by 9:00 we had clear weather and we were pressing forward.

I have come to the conclusion that there are no small projects at Kennesaw.

Progress was made on the Steps Project but we still have about two levels to go. These steps have turned out rather large due to the nature, traffic, wear and location, they are at a choke point on the trail and we need to do them right or be prepared to do them again next year. They are really looking good and a lot of experience is being gained.

Cheatham Hill Privet, a team from the park service joined us this weekend and it is coming down faster than we can chip it. This project is changing the hold nature of the trail there, it has opened up a whole new landscape to behold. My hat is off to our team and the Park's service group.

We now have at least 20 new chestnut trees in the park. Also out of the 1500 trees planted about 80% are alive and well in spite of deer, horses, dry weather and hikers.

A crew cleaned out around each tree and put down 10-10-10 to help them. In a couple of years we will have a Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Forest. I think we should rename it KEMO Woods.

The Visitor Center just keeps improving. The landscaping team has worked hard and the place is looking great. Saturday visitors were giving high praise for the improvement.

Thanks to all crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and to the best volunteers in the state Saturday was a success.

National Trail Day is our next workday. A complete project list will be out very soon, I want to build on our progress and add a few more to the mix. I will post the list soon. Please plan on being there for National Trail Day. It is our time to be proud of our work. Please tell all the hikers about the club and what we have accomplished at the park. If you cannot go out with a crew, feel free just to talk to the visitors and pass the word.

Thanks!

Randy Whiten
Trail Director

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that area. Crew leader Harry & I were to organize and work with volunteers. The NPS team was working on their own. Upon time to go to work, we noticed the "Few" volunteers situation.

We started to work and then noticed a man who was coming forward and picking up pieces of wood. In our eagerness to get some work done, we had not even noticed our single volunteer. The gentleman came up and simply said "Hi, my name is Larry." I never thought that our work could become so focused that we would not immediately recognize a person who had come to help. Larry threw in and worked hard to help us and he made us recognize what team work is all about. We had a great time..

It's wonderful to know that volunteers like Larry are not discouraged by conditions and are willing to give of their time and energy to help out the park. I'm sure there were many others last month that felt the same way. Come out and do the work, really not worrying about the recognition. The Trail Club appreciates every volunteer and crew leader that participates in the work day.

We hope that we'll have a good turnout for the June National Trail Day. One person does make a difference, thousands use the park, just be sure that you'll count yourself as Larry did, to be that one person that comes out to help.

Being baseball season, I recall that when Chipper Jones played in the Met's stadium, the fans would try to aggravate him by yelling out "Larry, Larry." It didn't seem to bother him and made him just bear down harder. We're glad that our Larry came to help. He didn't get discouraged by the lack of volunteers that day. It's good for all of us that people like Larry are what makes up our team..

Come be a team player at Kennesaw Mountain..

Doug Fasse

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Outreach Director

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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Is Your Thing Invasive Plants?

"Invasive plant" control has continued to need our help and we are looking for people to lead some dedicated work days. To do this, we will need you to take our crew leader training in February. You should contact Scott Mackay at president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!

Visitor Comments/Answers

1. **Comment** - The Museum has excellent material, but the displays need more lighting to be able to be read the display descriptions.

Answer - The low lighting in the museum is set at a level that helps in the preservation of the artifacts in the museum. This does meet the National Park Service lighting standards for museums as well as lighting standards within the museum profession. We did have some lights out in one of the displays; however, we resolved and replaced the light bulb not long after we realized the problem. In general, the low light levels are for the preservation of the artifacts.

2. **Comment** - Object to cannon. Too loud and concerned about impact on wildlife.

Answer - The cannon demonstration program has been presented here at Kennesaw Mountain for the past 38 years. It meets all standards established by the National Park Service for both safety and interpretation. These standards provide for the protection of all park resources both natural and cultural.

These standards are also designed to provide a demonstration area that protects visitor's hearing and personal safety.

3. **Comment** - It would be nice to have narration on the bus.

Answer - In regards to narration on the bus, as you know this was the first weekend our new bus was in use. We are currently working on a short introduction video that will be shown as visitors travel up the mountain road. There are several stages of revisions and approval prior to visitors being able to enjoy such a narration. We hope upon their next visit to the battlefield, we will have a introduction narration for their enjoyment.

Thank you so much and I hope that this helps you in the future.

Amanda K. Corman

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A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011):

FY 2011

ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY
BANK OF AMERICA
HANDS ON ATLANTA
LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
OMEGA ACADEMY
PEBBLEBROOK NHS
U.S. NAVY
VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS
WALKER SCHOOL
WAL-MART

FY 2012

AESTHETICS
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA
CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA
GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS
HANDS ON ATLANTA
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP
LIFE UNIVERSITY
ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
SERVECOBB
TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA
TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL
TROOP 277, MARIETTA, GA
TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
Again, thank you for all of your support!



Book Report – “The Campaign For Atlanta” by William R.

Scaife

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

Although William R. Scaife’s “The Campaign for Atlanta” may have the same title on the cover as many books on this subject, the maps inside set this book apart from the others. The maps overlay troop positions onto modern road and topographic maps. The maps are combined with “Visiting the Battlefield” sections and narratives of the troop movements and battles, making this book both an excellent guide to the campaign sites and a concise history of the great campaign. William was a local historian and architect, living the last years of his life in a house located right on the battlefield of Allatoona Pass, surrounded by his own interpretive markers at that interesting site. William Scaife was well known as a tour guide for his “staff rides” of the Atlanta campaign.

This book was first published in 1985 and won the William B. Harwell award at the Atlanta Civil War Roundtable given annually for the “Best Book of the Year on a Civil War Subject.” The recent new fourth edition is much improved and has been reissued after work done by Michael Stoudemire and Clay Melvin of the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association after William Scaife’s death.

This book runs 120 pages with maps, a few pictures, bibliography and an order of battle.

William wrote many other similar books covering the battlefields of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, Hood’s Tennessee campaign, a book covering the battlefield of Allatoona Pass, his newly published “Handbook of the Civil War,” and others. All of William’s books are nicely bound. Many of his books are on sale at the Kennesaw Mountain Visitors Center.

Administrative History of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

The administrative history of the Park may be found at http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/kemo/adhi/adhi.htm. It makes for very interesting reading!

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar for 2012

Date	Time	Location	Event
<u>JUNE</u>			
6/2	5:00-7:30	Visitor Center	Picnic for KMTC Board, Trail Ambassadors & Crew Leaders & spouses

6/9 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot National Trails Day

JULY

7/14 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot Trail Work Day

AUGUST

**8/11 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot Trail Work Day
*Bold/Italic - Trail Work Days!!!!***

June 2

Scout project at the 4 rail fence across the street from the Visitor Center. This is Will Chastain's project and I am expecting a good turnout of scouts.

June 9 - National Trails Day

1. Texas Memorial at the connecting trail to the John Ward trail. Rebuild trail, fill in wash, correct drainage and fill in rock and dirt. Equipment: Large Ditch witch and about 20 + volunteers. Lead Crew Leader Cindy.
2. Steps at the end of the fire road on big K. Equipment: Small Ditch witch and about 15 volunteers. Lead Crew leader Jim and Richard.
3. John Ward Creek Trail Clearing. Hand tools. Lead Crew leader Scott. 20 Volunteers and Volunteers from the Horse Riding Club.
4. Rework Saddle Trail between Big and Little K. Hand tools. Lead Crew leader Jay. 5 volunteers
5. Visitor Center Sod Project. Hand tools Lead Crew leader Dennis and Susan. 20 volunteers
6. Privet Chipping and removal across from the Cheatham Hill Parking lot. Equipment: Skid Loader, chipper and chainsaws. Lead Crew leaders Doug and Harry. 15 to 20 Volunteers.

The number of Volunteers is based on about 100 Volunteers signing up. Sign-in will be at the 41 parking lot and crews dispatched from that location. This should be one of our largest days of the year and we need all the crew leaders that can help.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We will meet at 11:30 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 4:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

May Work Day Photos - 5/12/12



The Steps Project on Kennesaw Mtn - Photos, above and top two photos on right - courtesy of Jim Moylan. Photo directly on right by Fred Feltmann. Additional photos may be found on page 7 and on our facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/#!/kmtcsocial>

New Bus For Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



*Side photos by Tom Wilson, left
and by the NPS - center & right.*

Photo by Fred Feltmann



*Side photos by Tom Wilson, left
and by the NPS - center & right.*

Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.



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150 Years Ago in the Civil War, June 1862

Three major campaigns continued in this month:

- **Peninsular Campaign** — the Union used their naval superiority to land their army SE of Richmond and move NW to attempt to capture the Confederate capital and thus end the war. Union forces were led by Gen George McClellan. CSA forces were led by Gen R.E. Lee.
- **Jackson's Valley Campaign** -- CSA Gen Stonewall Jackson conducted a brilliant campaign of maneuver to keep vastly superior Union forces in the Shenandoah Valley, thus they were unable to reinforce McClellan in the Peninsula Campaign.
- **Union Naval Campaign** — action begun by President Lincoln at the start of the war called for blockading the Confederate coast and isolating the Confederate Armies from their supply and troop base by systematically gaining control of the southern river system.

June 1-- General Robert E. Lee takes command of the Army of Northern Virginia after General J.E. Johnston is wounded

June 3--Evacuation of Fort Pillow, Tennessee

June 4--Southern planters burn cotton shipments on Yazoo River to keep them from Union hands

June 6--Battle of Memphis, Tennessee

June 7--William Mumford hanged in New Orleans for destroying the U.S. flag

June 8--Battle of Cross Keys, Virginia, Valley Campaign, CSA victory

June 9--Battle of Port Republic, Virginia, Valley Campaign, CSA victory

June 12--J.E.B. Stuart begins his "Ride around McClellan", Peninsular Campaign

June 13--Federals, after a brief skirmish, occupy Romney, Virginia (now West Virginia)
Skirmish at New Market, Virginia

June 16--Engagement at Secessionville, South Carolina, Union Naval Campaign, CSA victory

June 19--Lincoln signs a law prohibiting slavery in the Western territories

June 25--Seven Days Battles begin at Oak Grove (French's Field), Virginia, Peninsular Campaign, CSA victory

June 26--Battle of Mechanicsville, Ellerson's Mill, (Beaver Dam Creek), Virginia, Peninsular Campaign, CSA victory

June 27--Battle of Gaines' Mill (First Cold Harbor), Virginia, Peninsular Campaign, CSA victory

June 28--Passage of Vicksburg batteries by Flag Officer D.G. Farragut's deep water fleet
Action at Garnett's and Golding's Farms, Virginia

June 29--Battle of Savage's Station, Virginia, Peninsular Campaign, CSA victory

June 30--Battle of Glendale (Frayser's Farm), Virginia, Peninsular Campaign, CSA victory

2012 Activities at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

June:

June 1 – July 27: Fun-at-the-Mountain Fridays | Each Friday children can have fun with the rangers, participating in various nature and history centered activities that encourage hands-on involvement. Programs last approximately one hour, beginning at 1 pm each Friday.

June 9: National Trails Day | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

June 10: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

June 17: 11, 1 Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

June 23-24: 148th Battle Anniversary | Various events commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillery and infantry demonstrations presented, along with civilian and military life encampments.

July:

July 8: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

July 14: 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot Trail Work Day
11 am, 1 pm Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

July 22: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

August:

August 5: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.
11 am, 1 pm Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

August 11: 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot August Trail Work Day

August 13: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

August 19: Artillery Demonstration @ Cheatham Hill | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

September:

September 2 - 3: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

September 10: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

September 30 : Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

October:

October 14: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

October 15: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

October 28: Artillery Demonstration @ Mountain Top | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

November:

November 11: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

December:

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Join in the 20th annual nationwide celebration of trails



June 9, 2012

Trail Work Day 8:30 - 1:00

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Meet at Parking Lot on Old Hwy. 41

(.2 miles north of the Visitor Center)



Information available at

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>



Cheatham Hill Battlefield Guided History Walks

You are invited to join historian Phillip Whiteman on guided history walks of the Cheatham Hill battlefield area!

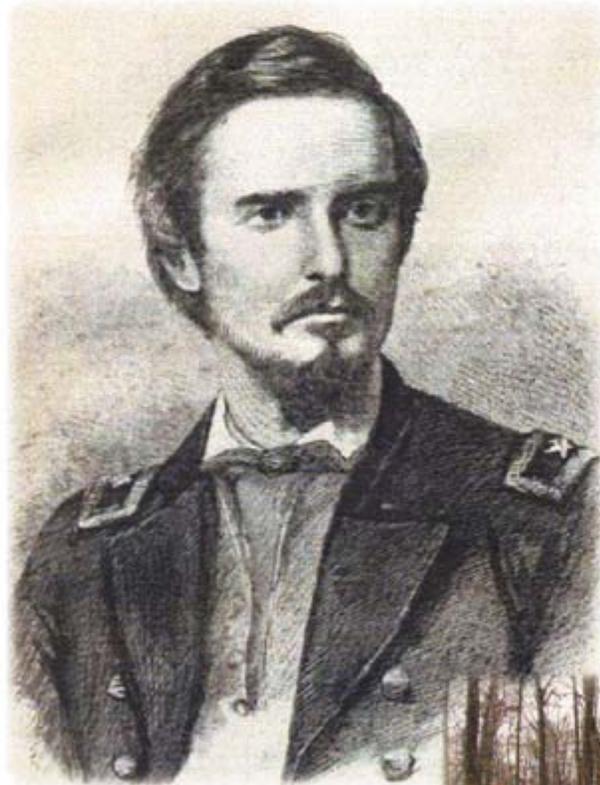
The walks take place on:

~~May 26~~

June 17

July 14

August 5



Col. Dan McCook

Walks are at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on each date. No advance registration is required and the walks are free of charge.

For questions on this or any other program offered, please call us at 770-427-4686 x 0 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.



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Cannons at Cheatham Hill

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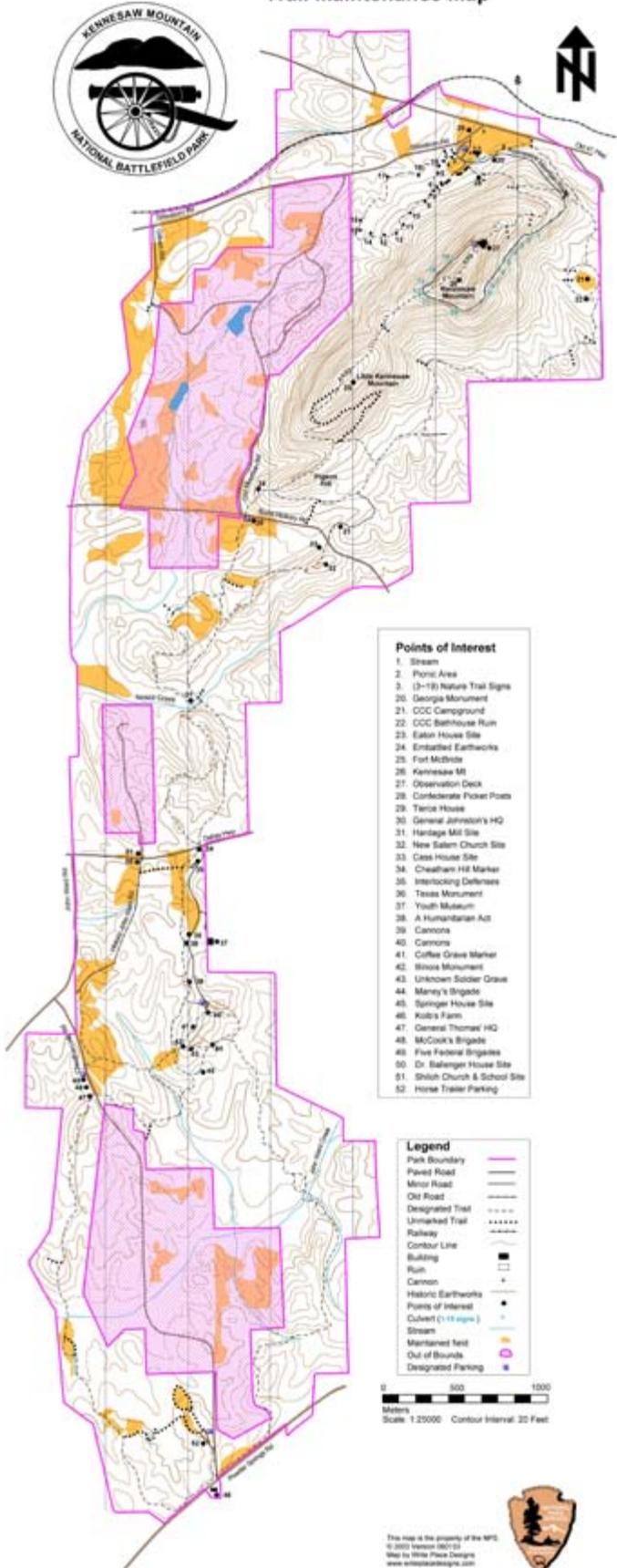


<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



July Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than June 24th!