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Current NPS Covid 19 Status - As of 7/28/21

- There is a mask mandate for all persons to wear masks while indoors in the Visitor Center.
- •The theater has closed until further notice -the NPS will not be showing the film at this time.

Work Day - 7/10/21

A group from SCA came to KMNBP in June and July. Mike and Dave met with the SCA trainer, and Bill worked with SCA a couple of days. Dave, Mike, Fred and Bill prepared a comprehensive work plan for Pigeon Hill and Little K for SCA and for future Trail Club workdays.

On July 10, Mike and Dave led groups on two projects rearranging large loose rocks in the trail where the existing "steps" were too high. Thanks Andy, Fred, Bill, Scott, Bob, and Rich for joining in, and thanks to Rena for running registration. The before and after pictures don't show the heavy work accomplished too well, so you ill just have to hike up there to see what was done.

Bill Gwry Trails Director

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Before After





Additional photos of the second project worked on 7/10/21

Great News Regarding A Volunteer Who Has Worked With Us At The Park!

Everyone, I want to share some great news with you. Kennesaw Mountain High School KEY Club KMTC volunteer Destiny Kluck has been nationally recognized for her community service. She won the national Distinguished Young Women of America Contest for 2021 (See link to article below)

Destiny and other KEY Club members were regular participants supporting our invasive plants Management Program.

Thank you to everyone who supported and made possible our multi year sponsorship of the KMHS KEY Club community service program here at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

September Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the September Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than August 20th!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

You can possibly find the article at www.MDJonline.com and search for "Destiny Kluck." Depending on your guest privileges for the site, you may be able to read the article.

Fox 10, Mobile, AL, also has an article/video:

https://www.fox10tv.com/studio10/happening here/2021-distinguished-young-woman-of-americadestiny-kluck/article_9d595bf6-eef8-11eb-981e-2faf29377175.html

Her biography can be found at:

https://distinguishedyw.org/programs/national-finals/national-representative/

Cam Graham

Would - Should - Could

The title of this article is a collection of words. It's hard to define a collection; could be just a couple of things, thoughts, musical notes or words and it may add up to very many items. Recently I read that the act of collecting items is no longer in favor. Take for instance teacups - know anyone who collected those; or my favorite of a collection of sewing thimbles - anyone?

No, I don't collect thimbles, teacups or NFT (Non-Fungible Token). However I have collected things over the years, sort of with the mindset that someday they'll be worth more than what I paid for them. But like so many things that once had a value it can go up or down, somehow collectable things are appealing to one person and maybe not another. Using the title's three words; 'would' you collect it, 'should' you and in a lot of cases 'could' you. Sure the 'would' part is easy - see it or hear it and you like it. 'Should' is a little harder as in should I really do this. And, 'could' is difficult because you'll need a place to store or display a collection and what's sometimes the most difficult is affording to put in your collection. Oh don't worry about that last one, someone will always be willing to pay more for what you have - right.

Well here's an easy thing to collect and it really doesn't cost much, just some time and your willingness to collect a new memory. Get involved by volunteering to work with others. Truly being a volunteer is an investment in yourself, it's like buying something and putting it on display and then having the ability to pass on that feeling to someone else. It's a simple collection of would, could and should. Work with the Trail Club and you can plant a collection of rocks or be a Trail Ambassador and then point to where a collective of volunteers worked. All good things and you'll be able to store many memories.

Recently a friend turned ninety two (92), see his picture wearing the flight suit. He's collected lots of patches over the years, they all represent units he had contact with. In fact for his Birthday he rented a helicopter and flew it. There was a large crowd to watch him take off and land. Afterwards my friend said that he enjoyed flying again, but he did it for the crowd to give them a memory of the day.

Come volunteer at Kennesaw Mountain and become a leader - pass on a memory to add to someone's collection.

Doug Tasse

Photo: Doug & Oscar Johnson, Jr. Sketch: Oh what good memories

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!





Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address removal is permanent for the original email address!

KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting is presently scheduled for September 18, 2021 at 9 am in the Education Room of the Park Visitor's Center. Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, an update on Park status & activities, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided. Also, select Club Officers/Directors will report on their areas of responsibility. Per our current By-Laws, all Voting Members (Officers, Directors, Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders) and Community Volunteers (individuals who have participated in, at least, one club event/activity during the current calendar year) are welcome to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

While nominees will be accepted at the meeting from the floor, the present nominees for election to office for the 2021 – 2022 year are:

President -Vacant-

Vice-President Donald Olds

Secretary Laurie Poppell

Treasurer Tom Okerberg (incumbent)

Trails Director -Vacant-

Communications Fred Feltmann (incumbent)

Community Volunteers Rena Bailey (incumbent)

Trail Ambassadors -Vacant-

Invasive Plants Danny Leigh (incumbent)

See page 5 for further details regarding nominations specifically for the above vacant positions, along with our mission statement. (Floor nominations will also be accepted for the other positions as well.)

Nominations Are Now Open for Board of Director Positions

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) Board of Directors seeks new directors to the lead the club in accomplishing its important mission.

Training positions are also available for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club board of directors. Serve a year with a current director then take over that position the next year.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is to work in partnership with the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, National Park Service to:

- I. Maintain recreational trails that maximize access to the historic and recreational value of the park and are:
 - a. Environmentally friendly
 - b. Sustainable with minimal future upkeep
 - c. Protective of the historic features the park was created to preserve
- II. Educate visitors and neighbors about the trails and the history within the park
- III. Develop a sustainable organization capable of managing the volunteer and development activities of the trail club and the park
- IV. Recruit volunteers to help maintain the trails, to promote trail safety, and to involve visitors in the history at the park
- V. Train members about sustainable trail maintenance, team leadership and educational interaction with visitors
- VI. Work with the local community, businesses, charitable organizations and governments to gain their physical and/or financial assistance in supporting this mission

Contact Jay Haney - 770.313.4864 or haney69jb@qmail.com - for more information

Jay Haney 770.313.4864

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 alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

FY 2020

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
RIVER RIDGE HS
RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC
TRUST (KSU)
WALKER HS

FY 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
KMTC CREW LEADERS
KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
KSU HEALTH CLASS
REI
WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 3 volunteers participate in our July Work Days.

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Bill Gurry (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Bill Gurry - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Janie Brier - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub. org





September, 2021 Work Day

In honor of the 20th commemoration of the September 11th terror attacks, there will be no trail workday on Saturday, September 11th, our normal work date. Please plan to attend scheduled park activities that coincide with the commemoration.

In conjunction with National Public Lands Day, which promotes both the popular enjoyment and the volunteer conservation of public lands, the club has scheduled a trail workday for Saturday, September 25th from 8 am - 12:00 pm.

More information on the workday location will be released in the coming weeks. Please sign up to attend.

Thank you!

To greater success,

Donald V. OldsPresident, KMTC

NPS Photo Contest

Attention shutterbugs, you have one month left to submit your photos for the Annual Photo Contest. The winner will receive the 2022 Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Annual Pass with their photo featured on it.

We do have a few rules:

- a. you must be at least thirteen (13) years of age or older as of August 31, 2021 Any entrant under eighteen (18) years old will need a parent/ legal guardian consent to enter
- b. the photo must be taken on Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park property
- c. the photo must be submitted in JPEG format
- d. The photographer must stay on the trails to take the photo. Do not cross any

fences/gates/earthworks or any closed area to take the photo.

e. The photo must be taken from September 1, 2020-August 31, 2021.

You can email the photo to **Kemo_fees@nps.gov** with the subject heading of 'Photo Contest'.

*Deadline for photo submission is by the close of business Tuesday August 31, 2021.

Jake Boling
Park Ranger

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

2021/2022 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your "sweat equity" alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big "ask." We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think '20', like \$20... \$40... \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, "The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group." There are several ways to donate:

Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

 Subscribe to Amazon "Smile" where they will donate to us based on your purchases https://smile.amazon.com/
 - look for KEMO Trails Corps

Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club*

Attn: Tom Okerberg

Whitlock Accounting Services

739 Kennesaw Avenue NW

Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

^{*} Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date Time Location Event</u>

8/14 8:00 am - noon Cheatham Hill Rd. KMTC Work Day - Fence replacement

Activity Field #3* (Registration for this date is closed.)

9/4 - 9/18 Field in front of Visitor Center Field of Flags - see page 10 for additional details

9/25 8:00 am - noon TBD** KMTC Work Day (Public Lands Day)

10/9 8:00 am - noon TBD KMTC Work Day 11/13 8:00 am - noon TBD KMTC Work Day

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open on weekends and Holidays through September, from 10 AM till 5 PM.

See Page 13 for list of NPS Staff Events for August!

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at https://

SignUp

Com

Formerly VolunteerSpot

<u>signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ</u>. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php

Parking and registration will be in the field across from the Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking lot. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day

as a team building or public service activity once we resume our work day schedules, e-mail us at trails@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 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Work Day.

^{*} Activity Field #3 is across the street from the Cheatham Hill Rd parking lot.

**Registration for 9/25/21 and later dates will be open later this month.

7/10/21 Work Day Photos

Photos below by Scott Mackay.









Photos below by Fred Feltmann.



Alright, who used the rock net last? When you found it, was it tangled up like this!!?!?!?!



This might keep them on the trail to Burnt Hickory Rd. for a day or two.

Field Of Flags - 9/4/21 - 9/18/21

Each life lost to the senseless tragic events of September 11, 2001, will be honored by our 5th Field of Flags installation in 2021. This powerful commemorative event begins on Saturday, September 4th, and will be open to the public until Saturday, September 18th. Click here for park hours. Please join us as we remember and honor those who lost their lives that fateful day.

The entire community is invited to participate in what has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation. There are many ways to become involved (details are being updated, so please check back soon):

• Visit the 2021 Field of Flags installation

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- Sponsor a flag to be flown at the 2021 Field of Flags
- (Don't want to sponsor online? Click here to download a fillable PDF that can be emailed or mailed.)

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• Carry a flag in the Processional for the installation of flags at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

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• Attend the Memorial Service and Reading of the Names of those who lost their lives on 9/11

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Share a personal memory of that day

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www.911FieldofFlags.com





Field of Flags - September, 2016 Photo by Fred Feltmann

Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta through the Marietta Kiwanis Foundation, the 9/11 Field of Flags is displayed every five years and has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation. Flag sponsorship helps to fund this project and ensure its continuation in the future. The Marietta Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, #58-1409116.

Keep up with us on Facebook and post your pictures with #911FieldofFlags.

Thank you to Club member Johnny Walker for many of the beautiful pictures.

For additional information or media inquiries, please email pathuey@comcast.net.

Fred's photos of the 2016 Commemoration - https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=kmtcsocial&set =a.10153688346961261

UPDATE - Kennesaw Mountain NBP 157th Virtual Battle Anniversary

July 20, 2021

Amanda Corman, Park Ranger

This past June, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park commemorated it's 157th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the park held the event virtually. This was the second time that the park commemorated the anniversary through social media.

Similar to the traditional event, virtual programs were held over the weekend of June 26-27, 2021. Programs included living history demonstrations, children's activities, a historian talk, and a musical program. Each of the anniversary videos were posted to the park's YouTube page with links on Facebook and Twitter. One June 26th, nine (9) video programs were provided and as of July 8, there were 2444 views. On July 27th, eleven (11) video programs were provided and as of July 8, there were 1622 views. Each program was also made available to those with visual and/or hearing impairments. For these new virtual visitors, for the June 26th, there were 103 views with 77% completion and 236 views with 57% completion. Completion rates indicate how many people watched the entire length instead of clinking out part way through. The NPS national completion average is 33%.

We thank each of you for your virtual support of our virtual programs during this unique time. We are looking forward to a more traditional anniversary for the 158th anniversary; however, as we have learned over the last two years, things may always change.

Thank you for your continued support.

These and other videos can be found at https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP - You'll have to scroll down to articles awaiting your perusal on the data entries for June 26 - 27, 2021.

Cheatham Hill - part 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKo9k hmEyY

Infantry firing demo

https://www.nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=D0141D4F-557C-45C7-A762-39494B4E9177&fbclid=lwAR2THEOQRGKD06iAfyJe3zf55euYTA5X363iZlLY0Lp7RZVXT6xzo68Balw

Cheatham Hill - part 3

https://www.nps.gov/nps-audiovideo/audiovideo/8d78d2bc-7c52-4871-ad4d-ba561eab5e91480p.mp4



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http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org



The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesasw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is **FriendsOfKMNBP.org.**

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

<u>Our Mission:</u>

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- · Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- · Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

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Amazon Smile

https://smile.amazon.com/

KMTC Website

http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/

NPS Website

https://www.nps.gov.KEMO

Facebook Page

http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial

Volunteer Sign-up website

https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ

^{*} updated



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive **Programs for August**

All park programming is free and open to the public.

No registration required. Entrance Passes are required.

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent. Please bring plenty of water and sturdy shoes for hikes.

August 7 @11 am- 1 pm: Illinois Monument

A Ranger will be in the area of the Illinois Monument in the early afternoon. Come on down and have a chat about the battle!

August 8 @10 am- 2 pm: Infantry Demonstration

Come out and see the Kennesaw Mountain living history volunteers as they demonstrate camp life, Civil War soldier arms and accoutrements and fire muskets. Musket firings will occur @ 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm.

August 14 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am: 'Civil War Artillery Talk'

This 30 minute ranger-led program discusses the differences between Civil War artillery pieces and how these differences changed warfare during the American Civil War.

August 15 @ 11 am- 1 pm: Pigeon Hill
A Ranger will be in the area of Pigeon Hill in the early afternoon. Come on down and have a chat about the battle!

August 21 @ 11 am: Assault Trail Hike
This short hike begins at the parking lot for Activity Area 3 and will re- trace the steps of the Union Army as they attacked Cheatham Hill. The Ranger draws from primary sources to get you as close to the experience as possible. Length of hike is approx.. 1 mile.

August 22 @ 11:00 am 'Guided Mountaintop Hike'
Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. Length of the hike is approx. 2 miles.

August 28 @ 11 am to 1 pm: Mountain Top

A Ranger will be in the area of the mountain top (Big Kennesaw) in the early afternoon. Come on up and have a chat about the battle!

August 29 @ 11 am: Pigeon Hill History Talk
Meet the Ranger at the Pigeon Hill parking lot for an overview of the fighting that took place in this area of the battlefield during the assault on Kennesaw Mountain.

*** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. o, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo

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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

