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We're Growing - So That We Can Better Serve the Community and the Park!

With our latest Crew Leader Training Class in progress, we have reached a new plateau. With these new Crew Leaders we will be able to better serve the community and the Park. We are establishing sections within the Park and assigning Crew Leaders specific sections to oversee and maintain. So, in the future, when we have work days, we will be better able to assess where we need to spend time.

In addition, we have begun implementing the Trail Ambassador Program - volunteers walking the trails to help visitors with questions that they may have about trails, observing trail conditions and helping visitors who might be lost or disoriented regarding directions.

With these two aspects, we are always looking for more volunteers to help on our work days or to volunteer to be Trail Ambassadors. You may contact for more information regarding the Trail Ambassador Program, or just come to our next work day and let us know your interests. If you see a problem with the trails, we will be establishing reporting procedures in the upcoming weeks, so that we can better serve as well. The forms should be

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on the website soon.

In addition, we are in the process of getting a grant to begin construction of a new bridge and trail system - we'll be looking forward to all of your help.

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Mission Statement

The Club is developing a Mission Statement - this is the proposed wording. It will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The mission of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is to work in sync and in partnership for the National Park Service (NPS) to:

- Develop a sustainable organization capable of managing the volunteer and development activities of the trail club.
- Maintain hiking, running, and equestrian trails that maximize access to the historic and recreational value of the park and are:
 - Environmentally friendly
 - Sustainable with minimal future upkeep
 - Protective of the historic features the park was created to preserve
- Recruit volunteers to help maintain the trails and enhance the visitor experience of the park .
- Train members about sustainable trail maintenance and crew leadership.
- Educate visitors and neighbors about the trails and the history within the park.
- Raise funds to support personnel and to obtain additional land or other resources for the park.
- Under the direction of the NPS, assist in the creation of development and maintenance plans that maximize the historic and recreational value of the park.
- Work with government and community groups to gain their support for this mission.

National Trails Day -

Find Your Happy Place

June 5, 2010

We'll again be participating in National Trails Day on June 5th, 2010. Current plans are to primarily focus on Trail Maintenance, but other ideas are welcome!

We'll be establishing a link on Facebook to register in the next couple of weeks. There will also be a link to the Facebook page on our website. It is important to register for the event so that we can determine how many work crews we will have and this in turn will determine what areas of the Park we'll be working that day. Drop us a line to register the areas you wish to work in and the type of work - clean-up/litter patrol, trail maintenance, or trail upkeep.

Clean-up/Litter Patrol - Walk the various trails and collect any litter on the ground along the trails

Trail Maintenance - repairing trail problems, building steps, removing tree stumps, regrading the trails, etc.

Trail Upkeep - trimming overgrowth along the trails

In addition, let us know the general areas of the Park you'd like to work in:

Visitor Center/Burnt Hickory

Burnt Hickory/Dallas Highway

Dallas Highway/Powder Springs Rd.

By providing us this information prior to National Trails Day, we'll be better able to utilize all of the volunteers who are donating their time!

For more information or to volunteer, contact Fred Feltmann, 770-516-9120 or at kmtccomm@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Georgia Appalachian Trail

License Plate

Appalachian Trail Conservancy and its team of volunteers in Georgia is seeking 1,000 people to apply for the Appalachian Trail specialty plate in Georgia. Each applicant for the Georgia Appalachian Trail license plate must submit a Special Interest/Commemorative License Plate application (Form MV-9Q) and a \$25 manufacturing fee to Appalachian Trail Conservancy.



To date the ATC has received over 600 applications, once 1,000 paid license plate applications have been received the ATC will submit one check in the amount of \$25,000.00 to cover all manufacturing fees and all applications for the proposed license plate to the state. This will initiate production.

For more information on the application forms go to <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/galicenseplate>.

As a thank you to their first 1,000 license plate applicants, ATC is offering a free one-year ATC membership.

Beginning Photoshop Seminar

Leader: Jay Dement

Co-Leader: Photography Committee

May 18, 2010 (Tue)

(The Trail Club attempts to offer our membership time to work together in areas other than trail maintenance - this is one of those times!)

If you have wondered about the power of Photoshop and were afraid to ask, then this seminar is for you. You will be exposed to some of the basic "tools" of Photoshop that are used for correcting and enhancing your images, including levels, curves, masking and more. A downloadable guide will be available for future reference. To register and get additional information, call Jay Dement at 770/499-7333 or e-mail jay@jaydphotos.com.

This event will be held at Pinetree Country Club at 6:30 pm. There is no cost for this seminar!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

CANCELLED! (Weather)

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Mark Your 2010 Calendars!

2010 Work Day Schedule

Feb.	13th	trail work day (Cancelled)
Mar.	13th	trail work day
Mar.	27th	Garlic Mustard Pull
Apr.	10th	trail work day
May	8th	trail work day
June	5th	National Trails Day
July	10th	trail work day
Aug.	14th	trail work day
Sept.	11th	trail work day
Oct.	2nd	Hands on Atlanta Day
Oct.	9th	trail work day
Nov.	13th	trail work day
Dec.	11th	trail work day

We realize, as much as we'd like, that you can't make every one of our work days. However, please know that we appreciate whatever days that you can make, especially the Special days highlighted above.

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the beauty & history of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 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 35,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

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.

Learn more about our monthly trail work days and other programs by visiting the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

We host trail work days open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Jim Moylan

Crew Leader Training Course

On Saturday, Feb 6th we had our first in a series of three crew leader training classes. Each class consists of morning classroom lectures and afternoon real life exercises. Also, written tests are given to allow each student to assess how well they are learning. These classes are designed to provide skills in:

- Trail planning & design
- Trail Construction & Maintenance
- Leadership & Safety

The classes are being taught by Walter Bready, Georgia Trails Education Specialist, from Gainesville State College. Walter has many years experience in trail design and maintenance and we are fortunate to afford his time to teach our volunteers. Current crew leaders Jim Moylan, Lyn Cocksedge, Melissa Mackay, and Scott Mackay have volunteered their time to assist with teaching the afternoon excercises (thank you!).

This Saturday's class focused on trail planning and design. The classroom time was highlighted the principles of sustainable trail design and the typical process for getting a proposed trail approved. A lot of vocabulary was learned such as control points, difficulty ratings, social trails, fall lines, water sheeting, reverse grade dips, rising turns, switchbacks, trail corridor and trail tread, and outslope. The afternoon exercise had 6 teams of crew leader trainees going out into the woods to lay out and flag a proposed course for a trail. The process included getting to know the land for positive and negative control points, determining the fall line grades along where the trail will go, and determining the maximum sustainable grade for the proposed trail using the "half rule" and looking at ground composition. The primary tool they learned to use was the Clinometer which is first "zeroed" on level ground between two partners and then used along the proposed trail to make direct measurements of the grade difference between two points.

The volunteers who are taking these courses will soon have the basic skills needed to confidently lead other volunteers on projects throughout the park. If you are interested in becoming a crew leader, please make it known to one of our current crew leaders so we can work with you over the next months to prepare you for the next round of classes which will likely be around this time next year.

Jim Mackay

Help Us Maintain the Trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Park Donate Online Now!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club helps preserve the historic features and maintain the 20+ miles of trails throughout the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. It is a committed partner with the National Park Service in its mission to commemorate the history of the battlefield and protect its environmental features.

Since its beginnings in 2002, the club has provided only "sweat equity" volunteer hours to support the park. Now this new fund-raising initiative will support the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's involvement in the new park strategic plan that opens up more areas of the park and adds miles to the trail system. 100% of the funds raised will support the Trail Club's mission of protecting the park and improving the trails.

Donate today to ensure that visitors and local residents alike can continue to enjoy a great, FREE, educational and recreational experience in one of the last areas of undeveloped land in Cobb County. By contributing, you'll help ensure future generations can enjoy a wilderness experience in the middle of metropolitan Atlanta!

Donate Online by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>. The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was incorporated as KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 C(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Matching Gifts

You can make your donation dollars go further by having your employer match your gift to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Monthly Participation

We invite you to continue to work with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club on the monthly Trail Work Days every second Saturday of the month and join us for special events like the Garlic Mustard Pull in April and National Trail Day in June.



If you prefer, you may also give by mail:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg, Treasurer
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Ave. Ext. NE
Marietta, GA 30060

For more information, contact Jay Haney, Development Director
770-424-0635.



The Man is Ted Ragsdale, Age 86, when this was taken at our January 8, 2005, The unidentified cub scout is only 6. Together, they were part of our maintenance crew that day!

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 kmtctees@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. There is one large denim shirt available for a special price of \$28.00.

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$20.00/hr."

Yes, we all are guilty - forgetting/neglecting to report our hours for working. How many hours did we REALLY work for the Park last year? Was it 500 hours, 2000, or maybe 5000???? Have you spent time outside of our 2nd Saturday Workdays helping the Park - e.g. spent time picking up trash, fixing drainage, helping with events, or club administration?

If you signed the roster at an event, your time is recorded. Otherwise you need to report it through the form on the website.

Youth Service Project candidates need to report total hours for their project to the Trail Club and to the Park before their project is considered complete.

Help us out this coming year - Please enter your hours on the website - it's currently near the top of the first page - or go directly to <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/formmail.html>.

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Status of Old 41 Bridge Replacement -
Looking south on old 41 toward the Park.



Photo Page

Eagle Project - 2/6/10 - Social Trail Closure
- at Camp Brumby



Victor Williams and his
pet chain-saw.



Crew Leader Training Course - 2/6/10



Students taking readings to
determine incline of trail



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

<http://americanhiking.org>



BARRETT PARKWAY AND TOWN CENTER AT COBB



March Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than February 25th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

