



# EARTHWORKS



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## Winter Trails Day Event

January 7, 2012, noon - 4 PM

Plan now to participate with REI in our first Annual Winter Trails Day Event. Be sure to register at <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/wtd.php#wtdf>.

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*Dave Strand at KMTC booth at REI on 12/17/11.*

## KMTC @ REI

On Saturday December 17th the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club hosted a table at our local REI store to promote the park and club activities. This was a great opportunity to hand out maps, answer questions and promote Winter Trails Days, the REI sponsored work day January 7th. We also had the occasion to enhance our relationship with Angie and Jennifer and the store's personnel.

Over fifty visitors were greeted and many promised to help maintain the trails on our work days. The table was staffed by Anne & David Strand, Fred Feltmann, Kerry Sustak, Jay Haney, Anne Page Mosby, Doug Tasse, Jay M Dement and Linda Crawford.

*Jay M Dement*

## New Parking Lot, Burnt Hickory & Old Mountain Road, Now Open!

The new parking lot on Burnt Hickory, at the intersection of Old Mountain Rd., is now open and parking along the road on Burnt Hickory has been eliminated. The new parking lot contains approximately 70 parking spaces - about 50% more than there were on the roadside of Burnt Hickory. All individuals using the parking lot should be aware that cross traffic on Burnt Hickory currently does not stop for vehicles leaving the parking lot! Be Aware!

*New Parking Lot at Burnt Hickory & Old Mountain Rd.*



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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

## New Crew Leader Training Class Being Formed

Now is the time to register for Crew Leader Training for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Be a part of the Trail Club and become a part of the maintaining and development of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park system of trails and general park development.

Contact [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) if you'd like more information on Crew Leader training.

Classes will be held in February 2012.

Remember, our next regular workdays will be on January 14th, along with a special work day on January 7th.

## 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](mailto: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!

## Student Conservation Grants Available for High School Students

Environmental solutions for the future can begin with you!

Whether you're in a city, rural area or a suburb, wildlife is all around you. In many places, that wildlife faces challenges. If you're a high school student with a creative idea for conserving and protecting wildlife, Planet Connect is offering grants of \$1,000 to implement a project in your local school or community. In addition, all grantees will receive funding to participate in a local summer internship focused on wildlife conservation or natural resources.

Here's your chance to make a difference! Apply for a national Planet Connect Youth Engagement Grant today! Visit <http://planetconnect.org/2012wcgrants> to learn more and to watch the grant promo video.

Need some help brainstorming project ideas? Check

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

FAX: 770-516-9120 (Call first, so I can turn it on!)

out the grant projects and internship summaries from the 2011 student grantees here: <http://planetconnect.org/2011grantwinners>

**Apply by February 1, 2012!**

## Announcing Crew Leader Training Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

February 11, 12, 18 & 19, 2012

This is your opportunity to become a trained Crew Leader and lead groups to make the trails at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park an even better place.

The park relies on the club to maintain the trails and help in other important areas. Your commitment is important to help achieve the objectives of improving the visitor experience and making the trails sustainable for years to come.

The four-day class will start each day at 9am and finish around 4 pm, with an hour for lunch and be held in the Visitor Center of Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park.

Upon completion you will receive a certificate of completion.

**Day One 2/11: Trail Design and Layout**

**Day Two 2/12: Trail Construction and  
Maintenance**

**Day Three 2/18: Crew Leader Training**

**Day Four 2/19: KEMO Orientation and Leave No  
Trace**

The cost of this training is covered by the club and your future participation for our scheduled work days is anticipated (this is a long term volunteer commitment to the trail club).

Space is limited for this program. To register or for more information, please contact **Jay M. Dement**, [jay@jayDphotos.com](mailto:jay@jayDphotos.com), 404/731-1901. You will receive confirmation.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 7, 2012

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

REI Friends-of-the-Park Work Day

Projects: See article - next column - "Winter Trails Day Projects."

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 14, 2012

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

Projects: See article, "January 14," on page 4.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2012

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

Continue repair of the mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available.

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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

*BANK OF AMERICA*

*OMEGA ACADEMY*

*WALKER SCHOOL*

*U.S. NAVY*

*VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS*

*HANDS ON ATLANTA*

*WAL-MART*

*LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA*

*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY*

*PEBBLEBROOK NHS*

*ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY*

FY 2012

*THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS*

*AESTHETICS*

*GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS*

*CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA*

*CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA*

*ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL*

*TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

Again, thank you for all of your support!



## 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 noon 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](http://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 [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto: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 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

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## Winter Trail Days Projects

January 7, 2012

All the work this day will be on Big Kennesaw and Little Kennesaw.

Teams will be taken up to the Little Kennesaw Trail at the Mountain Road.

Tools will be staged at that site.

One team will have their tools staged at the Maintenance Building.

(1) Team one, finishing the rock crib on the old mountain trail.

(2) Team two, Trail work begins on little Kennesaw below the new fence.

(3) Team three, work site begins where team two ends.

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## Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

[http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw\\_trails](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](mailto: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.

## Work Day Projects Continued from Page 3

The site will be marked and tools at the trail head.

- (4) Team four, repeat.
- (5) Team five, repeat.

## January 14, 2012

### Regular Work Day

There will be at least three work sites.

- (1) Switchback on Hardage Mill Trail, Ditchwitch work and rock moving.
- (2) Bamboo Removal
- (3) Finishing all projects not finished on Winter Work Days.

I am showing three teams; however more may be needed to finish Winter Trails Day projects.

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# Civil War Round Table of Cobb County Meeting

*Next Meeting: January 5th, 2012*

*Location: KSU Center – 3333 Busbee Dr.*

*Time: Reception – 6:30 pm*

*Meeting: - 7:00 pm*

*Presentation – 7:30 pm*

At our December meeting, we had 85 in attendance and four new members to bring our total to 98. Who's going to be the 100th to join?

Brad Quinlin gave a great presentation on what it must have been like for a soldier to be away from home on Christmas during the Civil War. Listening to the letters being read, it reminded me of my first Christmas as a 19 year old homesick sailor 3,000 miles from home. These men were no different than every serviceman and servicewoman who have served our country and had to be away from their families and loved ones at Christmas. I think we sometimes forget the human side of the Civil War soldier, but they were not really that much different than our men and women who serve today and in every war this country has sent men to fight.

Thanks Brad. It was an excellent presentation, but we have come to expect this from you.

On December 3rd, about 15 of us went to the 25th Middle Tennessee Civil War Show and Sale in Franklin Tennessee. This is billed as the largest Civil War show in the country. There were over 900 tables of civil war memorabilia. Someone in our group bought a nice Spencer rifle while there. I won't say who because he may not have told his wife yet. I have to say that of all the Civil War rifles there, our member Paul Johnson had the nicest one of all on display. Maybe they will bring them to our April event to show everyone. After the show we were given a tour of the Lotz House and Franklin battle ground by Thomas Cartwright. Thomas Cartwright is well known internationally for his knowledge and passion for the Civil War. He walked the battlefield with us while recounting the steps and telling the passionate stories of the soldiers during the historic battle of November 30, 1864. Maybe within the next year, we can get Thomas to come down and do a presentation for us on the Battle of Franklin.

There was an outbuilding on the grounds of the Carter House that has the most bullet holes of any standing building of the Civil War today. As you stood there and put your finger in the bullet holes, you are left to wonder how anyone survived that hailstorm of bullets. Private Sam Watkins, 1st Tennessee Regiment said of the battle "It is the blackest page in the history of the war of lost cause. It was the bloodiest battle of modern times in any war. It was the finishing stroke to the independence of the Southern Confederacy. I was there. I saw it. My flesh trembles, and creeps, and crawls when I think of it today."

Congratulations go out to our webmaster, John Rigdon. His 2011 Civil War book "**A Civil War Christmas**" was #1 this weekend in Civil War Books on Amazon.com. CWRT members can view the book on-line through the holidays at <http://www.researchonline.net/articles/index.htm>. His 2010 book, "**The Christmas Artistry of Thomas Nash**," is now available on our website at [www.cobbcwrt.org](http://www.cobbcwrt.org). John has made it available for you to read free. It is a very interesting story of how Santa Claus was portrayed during the Civil War. While on the website, take a look at the calendar. It is going to be our goal in the future to list all of the Civil War events that are taking place in this area. Some of these are by very well known historians of the Civil War, such as James Robertson at the Carter Library on Tuesday December 13th at 7:00 pm. Thanks, John, for doing such an excellent job with the web page.

Our next presentation (see attached flyer) will be on January 5th, 2012 at the KSU Center located behind Cracker Barrel and next to Brandsmart. We will have Dr. John Fowler as our speaker. He is the B. J. Dicksie Bandy Chair of History at Dalton State College. He is the author of several books and articles including "**Mountaineers in Gray: The Story of the Nineteenth Volunteer Infantry Regiment, C.S.A.**," and "**The Confederate Experience Reader Selected Documents and Essays**." Dr. Flower has now co-authored "**Breaking the Heartland: The Civil War in Georgia**" with Dr. David Parker. He will be selling and signing his book after the meeting. Look on the web page calendar for a map to the KSU Center.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a have a safe and Happy New Year.

See you this year,

*David Brannan*

President

Civil War Round Table of Cobb County

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## Civil War 1861--150 Years Ago

- Jan 10 Engagement at Middle Creek, Kentucky
- Jan 15 Edwin M. Stanton confirmed as U.S. Secretary of War
- Jan 16 Edwin M. Stanton takes over as U.S. Secretary of War
- Jan 18 Confederate territory of Arizona formed
- Jan 19 Battle of Mill Springs (Logan's Cross Roads), Kentucky
- Jan 22 Bombardment of Fort Henry, Tennessee by USS Lexington
- Jan 30 USS Monitor launched at Greenpoint, Long Island, New York

### Christmas in Georgia 1861

At Fort Pulaski, Georgia, Confederate defenders faced a developing Union siege. But the people of Savannah had sent many boxes of foods, and the troops wanted for nothing. "Fine day here," wrote Private John Hart of the Irish Jasper Greens. "Plenty of fighting and whisky drinking." Meanwhile the Union troops encamped on Hilton Head Island, spent most of their Christmas digging trenches, but were given some time off in honor of the day. Private Charles Lafferty, of the 48th New York, wrote his sister, "We had a merry Christmas down hear. We bought sassiges ... and hoe cake and build a fir and cooked our sassiages. That is the way we spent our Christmas." Confederate General Robert E. Lee, who had been sent to see to the coastal defenses, was inland at his headquarters at Coosawatchie, South Carolina. "I cannot let this day of graceful rejoicing pass without some communication with you," he wrote his wife Mary. "I am thankful for the many among the past that I have passed with you, and the remembrance of them fills me with pleasure. For those on which we have been separated we must not repine. Now we must be content with the many blessings we receive." He bemoaned the confiscation of their home in Arlington, and the relics it contained, many from George Washington's family home at Mt. Vernon. But, he wrote, "they cannot take away the remembrance of the spot, and the memories of those that to us rendered it sacred. That will remain to us as long as life will last, and that we can preserve."

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*New Parking Lot - Burnt Hickory &  
Old Mountain Road*



## Civil War Macaroni and Cheese Recipe

- Prep time: 5 minutes
- Cook time: 45 minutes

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups whole milk
- 1/2 pound elbow macaroni pasta (2 to 2 1/2 cups)
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 2 cups, packed, grated cheddar cheese (about 1/2 pound)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Nutmeg
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup bread crumbs
- Cayenne (optional)

### METHOD

1 Heat the milk in a large saucepan until steamy. Stir in the dry macaroni pasta. Let come to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer. Pay attention while the macaroni is cooking in the milk as the milk may foam up and boil over if the milk gets too hot. Cook the macaroni for 15 minutes or until done. The macaroni should absorb almost all of the milk.

2 Preheat oven to 400°F. As soon as the macaroni is close to being done, melt the butter in a separate saucepan, stir in the grated cheese, black pepper to taste and a pinch of freshly grated nutmeg. Once the cheese has melted, pour the sauce into the macaroni and milk mixture and stir to combine. Taste and add salt if needed.

3 Place macaroni and cheese mixture into a baking dish. Sprinkle the top with breadcrumbs. Sprinkle lightly with cayenne (if using). Bake in a 400°F oven for 20 minutes or until the top is lightly browned.

Yield: **Serves 4.**

## Book Recommendation.

*“The Oxford History of the United States: Battle Cry of Freedom—The Civil War Era”*

by James M. McPherson ISBN 0-19-503863-0

This is an excellent single volume history of the war



## Leave No Trace **A w a r e n e s s   W o r k s h o p**

Presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Saturday, January 28, 2012

REI Kennesaw

The Awareness Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationalists minimize their ecological impact while enjoying the outdoors. This program assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace.

There is no charge for this informative workshop and participants will receive a certificate upon completion. Seating is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to sign up go to [www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm](http://www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm).



### leave no trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012

Time: 10:00 am

Place: REI Kennesaw

(740 Barrett Parkway)

[www.rei.com/stores/125](http://www.rei.com/stores/125)

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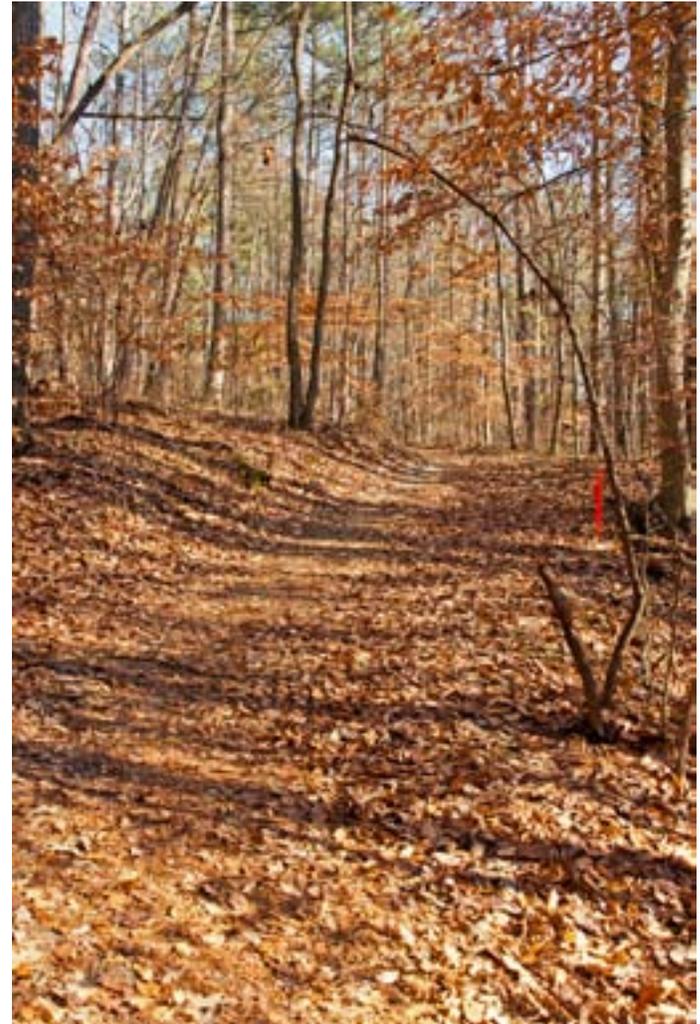
## December 10th Workday



*McEachern Robotics Club - above and 3 photos in next row, below*



*Work on Hardage Mill Trail Switchback - above and right.*



*Above & Above, left - Work on trail on backside of Little Kennesaw Mtn.*

*Right - a December afternoon at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park*

# Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



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## February Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than January 20th!

## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

