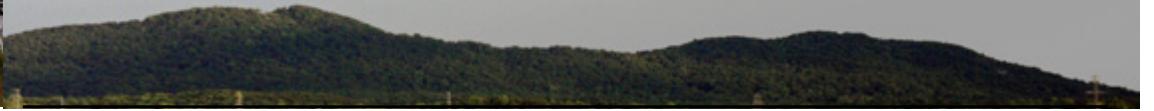




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New Landscape Lights Installed At The Visitor Center

Thanks to Michael Christman and Ben Fordcye, we now have solar landscaping lights at the VC. These landscaping lights turn off automatically at dawn and turn on at sunset. This will help with safety concerns for early morning hikers as well as evening programs and meetings.

"There is NO substitute for hard work" Thomas Edison

Carlos Hurston

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



February Newsletter Deadline

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

Gifts Galore!

Seems like this year has really passed by quickly, and you've most likely heard that many times before. It probably seems that way because a number of the restrictions for gathering and going places have been lifted; especially as pertains to visiting and working at the park. Asking for and accepting volunteers to come to a trail day has returned. Although it's still a practice to maintain some distance and be aware of health recommendations.

Especially at this time of year we start thinking about getting and giving gifts. The lifting of the restrictions surely would be considered a gift. We're still in need to be careful but seeing our friends and getting out is nice. And I believe that getting out on the trail is a gift. Don't think so? Well wait until you are restricted from something and then is allowed-it's like unwrapping a present. Now I don't go to Kennesaw Mountain all the time, but I do like to go outdoors and enjoy the scenery. While walking I often talk with people and time and time again they like to say how nice it is to get out on a trail or pathway. The reason is that frequently it's like getting a surprise; the scenery is always changing. Some of the "Ol Timers" can tell you that a rock was here and now it's moved, or the trail has "Slid" down, maybe a tree had fallen. Who knows there's always something interesting. And especially it's a gift to see wildlife; anything from a butterfly, bird, turkey, hawk or deer and maybe even a snake - all nature's gifts.

Yes there are gifts galore all around us. I'm so thankful that we're again able to get out and get 'em and you should be too!

Wishing and hoping that you all have, or had Happy Holidays and enjoy your gifts.



Doug Tasse

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

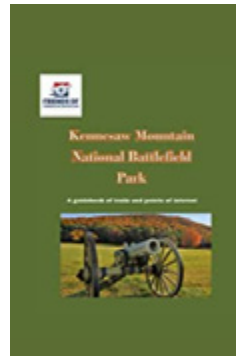
NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

VC - Visitor Center

Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned!



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNPB is now available on Amazon.



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!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
01/14	8:30 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	January, 2023 Work Day - Alternate date - 1/28/23.
01/14	9:30 am - noon	Visitor Center	Trail Ambassador Training Class
01/18	6:30 pm	Visitor Center	Friends Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, if you wish to participate.
2/11	8:30 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	February, 2023 Work Day

See page 5 for this month's NPS activities at the Park!

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page -
https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBPP/posts/?ref=page_internal

Current Status Of Park

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are being conducted.

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is open; masks are *optional*.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

Trail closures

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

The New Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd. while the multiuse trail is being constructed there and New Salem Church Trail reroute is being completed. Current plans are to have the reroute completed by April, 2023.

Park Update Notes

- The painted rock clean up will be an ongoing project.
- Bathrooms at Illinois Monument parking to start in December
- Road to summit is a future project study in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion in about 4 months. Signs will be going up
- New signage about the park history is coming
 - No "Bicycle on Trails" signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs "Your Fee Dollars at Work"
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Reforestation project - April (Plant hardwood trees at various locations within Park boundaries)
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- 160th battle planning will be starting in January 23 (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- EV Charging Stations

A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work will begin shortly on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club. Any further questions or concerns please tell them to contact me by email at carlos_hurston@nps.gov or office at ext. 235. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Carlos Hurston

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Park Moments



Photo by Fred Feltmann



Pic with an "older" Marine with local Young Marines helping with Dec 17 Wreath placements @ Marietta National Cemetery. Note Kennesaw Mountain in background.

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#/> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#/> - Cheatham Hill Rd..

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explore>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for January

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

*All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Museum Tours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 2:00 pm!

January 7, @ 11 am – The Importance of Civil War Battlefields

With over 419 sites, the National Park Service preserves many different facets of this country's rich history. In this short talk, a ranger will focus on the importance of National Battlefields and how they are preserved.

January 8, @ 11 am – Guided Memorial Field Walk

This history talk will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you to several points that were crucial during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the demonstration made to the north of the Confederate line. You will see rebel earthworks and hear accounts from men that took part in that fateful feint attack.

January 14, @ 11 am – Assault Trail History Hike

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle. The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.

January 15, @ 11 am – Pigeon Hill History Hike

"Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced."- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This ranger - led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area at the intersection of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

January 21, @ 11 am – Animals of Kennesaw Mountain

Visitors aren't the only ones who enjoy Kennesaw Mountain! Many different species enjoy the green space that this park preserves. Join one of our rangers as they highlight some of their favorites in this interactive program.

January 22, @ 11 am – Guided Mountain Top Hike

This ranger - led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre - history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi - strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

January 29, @ 11 am – Life of a Soldier

Life for the average Civil War soldier was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and terrible battlefield conditions made this a rough life for the young men in the Union and Confederate armies. This short and interactive ranger program details the lives of these soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign.

*** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the [NPS website](#), and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

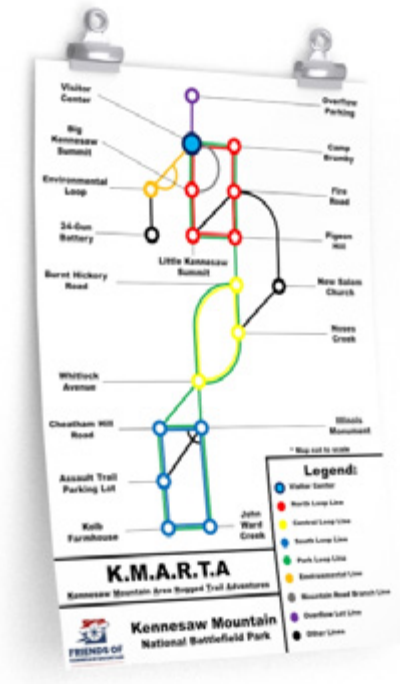
Andrew Bramlett



Some of the items for sale.



Front



Back



Fund Raising Committee Formed

A fundraising committee comprised of Bart Henderson and Kathy Bearden has been formed. They have lots of projects to work on!

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Friends Receive Donations Via Amazon Smile

Through the purchases you have made on Amazon via our Amazon Smile account, we received \$23.55 during the third quarter of 2022.

Thanks!!!!



The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

Endowment Fund Chair - Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

Legal Secretary

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.onmicrosoft.com



President's Corner - January, 2023

Hello fellow supporters of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The holidays and bitter cold weather have kept me busy elsewhere and more inside than being in the outdoors world I love. I imagine its been the same for many of you. But our great Georgia weather will return, and we will all be getting back to our routines. For me that means lots of hiking at the mountain and volunteering wherever I can fit it into my schedule. You might see me out patrolling the trails as a trail ambassador, helping with logistics on a community volunteer day (2nd Saturday of each month, weather permitting), or just helping out wherever I can.

Did you know that National Parks keep track of the number of hours that volunteers put in? They also track the amount of dollars the community donates. Why? Long ago regulations were established where parks get funding based on community support for that park. Parks with lots of support can do great things. Parks with little or no community support can't do much. In the big picture, this approach saves tax-payer dollars by focusing them on the parks that have good community support.

We, in the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, are supporting our mission by recruiting volunteers and soliciting donations to help the park with programs and improvements. You might ask why the park doesn't just do this themselves? Well, going back to long ago, regulations were established to prohibit national parks, and other federal government entities, from soliciting. But philanthropic organizations like us can, and we do.

Anyone can donate to Friends of Kennesaw Mountain at our website (www.friendsofKMNB.org/donate). The friend's organization is a 501c3 non-profit which means your donations are tax deductible. And our friend's group has no paid staff, we are all volunteers. And like me, we volunteer in many other capacities. We like to believe we are all good stewards to the park. And, we like to be out with others who love the park as much as we do.

The real message I want to deliver is that we are setting up an endowment which we hope will grow like a retirement account that will eventually fund many of the programs at the park. Other friend's groups around our nations have done this and have been able to do great things for their parks. We are now embarking on doing it for our park.

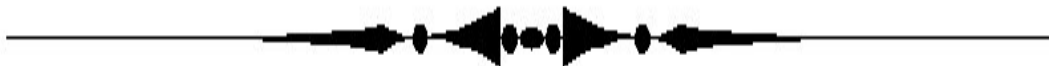
Some things I would like you to consider are:

- Attend one or more of our gatherings and fundraiser events
- Come out and volunteer on a 2nd Saturday
- Use smile.amazon.com and set your charity as "Friends of KMNBP"
- Consider giving a major gift (>\$5,000)
- Ask your Financial advisor about Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)
- Ask your company if they will match your donations
- Consider Planned Giving in your will
- Tell you friends about us

Whatever you do is helpful. Some people donate their time, some donate money, some do both. Let's help make our park more wonderful.

Scott Mackay

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



Contact List - Updated 11/16/22

POSITION	NAME
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Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
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Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
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	Linsay Barnes
	Holly Ringle
Grant Writer*	

Board Members:

Kathy Bearden
 Lewis Bramlett
 Bart Henderson
 Scott Johnson
 John Nash
 Jason Shepherd
 Kim Sherk



A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members who have donated their time and/or talent. Those who participated during Fiscal 2020(October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020 - Present):

FY 2020

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2021

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2022

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY, SCOTT MACKAY, FRED FELTMANN

FY 2023

MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS
LINSAY BARNES
GIS PROJECT - OPEN



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<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>
<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMnBP/>

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The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw 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 FriendsOfKMNB.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.

Our Mission:

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.

2023 Projects(s) - December status

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Next project work day - 4/23**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
- Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be April, 2023???**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **in process**

Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**

- Fund Raiser - **TBD**



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP)

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

These include:

- Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance
- Museum improvements and expansion
- Living History Demonstrations
- Additional parking and restrooms
- Guest speakers
- More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

Businesses

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army



Five Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. Or, by mailing to:
Friends of KMNBP
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$50,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 8.

In addition, the fund an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park		
2023 Pledge Card		
Name _____	Individuals	One Payment _____
Address _____	\$15 Corporal (Student) _____	Quarterly Payment _____
City, State, Zip _____	\$25 Sergeant _____	Monthly Payment _____
Phone _____	\$100 First Sergeant _____	Does your company match? Y__ N__
Email _____	\$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____	Invoice me _____
	\$500 Quarter Master _____	(Monthly __ Quarterly__)
	\$1,000 Sergeant Major _____	Check enclosed _____
	\$1,500 General _____	(Payable to "Friends of KMNBP")
	Other Amount \$ _____	Credit Card Number: _____
Complete and mail to:	Corporate	Expiration date _____
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain	\$150 Company _____	Security Code _____
Attn: 2023 Pledge	\$300 Regiment _____	I wish to remain anonymous _____
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive	\$500 Brigade _____	
Kennesaw, GA 30152	\$1,000 Division _____	
	\$15,000 Corps _____	
	\$25,000 Army _____	
	Other Amount \$ _____	

Citizen Science Program?

- Involve visitors with science in the park
- Compile data to monitor health in the park
 - Water sampling
 - Bird species counts
 - Flowering plant species counts
 - More?
- Work sheets for now, app later?

Need a volunteer to explore how we would go about this – we will need to present our plan to the park



Interested in the investigation of the development of this potential program? Contact Scott Mackay at President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

A Rainy, Misty Day At The Park

-1/2/23

Photos by Kim Sherk



Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

- Plan for initial level 2 chargers*:
- Visitor Center = 2
- Old 41 = 4
- Burnt Hickory =2
- Cheatham Hill Road = 2
- Visitors will be able to charge EVs using their credit cards
- Park will supply equipment & power
- The Friends will handle sales transactions and pass proceeds to the park for projects
- Adopt a charger.org is trying to find a sponsor to provide some free EV charging to park visitors
- Many national parks now have or are looking into installation of EV charges



- Cobb EMC approved to start power feeds in October
- Charger installation is out for bidding

CT4000 Family Level 2 Charging Station
**2 vehicles per station*

Scott Mackay is coordinating these two projects with the Park staff.

Bicycle Racks Fund Raising Project

- Goal is to support park with a fund raising campaign for bicycle racks and to encourage alternative transportation use when visiting the park
- Current goal is \$1800 for 5 racks
- Signage is also needed est \$1800
- Get word out through social media and ask donors to tag their donation with “#Racks”
- Recommended locations study has been presented to the park





EARTHWORKS



Donations Via Amazon Smile

Through the purchases you have made on Amazon via our Amazon Smile account, we received \$27.02 during the third quarter of 2022. Since establishing our account with Amazon Smile, we have received \$595.56.

Thanks!!!!

Come join us for Trail Ambassador Training!

Trail Ambassadors help the park in a variety of ways. TA's hike the trails, help the patrons, assist with trail workdays and assist the park with a variety of educational programs. The TA training will be Saturday, January 14 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Visitor's Center at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, 30152 Following the training, you will be required to shadow a regular Trail Ambassador at a couple of events. This gives you a chance to find out what activities that you enjoy and to see the breadth of activities that Trail Ambassadors do. There is something for everyone!

At the training on Saturday, January 14, you will cover the history of the park, park regulations, responsibilities, and the uniform. Being an active Trail Ambassador looks nice on a resume. It shows leadership skills, and community involvement. If you hike the trails, then wear the uniform and count the time as volunteer service.

TA's must be 16 years of age. 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>

Participants are encouraged to wear casual clothes and closed toed shoes. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Parking will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. A temporary vehicle pass will be given out at registration. (Regular KEMO or NPS park passes are not accepted in the field.)

If you have any questions, please contact Gail McAllister or Wendy Turner at ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey

Workday 12-10-22

We had 12 crew leaders for the workday. They were Curt, Donald, Fred, Harry, Rajan, Rich, Robert, Steward, Thomas C, Todd, Bill, and Mike. We had 11 volunteers and 3 Trail Ambassadors. They were Rena, Wendy, and Gail. They directed traffic and conducted registration. Fred took pictures. We had volunteers from Hillgrove JROTC, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals.

On Saturday, with so few volunteers we concentrated on the worst two lines in the workplan, lines 7 and 8. We split into 2 groups and worked to rebuilding the steps on both of these lines. Both the crew leaders and volunteers were split between both lines. I bounced between both locations, they were about 30 feet apart, ensuring the workplan was followed. Fred took pictures. As we required fewer people to finish the steps, Robert took a team and trashed out the trail creep on line 9 and Todd took a team to work on the trail creep on line 6. With these lines complete while heading back to Kennesaw Mountain Drive, we trashed out the social trail on line 1 finishing on time.

All in all, we had a good day with a little mist from time to time, but no rain. Thanks to all who pitched in.

On Friday, December 9, Geoff, Rich, Thomas G, Bill, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the 8 flags out.

Our next workday is Saturday, January 14, 2023. We are to work on the reroute of the New Salem Church Trail going up Pigeon Hill.

I have before and after pictures.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

January, 2023 Work Day

For the January work day, weather permitting, we will be working part of the New Salem Church Trail reroute going north from Burnt Hickory Rd. and going toward the Brumby Trail.

Be sure to sign up using the Signup link on page 21.

We will be assembling in the field on the east end of the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. Temporary parking passes will be provided for volunteers.

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 2022 (October 2021-September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022-Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BSA TROOP 2319
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
LINCOLN TECH
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS



FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
GA TECH ROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our December work day, we had 12 crew leaders, 3 trail ambassadors and 11 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC



“Other” Volunteers Needed!



Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 8 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Crew Leaders will be held 8 am - noon on October 22nd. See page 2 for more details.

A training class for prospective Trail Ambassadors will be announced shortly.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org



*Hillgrove HA NJROTC volunteers at the 12/10/22 Work Day
Photos by Fred Feltmann*



2023/2024 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 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. 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.

* Our Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.com/27ef2vph. 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 one 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>

For January's work day, parking and registration will be in the field adjacent to the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. (At the corner of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rds. 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 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Cancellation policy

If rain is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.

Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/> -set up/log in and search for "KEMO Trails Corps"
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, Ga. 30060

Thanks for your support!

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

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KMTC Website	http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
NPS Website	https://www.nps.gov/KEMO
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Volunteer Sign-up website*	www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

* **updated**

****When asked for charitable organization, search for “Kemotrail Corps Inc”**



12/10/22 Work Day Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Before/After Photos - 12/10/22

Photos by Mike Collett

Before



After



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

