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Organization is Happening -- Get on Board

As we are soon to hit our fifteen year mark, we should reflect some on the past; but more importantly, look to the future. As I mentioned last month, it was Fred's 10th year of preparing the Earthworks Newsletter. Now Fred is a highly organized man who gets the newsletter out every month. That work requires that he gather articles and pictures, update our donor list and collect pending and future activities and events. When he gets all that stuff together in a timely manner, he can then get our monthly Earthworks published and released to the public.

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SCA crew pays a visit to Kennesaw Mtn. Photo by Doug Tasse.

The monthly Trail Day is also an organized event. It takes a decision of where to work, planning and marking of the work site, assembling and getting to the work site all materials needed and the tools, gloves, water, snacks, port-a-let and any other things needed to aid our volunteers. A lot of time is involved in organizing a Trail Day. We also do numerous smaller trail work projects but it essentially takes the same amount of organization and time. And, oh yes, we do all that pretty well -- thank you very much.

The thing about "Get on Board" is that, even though we're hitting our fifteenth year, we still have a major problem with our organization. We need people to commit to coming out to help with our work and to submit articles and photos for our newsletter and Facebook page. Without those commitments it can really blow a hole in all the organizing effort that we do.

I believe fifteen years ago (and I've heard because 'Yes' there are still a few original members working with us) that it was a small group of friends who wanted to make the mountain a safer place for the visitors who were clambering up and down the unkempt or rugged trails. These members organized a club and communicated by phone to say they would be there and maybe put up a sign or two around the park to invite others to join in. Well now, one would think, that since we frequently have well over a hundred volunteers, we would know who to expect -- what with help via e-mail

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or Volunteer Spot sign-up. Easier to do but some still find that too hard.

The Trail Club has grown tremendously to almost 100 Trained Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors. We are the organization the NPS Staff calls on to help. Our volunteers have been very good about signing up to attend our work events. Organization is happening and it's time to get on board and help do what we're trained for. We're all volunteers, so no pay but we get to play. It is a whole lot more fun when we know who's coming to help us.

I've had an 'Organization' theme for this article in my mind for some time. Now, sadly, the term 'organized' was used to describe the killer's actions in the Orlando massacre. That definition of being organized or having organization in no way applies to what I think of as being organized. I'm thankful that we have a club that does not practice prejudice or discrimination. Take time to look around at all the visitors who come to experience this National Park of ours -- it's always a cross section of America. Be thankful for that.

I'm sure we'll get better at our organizing; we just need to get it together a little more. And hey, fifteen years from now, all we'll have to do is to think about being here and a digital shock from a hair follicle will be your sign-in.

Thanks.

Doug Tasse
President KMTC



*National Trails Day - 6/4/16.
Photo by Doug Tasse.*

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

The Georgia Battlefield Association Tours - KMNBP

By Bill Gurry

The Georgia Battlefield Association (GBA) toured Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and other nearby sites over March 10-13 as a part of its annual tour of Georgia Civil War sites. I want to pass on compliments I heard from GBA members about recent historical enhancements, preservation of historical features, and the general appearance of the Park.

The GBA was formed in 1995 for the purpose of acquiring, educating, fund raising, advocating, communicating with grass roots efforts, and working with other organizations to preserve Civil War sites. GBA annual tours typically visit both "successes" of historical preservation and threatened sites. This year's tour was the third of several in a series covering the Atlanta campaign and included the Brushy-Lost Mountain line, the Mud Creek line, the Kennesaw Mountain line, and the Smyrna line. The GBA has helped preserve some sites in and around the Park and several sites in Cobb County that we visited on the tour.

The tour is organized and led by GBA President Charlie Crawford and the GBA Trustees. Colonel Crawford was there at the beginning of what is now known as the Civil War Trust (remember Park Day?). Everyone's favorite, the incomparable NPS Chief Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss has been a regular on the tour for over ten years. Willie Johnson joined us on Friday morning to teach us about the battle and preservation of Gilgal Church, including a tour of his own front "yard." Regular GBA tour guide Jim Ogden, Chief Historian at Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park, joined the tour on Sunday and told us about new land acquisition there. This year's tour included participants from a dozen states from as far away as California. The attendees are very well-versed in Civil War history and are often active in preservation of historical sites. Therefore, when you hear a compliment from these people, it means a great deal. Many of the group had not been in the Park for ten years.

Superintendent Nancy Walther brought out a series of very detailed maps of the Atlanta Campaign drawn by Ed Bearss beginning in 1958, which Ed showed us one by one. These are the maps used by former KMNBP Historian Dennis Kelly to draw the color poster-sized 1994 maps of the battle that are used all day at the Visitor Center desk (and that we all should own). Nancy also updated us on the upcoming action in the US Senate concerning preservation of the Wallis House out on Burnt Hickory Road. GBA members observed the ubiquitous Trail Club volunteers in action all over the Park, from Cameron assisting visitors in the parking lot to Harry's crew feeding privet into the chipper to Boss Doug carrying fence rails across the road at the horse lot.

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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 alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2015 (October 2014- September 2015) and Fiscal 2016 (October 2015 - Present):

FY 2015

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
AMERICORPS
ARRIS INTERNS
APTEAN ACARE
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 204
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277
BOY SCOUT TROOP 455, ATLANTA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 703
BOY SCOUT TROOP 773
CHASTAIN ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CUB SCOUT PACK 702
DELTA CHI FROM GA TECH
DEMOLAY
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA BETA CLUB
E. PAULDING AFJROTC
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2040
HANDS ON ATLANTA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL FBLA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HILLGROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HISTORY CLUB OF AUSTIN MIDDLE
HOLDER CONSTRUCTION
KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY, KSU
KAPPA SIGMA- SPSU
KENNESAW CRUSADERS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS
KSU- ONLINE ACCOUNTING CLASS



KSU GREEK DAY OF SERVICE
LAMBDA UPSILON LAMBDA, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS
MC EACHERN HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
MC EACHERN HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
MC EACHERN HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BETA CLUB
NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PHOBIO, INC.
RAINBOW GIRLS
SOGETI
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
TAP MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB
TEENS HELP OTHER PEOPLE
THE NORTH FACE STORE
THETA CHI- IOTA RHO, SOUTHERN POLYTECH
TRUST, KSU
U. S. NAVY CHIEF SELECTS
VENTURING CREW 75
VENTURING CREW 1011
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS
WHEELER HS HELPING HANDS CLUB
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2016

ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BANK OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 422
BOY SCOUT TROOP 479 - EAGLE PROJECT
CUB SCOUT PACK 353
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
BOY SCOUT TROOP 565, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1776
COMMUNITY FIRST SERVICE
DAY (FROM NEW ZEALAND)



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CUB SCOUT PACK 995
EAST PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - GREEK DAY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - VOLUNTEER KSU
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - OMEGA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - KSUZTA SORORITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
MARIETTA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
MARIETTA HS SKILLS USA
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETA CLUB
MCGLESKY YMCA
MC EACHERN HS BETA CLUB
MC EACHERN HS ROBOTICS TEAM
NORTHWEST ATLANTA YMCA
PHOBIO
POPE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS
VENTURING CREW 1011
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following Groups participated in our June Work Days:

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE GROUP
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
20'S AND 30'S HIKERS
JR. CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (200 PARTICIPANTS)
REI

We had 98 volunteers, not including the 50 Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors or REI Associates at the National Trails Day and June 11th Work Day!

Thanks!!!!

Late afternoon, 6/24/16, a few Trail Club members greeted some 200 Teens and adults from the Jr Civitan National Convention being held in Marietta. We provided a service project along with a mountain hike and they had a picnic in the park. We performed drainage control work along Visitor Center Trail and then added wood chips to the trail. We started on time, finished on time and every one had an experience they'll never forget. All safe, all had good pizza dinner and we're very happy that they chose to come to Kennesaw Mountain!

Thanks,

Doug Tasse

PS: Special thank you: Rena, Hope, Bill, Bruce, Lucy, Larry, Sherry, Mark and Elizabeth & Kent



Photo by Doug Tasse.

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People gasped when they heard how many hours the Trail Club invests each year to help the Park.

I heard many compliments about the new troop position markers being set by the Boy Scouts and Donald Olds. Ed Bearss said more than once that the Assault Trail was a huge improvement to the old trail he walked for the past 60 years, and he stopped at the refurbished McCook Brigade monument to recite stanza 27 of "*Horatius at the Bridge*" as did Col. Dan McCook on June 27, 1864 back up the hill near the Old John Ward Road trail.

The best compliment came at the 24-gun battery site. I was very excited to walk up the trail and finally see the four guns that had been set in the earthworks a few days earlier. I was asked to tell the tour what I knew about the development of the site, from June of 1864 to when it was Stop 2 ("Under development; not yet open to visitors") on the 1989 Park brochure to last week. I heard some nice comments about the bridge and Geoff's steps where the trail hits Gilbert Road. Ed Bearss remarked that this site was the most exciting thing he'd seen on a Civil War battlefield in 10 years! Coming from Ed, believe me, that's a huge compliment to the KMNB staff, to the NPS, to the Trail Club, to the KMNB cannon crew, to the Boy Scouts, to the SCA kids, and to all the volunteers who helped make it happen.

Next year's spring GBA tour is tentatively planned to cover the Chattahoochee River Line, the often overlooked approaches and crossings of the Chattahoochee, and the approaches and Battle of Peachtree Creek. In the meantime, GBA will be diligently at work protecting and preserving Civil War sites. GBA was instrumental in defeating a rezoning application a few weeks ago that would likely have obliterated earthworks on the Mud Creek line on the hill just north of the Dallas Highway west of the Park.

More information on the GBA can be found at www.georgiabattlefields.org. Check out the photos from this tour at http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/bearsstours/GBA_2016/index.htm

National Park Kudos To All of the Volunteers Who Worked the 152nd Battle Anniversary!

Hello Everyone,

We beat the heat and had a very successful 152nd Battle Anniversary.

I want to thank everyone who was able to participate over the weekend. It is because of all the hard work and dedication of the volunteers that truly made it a success.

There are several folks that I would like to express great appreciation for their assistance this weekend.

First, Andy Cole, Don Butler, Mark and Robert Hale was here on Friday to set up the artillery and welcome and assist with set up of the outside artillery crews. Their experience in preparing for the event even during extreme temperatures brought them to the park without being asked. I can not express how grateful I am for that type of experience and assistance.

Kim Cole did a wonderful job with the civilian program. She organized the ladies and provided an excellent dying program to the children and families.

Sherry Shogren led Debbie, Randy, Anne, Larry, and Marjorie in feeding the troops...literally. Her organization and assistance with providing the food to the volunteers and staff was a great help.

Jay and Cam had great success with the history hikes to the 24 Gun Battery and Trail Ambassadors encouraging folks to drink water as they hiked the trails.

Phillip and Janine Whiteman provided a wonderful exhibit that was enjoyed by all. Dr. Britt McCarley was even able to provide lectures about the battle and the Atlanta Campaign in between artillery programs.

Randy Whiten manned the water stations and made sure that all volunteers had enough water over the two days.

Of course, the KEMO staff...each of you also helped in more ways than I can even express.

I know that there are so many other volunteers that I have not mentioned by name; however, your help was also very instrumental in making the 152nd Battle Anniversary a success.

Thank you all again!

Amanda

Amanda K. Corman
Park Ranger

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) Month-long Project

SCA Team arrived (June 12 until July 10) and will be camping out at a camp setting at the edge of the Park. They are led by two recent college grads (Lillie Collins and Jordan Gay), trained by Student Conservation Association. Lillie Collins and Jordan Gay are leading four teen girls and four teen boys.

While here they'll learn about the history, but mainly will be engaged in various projects around the park. They will be setting rocks on the mountain top trail, working to clear debris from rock stairs and bridges and performing trail maintenance tasks. Also, the SCA Team is spending a number of days clearing away invasive plant growth. As this team has members from all across America they are taking time for some local shopping and sightseeing in this area.

The SCA group is scheduled to attend the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History, visit the Marietta Square and concerts there, do a river float and visit the M.L.K. Center with an NPS Interpretive Ranger. Also, a big highlight is that they'll march along with members of Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club in the local 4th of July Parade (they also get to decorate the Gator for parade).

Great group of young hard workers. Enjoy camping and building long lasting friendships. SCA welcome, and thank you for choosing Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Carlos Hurston

Maintenance Mechanic

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Photo by Fred Feltmann

24 Gun Battery Memorial Day 2016 Hikes a Great Success

Memorial Day weekend visitors to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park had the opportunity to participate in guided history hikes. Hikers experienced the beauty of the trail and the historical significance of the Union artillery battery facing Little Kennesaw Mountain and Pigeon Hill.

Working with Phillip Whiteman, Living History volunteer, our Trail Ambassador team led four guided hikes to the 24 Gun Battery. Whiteman, dressed in his Union uniform described the events leading up to the battle, as well as, the personal experiences of several Union soldiers stationed at the Battery.

Also, thanks to Jay Haney for recommending "sign clipboards." For the weekend events, volunteers displayed clipboards in front of the Visitor Center with several different printed signs including "24 Gun Hike," "Civil War Infantry Demonstration," and "Civil War Artillery Demonstration." Signs were used to attract attention to upcoming activities and to engage visitors in conversation about the historical significance of the Park.

Volunteer participants included Jay Haney, Phillip Whiteman, Spencer McAllister, Camron Sanders, Janie Brier, Karen Petrella, Greg Bell, Rena Bailey, Jack LaHue, Kathy Van Valkenburg, Bob Monti, and Toni Kelly. In addition we recruited one of our newest Trail Ambassadors, Gloria Downey.

Positive visitor feedback has led to expansion of the history hiking program with four additional volunteer led hikes planned for our 152nd Battle Anniversary weekend.

Cam Graham

Trail Ambassador Director



Photos by Cam Graham.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
July, 2016			
7/9	8:30 am - 1 pm	Illinois Monument Parking Lot	Trail Work Day
August, 2016			
8/13	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
September, 2016			
9/10 - 9/17		Visitor Center	Field of Flags Commemoration of 9/11/2001

National Park Service Activities at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park:

Check out the National Park Service Website, www.nps.gov/kemo, for the many, many summertime activities that will be ongoing! Note: for items like Artillery Demonstrations, the first date will be listed, and when you go to the detailed page, you will see the additional dates - there are lots of opportunities for this demonstration!

Advance Notice - Cancellation of 9/10/16 Work Day

Because of the 9/11 Field of Flags Commemoration events September 10 - 17, there will be no Work Day on September 10th. Rather, we invite you all to participate in this year's 15th Commemoration of the 9/11 events at the Park.

July 9th, 2016 Trail Day Work Plan 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday July 09, 2016 Trail Workday at the Illinois Monument area trails. This is an excellent opportunity for all Crew Leaders to assist the Club with one of our most important ongoing projects. Trail Work Day volunteers will assemble at the Illinois Monument parking lot on Cheatham Hill Drive (map below).

See the info below for specific details.



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 8:30 am at the Illinois Monument Parking Lot and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Registration will be begin around 8:15 am, please arrive early. 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.

Map for Parking (7/9/16) - <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Parking+Lot+for+Illinois+Monument/@33.9367545,-84.605717,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x88f516050a85ea23:0x55aa6b68822a2b99!8m2!3d33.9367501!4d-84.5969623?hl=En>

Be sure to register, using the "Volunteer Spot" button on our Website for the 7/9/16 Work Day - www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

kennesawmountaintrailclub.org or go directly to "[Volunteer Spot](#)" & if possible, (please also refer to [FACEBOOK](#) & like us!)

If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 24+ 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 hope to see you at a work day soon!

Heat Related Illness

Summer in Georgia may be the best time for most people to take advantage of the wide variety of outdoor activities our state offers. Along with the beauty of summer comes the increased risk for illness and injury related to extremely high humidity and scorching temperatures. Below is a brief discussion of heat related illness, symptoms, immediate treatment and – most important – prevention.

The body normally cools itself by sweating. During hot weather particularly in the setting of high heat and humidity sweating isn't enough. Body temperature can rise to dangerous levels. Most heat illness occurs from staying out in the heat too long. Other factors causing heat illness are exercising too much for your age and physical condition, dehydration, underlying illness, medications, being overweight and age. The very young and the elderly are at greater risk. The 3 stages of heat related illness are: heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. It is important to recognize that heat cramps may not be the first symptom and that symptoms can rapidly progress to an emergency if not quickly treated.

Heat Cramps: brief (hopefully), painful, involuntary, intermittent muscle cramps which usually affect the muscles fatigued by heavy work/exercise. Cramps may occur during strenuous activity or a few hours later. **Treatment:** **Stop the activity, rest in a cool place, drink cool water or a sports drink if available.** Do not take salt tablets! They can upset the stomach and will not adequately replace the fluid volume lost.

Heat Exhaustion: Symptoms may develop over time especially with prolonged periods of exercise. Possible symptoms include **heavy sweating, faintness, dizziness, fatigue, rapid heart rate, low blood pressure, nausea, head ache.** The person may have cool, moist skin with goose bumps when in the heat.

Treatment: **Stop all activity. Move to a cool, shady area. Drink cool water or sports drinks.** If symptoms worsen or not better in 15 minutes, seek medical attention.

Heat Stroke: High body temperature (104F) or higher, confusion, agitation, delirium, slurred speech, seizures, flushed skin, rapid heart rate, rapid breathing, nausea, vomiting. Skin with be hot and dry if heat stroke brought on by hot weather but may be moist if the symptoms were caused by strenuous exercise.

Treatment: This is a medical emergency. Call 911 immediately! Until help arrives get the person into shade or indoors. Remove excess clothing. Cool with whatever means available – put in a cool tub, cool shower, spray with a garden hose, sponge with cool water, place ice packs or cold, wet towels on the person's head, neck armpits or groin.

Prevention:

Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing. Wearing excess or tight fitting clothing won't allow your body to cool properly.

Protect against sunburn. Sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself. When outdoors wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses and use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.

Drink plenty of fluids. Staying hydrated will help the body sweat and maintain a normal body temperature.

Take extra precautions with certain medications. May affect the body's ability to stay hydrated and dissipate heat.

Never leave anyone in a parked car. This is a common cause of heat-related deaths in children. When parked in the sun, the temperature in a car can rise 20 degrees F (more than 6.7 C) in 10 minutes.

Take it easy during the hottest parts of the day.

Get acclimated. It can take several weeks for the body to adjust to hot weather.

Janie Brier
APRN-BC
Trail Ambassador



*Marietta 4th Of July Parade.
Photo by Doug Tasse.*

‘Togetherhood On The Mountain,’ A YMCA Service Project At Kennesaw Mountain, Feeds, Mentors At-risk Youth

The Y’s “Togetherhood” program empowers individual members and area partners to collaborate on service projects.

Carefree frivolity long has been a touchstone of summer, but the season also creates a time when some kids lack meals and adult mentorship.

To overcome that plight, the [McCleskey-East Cobb Family YMCA](#) and the Northeast Cobb Family YMCA, both branches of the YMCA of Metro Atlanta, in partnership with respected community groups, will feed and inspire 45 at-risk Cobb County kids starting at 10 a.m. July 8 at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield. The event includes interactive sessions led by park rangers.

[“Togetherhood on the Mountain”](#) – a pilot service program by the McCleskey and Northeast Cobb YMCAs – creates partnership among [Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield](#), the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, senior mentors and Dwell Communities.

In Cobb, the fourth-largest county in Georgia, 44 percent of students – more than two of every five – receive free or reduced lunches during the school year. Kids participating in “Togetherhood on the Mountain” come from the Dwell Communities, where an even larger percentage of children receive reduced-priced school meals.

‘Togetherhood on the Mountain’ engages a gathering of generations and shows that the Y is much more than a swim-and-gym. It’s a compassionate nonprofit that pulls together partners to make the Cobb community stronger,” said Becky Shipley, executive director of the McCleskey-East Cobb and Northeast Cobb YMCAs. “Kids learn from their elders, and older adults keep their spirit youthful when they share wisdom with eager audiences. And the highlight of the day – a battlefield picnic for underserved youth staffed by park rangers and attended by seniors – promotes the bond of togetherhood and a more vibrant Cobb community.”

Seniors from the McCleskey and Northeast Cobb YMCAs will prepare the lunches for the children.

“Seniors are always looking for ways to stay active,” Shipley said. “ ‘Togetherhood on the Mountain’ gives them a chance to exercise their bodies and their brains. They can explore one of Metro Atlanta’s richest historic sites as they share life knowledge with eager teens and pre-teens.”

Togetherhood is a national YMCA program that empowers individual members and area partners to collaborate on service projects that strengthen communities in ways that are fun, safe and rewarding.

“The Togetherhood partnership is beneficial for everyone

involved: the National Park Service, the McCleskey-East Cobb and Northeast Cobb YMCAs, students and others. The partnership will create a more tightly knit community,” said Marjorie Thomas, Chief of Interpretation for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

“Regular exercise in nature is proven to improve children’s physical and mental health,” said Thomas, a former elementary school teacher and Forester. “Togetherhood is an example of a successful public-private partnership and is an opportunity to celebrate generations and elevate communities.”

To donate to the McCleskey and Northeast Cobb YMCAs or to learn more about volunteer opportunities for individuals or organizations, go to www.ymcaatlanta.org.

“YMCA members and community partners are the core of every service project,” Shipley said.

“Togetherhood brings their ideas to life, and ‘Togetherhood on the Mountain’ is a great first example.”



*Marietta 4th Of July Parade.
Photos by Cam Graham.*

Think Fifteen (15) for Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please pay attention, or as I like to say: **LISTEN UP! (Read this....please)**

For almost the last four years, I've served as the Trail Director. While performing as a volunteer, along with several thousand others over the years, we've made significant improvements to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. I believe that we'll all agree that we enjoy aiding the park.

While many of our projects are funded by the park, there is frequently a need to supplement with additional money to complete our work. I'm sure that you, like me, enjoy showing off all the work volunteers have done. The funds from the Park do help with the upkeep, but without our volunteer labor, the park simply would not be as it is today and what it will be in the future.

We need money for our 'uncommitted funds; this money is used to cover additional expenses for our projects, the purchase and maintenance of both tools and equipment, gloves, water, snacks and other associated expenses. Also, we have corporation and insurance costs to cover. Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, no paid staff or board members. **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."

I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we've done good work and had a good time but now we need your help to continue!!! Please send your tax deductible contribution to:

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

Donate Online: by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

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Thank you,

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Marietta 4th Of July Parade

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Soaring
Fred Feltmann
10/23/92

To soar like the eagle!
A dream, a fantasy!
Rising, rising, rapidly at first.
Gaining altitude, climbing above the
forest green below.
Climbing into the deep blue sky above,
Speckled with puffs of white cloud.
Climbing slower now,
looking down at forest and pasture,
roads and highways
valleys and streams and rivers.
Completely, forever immersed in the
handiwork of the Creator.
Slowing, slowing;
now momentarily perched on a breath of air.
Now circling, gliding, as if forever,
on quiet rivers and streams of air.
Hearing only the wisps of wind as they pass by.
Taking in all of Creation in the heavens above and
the earth below.
Now, tipping a wing down,
banking,
descending, descending in great spirals,
imperceptibly at first,
Now quicker, steadily increasing speed.
Now descending, descending.
Headlong into the valley.
Gathering speed now.
Diving ever faster now.
The forest rapidly approaching,
Exhilaratingly close now!

Now looking up again,
the dive becoming shallower, shallower,
as the earth approaches.
Speed, now dizzyingly fast.
Buzzing the treetops, as they flash past!
Now gradually climbing, climbing again.
Rapidly at first,
taking in the breadth of the forest below!
Oh! To soar like an Eagle!



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Lake of the Ozarks - 4/4/16

Release Those Images!

Digital Workflow

Do you have hundreds, or thousands, of images being held captive in your camera because you don't know how to release them to enjoy and share? In this program on digital workflow you will learn how to download their images and perform some basic techniques to make your images worthy of printing and sharing. While geared to entry level, even experienced photographers will find this a useful refresher.

Presented by Jay Dement at REI, Kennesaw July 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm. To register go to <http://goo.gl/forms/cxdAJrCzGi>

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FIND YOUR PARK

Got your phone or tablet on you?

Then take a selfie here at Kennesaw Mountain with what you love about this site.



The National Park Service turns 100 in August 2016 and wants to celebrate by encouraging all visitors to “Find Your Park” - find what you love about America’s open spaces and historic, natural, and cultural places. Kennesaw Mountain wants to celebrate you, too, by showing you off!

Here’s how it works:

1. Take selfies posing with a “Found It!” sheet. The sheets are in the Visitor Center vestibule and at the front desk. Have fun with your photo but, above all, be sure the photo reflects your enjoyment of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.
2. Photos should be a minimum resolution of 2048 x 1536.
3. Post your photo to your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook page. Be sure to use the hashtag, #KennesawBattlefieldSelfie.
4. Follow the rules - Please don’t take images that show violations of Battlefield policy (off designated trails, recreation in non-designated areas, outside of opening/closing times, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.), or performing illegal activities (relic hunting, poaching, removing plant life), vulgar/disrespectful behavior, or pets off leash. These images should be family friendly!

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Artillery Demonstrations

Dates:

Multiple Days: 07/10/2016, 08/14/2016, 09/04/2016, 09/05/2016, 09/25/2016, 10/23/2016, 11/06/2016

Times:

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Artillery Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain

Artillery (cannon) demonstrations show visitors the steps taken to fire cannons during the American Civil War. Each program lasts approximately 30-40 minutes and includes an explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon, explaining the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to maintain close control of their pets during firing, as it can be loud, and please prepare small children for the sudden burst of sound.

Location:

All demonstrations take place in the front field with the exception of the July 10 firing/civilian program. It will take place on the top of Kennesaw Mountain.



For the information on dates/times, check out:

<https://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?eventID=1429998-307230>.

Infantry and Civilian Demonstrations

Dates:

07/10/2016, 07/30/2016, 07/31/2016, 08/07/2016, 08/28/2016, 09/04/2016, 09/05/2016, 10/02/2016

Times:

11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM

Come out to Kennesaw Mountain for live firing demonstrations and a look at Civil War civilian life at the Kennesaw Mountain. Participants include: the Georgia Division (June 4-5); and the Hardee Guard (July 30-31).

July 10 (laundress program), August 28, and October 2.

Demonstrations take place at the Visitor Center, unless otherwise stated, at 11, 12, 2, and 3 o'clock each day. Staff reserves the right to change or cancel events due to inclement weather, staffing issues, or dangerous conditions. For more information, please call (770)-427-4686 ext. 0 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Location:

Field in front of Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. | [Map](#)

Time:

11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM

For the latest information, visit:

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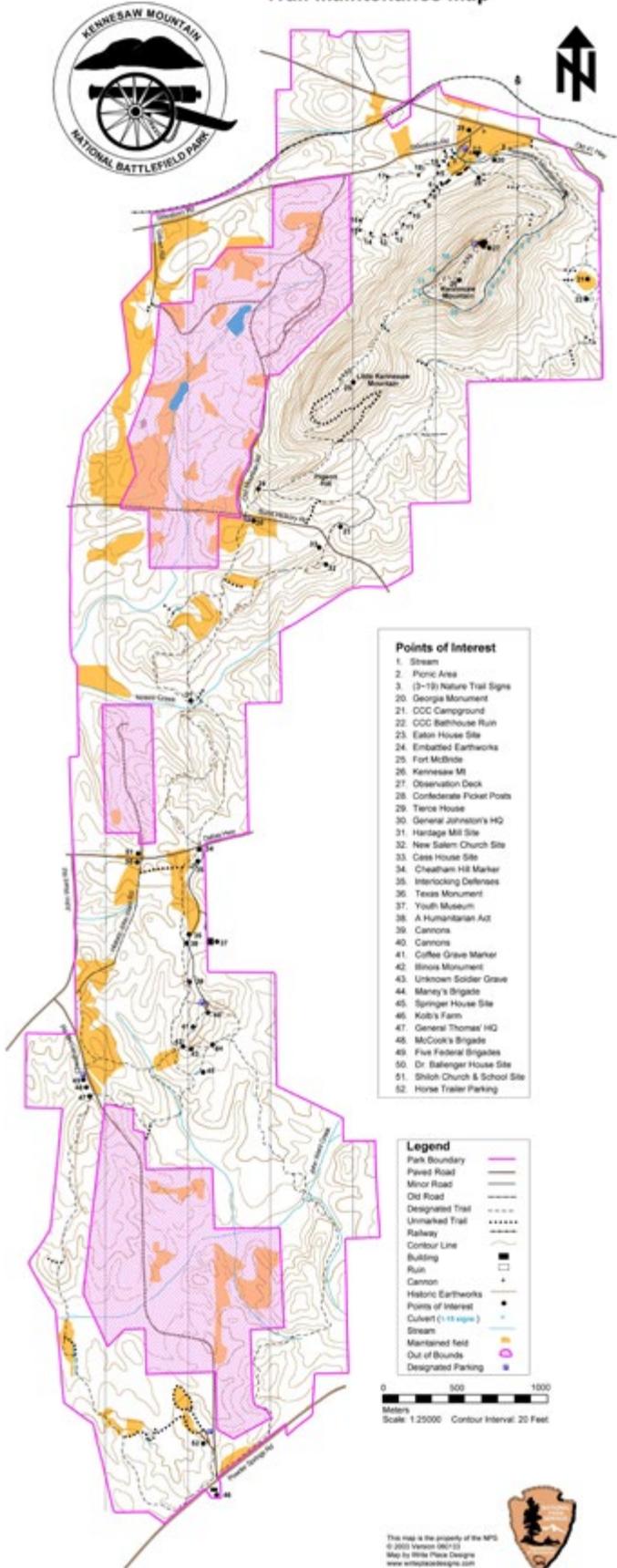


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



August Newsletter Deadline

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