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The 149th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain

The Marietta Daily Journal did a very fine article on the 149th Anniversary - it may be found at [The Marietta Daily Journal - Re enactment of Kennesaw Civil War battle marks 149th anniversary](#)

June Trail report w/ National Trails Day

We had perfect weather for our June Trails Day during which we also participated in the "National Trails Day" event. Of main importance with this particular day is that National Parks all over the country had trail maintenance going on.

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A Familiar Character on the Trails Will be No More

On July 4th, Killian passed away from a severe case of colic at the age of 11. He was a favorite mount of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Horse Patrol. He was very popular with the visitors of this park. He helped apprehend relic hunters on a cold winter day and chased down mountain bikers on occasion. He also was known to terrorize loose dogs.

For over a year now he had been ridden by Apprentice Trail Ambassador Julie Rogers. Many thanks to my friend, Doug Woods for walking him for hours and to Christi of Equine Medical Associates for their attempt to save him. He will be greatly missed.

Larry Shogren



Additional Photos from Our National Trails Day Event and the 149th Anniversary of the Battle For Kennesaw Mountain may be found on our Facebook Page!

Hope to see you all on the 8th at our next Trail Work Day!

An Educational Philanthropic Experience

In June we hosted two groups for work sessions. One was an "adventure after school summer camp" and the other was a group from Westminster Schools taking a summer class studying philanthropy. Both groups were related to a school program, so we developed an educational work program.

For both groups Geoff Grosgruth, Harry Carpenter and I were crew leaders. We worked out a plan for reworking the flat rocks that border the sidewalks at the visitor center area. We decided they would be dug in and put on their sides to make a curb like structure. Fairly straight forward work, but a job that required use of different hand tools and positioning to get the stones aligned. Our "Adventure Camp" group was made up of 7 to 12 year old's and the Westminster students were rising seniors - as in high school seniors - not seniors like Geoff, Harry and me! We had a wonderful time working with these two groups. Everyone got to do some work, use the tools and learn about the job and what we, as a club, do to help the park.

Carlos, a Park staffer, came over and talked to the camp kids about the importance of team work and how pleased he was to have them come and visit the park. Another Ranger, Amanda Corman, came out and saw the edging and both she and Carlos thanked the campers for their work and let them know how much their work helps the appearance of the park and makes everyone's visit more enjoyable.

The Westminster students performed the same work (as with anything we do, there's always more to do). However, this time we devoted a little extra time to talking about philanthropy in its various forms. Many people only think of it as giving money, but that's not the case. While contributions are important to philanthropy, the contribution can be in the form of money or volunteering time and labor or other types of goods and services.

During the session, Dan Beard of Eastern National, the operator of the bookstore in the visitor center, came out to discuss how Eastern National not only operates the bookstore but as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, also contributes the proceeds to the National Parks. Amanda came again to tell this group the important services volunteers perform for the park. I let them know how our trail club contributes both labor and money to the park as we are also a 510(c)(3) non-profit organization. I described a number of different work projects to show the variety of projects we have done. Just before the students left for lunch, Park Superintendent Nancy Walther came by and talked with the students - giving them another "thank you" and mentioning that she had worked with

their school in the past at Chattahoochee NWR and how pleased she was to see them at Kennesaw Mountain.

Both groups did excellent work - improvements that will be seen by many, many people. Their edging held up during the large crowds in attendance at the 149th Anniversary activities. I'm sure their work will be there for years to come. One young lady did a great summation when she looked at their work and declared: "Philanthropy in action"! We have now learned that the students are making a cash contribution to buy some of the club's T-Shirts.

Team work and work well done- Thank you all for your contributions..

Doug Jasse
KMTTC Trails Director

Eagle Scout Projects Update

We completed two more Eagle Scout projects in the park in the month of June.

Aleks Willoughby, Troop 510, Kennesaw, completed the replacement of the Kolb Farm fence. Many of you may have read the June 8th MDJ article written about the project. We had almost twenty-five people come and go on the project and completed the work in two days. Thanks to Doug, Larry, Harry, Richard, and David from the trail club for helping out on the project. Great job, Aleks!

Mitchell Benson, Troop 700, Kennesaw, completed what we are calling the beginning of the amphitheater refurbishment. Mitchell's crew, as well as a cast of KEMO members, put in an entrance trail to the amphitheater just off the sidewalk, as well as a path along the snake rail fence that leads to a "viewing area" above the amphitheater. Also, they used the old platform that was there as a bridge across the drainage ditch and installed snake rail fencing to enhance the entrance into the grassy field beyond the amphitheater. Thanks to Doug, Larry, Harry, and Geoff, for putting a huge effort in moving dirt and rocks for the project. Super job Mitchell!

A few touch up items are needed in the amphitheater, which include decisions on how to "dress out" the area with woodchips or roundup, etc., but it looks 120% better than it did and is a welcome addition to the park.

We currently have three scouts working on signage projects in the park, as well as one other scout who has snake rail fencing to complete at the visitor center entrance.

Scouts and their support teams have now logged 1020 hours for the eight Eagle projects now completed in 2013!

Donald Olds
Scout Project Coordinator

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

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 2012 (October 2011- September 2012) and Fiscal 2013 (October 2013 - Present):

FY 2012

AESTHETICS

ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL PHILMONT CONTINGENT (TWO CREWS)

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NW GA (BCHNWG)

BANK OF AMERICA

CHATTAHOOCHEE NRP

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA

CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA

DEVEREUX GEORGIA, KENNESAW

GE (GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 22613, MARIETTA, GA

GREEN YOUTH GROUP

HANDS ON ATLANTA

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP

LIFE UNIVERSITY

REI, KENNESAW STORE

ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL

SADDLE UP COBB (SUC)

STARBUCKS

SERVECOBB

TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

TROOP 89, POWDER SPRINGS, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL, SERVICE PROJECT

TROOP 277, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TROOP 741, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

TROOP 1294, POWDER SPRINGS, GA,

PHILMONT SERVICE PROJECT

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

WALTON TEEN SERVICE CORPS

WEST GA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE WGMSAR)

FY 2013

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT ALLIANCE AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER - KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

AMERICORPS NCCC TEAM

BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CH, MARIETTA, GA

BOY SCOUT TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BOY SCOUT TROOP 455

*BOY SCOUT TROOP 510, KENNESAW FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
EAGLE PROJECT*

BOY SCOUT TROOP 700, DALLAS, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, MARIETTA, GA, SERVICE PROJECT

BOY SCOUT TROOP 321, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

*CUB SCOUT PACK 312, TURNER CHAPEL, MARIETTA, GA - BEARS &
WEBELOS SERVICE PROJECT*

CUB SCOUT PACK 1417, MARIETTA, GA

E. PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AF JROTC

FLIGHTWORKS EMPLOYEES

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNI

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY FEMALE SOCCER TEAM

GEORGIA TECH

GEORGIA TECH RESIDENT HALL STAFF

HANDS ON ATLANTA

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S SOCCER TEAM

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

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KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

KOHL'S, ACWORTH STORE

KONE EMPLOYEES

HOLDER CONSTRUCTION

KSU BETA ALPHA PSI

McEACHERN HONOR SOCIETY

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, NORFOLK, VA

OMEGA PRIVATE ACADEMY

OMEGA PHI ALPHA - KSU, NATIONAL SERVICE SORORITY

POPE HIGH SCHOOL FRESH LIVING CLUB

ROTARY CLUB

REINHARDT UNIVERSITY

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TEEN GROUP, MARIETTA

SILVERPOP -ATLANTA

SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL (TEENS, TRAILS & TRENCHES PROJECT)

STANFORD ALUMNI

THE MOHAWK GROUP

VOLUNTEER KSU GROUP

WALTON COMMUNITIES TSC

WALTON TEEN CORPS

In addition, the following individuals/groups/businesses have donated materials, etc. to the Club:

Zachary Fox, owner of "Fox Specialty Dogs and Street Eats" donated 6 large cases of drinking water for our November work day. Zachary has volunteered with us several times as well.

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A Special Thanks Continued from Page 3

The following Groups participated this past month (June):

LOCKHEED MARTIN

PROJECT PLUS

US PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

BOY SCOUT TROOP 204

CUB SCOUT PACK 422, ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

CUB SCOUT PACK 8750

SIMS ADVENTURE AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP

*SENIOR SUMMER PHILANTHROPY COURSE OF WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS
(GLENN INSTITUTE FOR PHILANTHROPY AND SERVICE LEARNING)*



*Visitors watching Infantry and Artillery demonstrations - photo
by Ann Page. 149th Anniversary*



149th Anniversary - Photo by Victor Williams.

June Trail Report Continued from Page 1

Our day was exciting as we had our Trail Ambassadors on hand (with canopy covering) to greet volunteers and give trail information out to visitors. Also, they got snacks handed out right away! Thanks for their great job in making everyone feel welcome and keeping anyone from getting lost.

I had planned out five work areas, each of which were a little different and some which required a good bit of hiking to get to. Thankfully everything worked out as planned. We did filling and repair of the Old John Ward Road trail. Repaired loose stones (large) at the entrance to West Kolb Farm Trail. Did a rough cut clearing of the new go around on the assault trail, repaired earth structure for water diversion at the Illinois Monument, added rolling grade dips to the connecting trail beneath Illinois Monument and fixed drainage issues along East Kolb Farm Trail going toward Cheatham Hill Road. Also, our club's founder was on hand to perform, with a crew, ditch witch work on steep section of West Kolb Farm Trail; to get water to stop eroding trail in preparation for future work in that area.

All in all it was a very successful day: and guess what? Everyone finished on time and was back at the starting point to get our thanks for jobs well done.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse
KMTC Trails Director



149th Anniversary - photo by Victor Williams.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

Date Time Location Event

July

7/8-12	9:00-4:00	Visitor Center	"Get Soldier Fit" Jr. Ranger Summer Camp
7/9	11, 1	Illinois Monument pkg lot	Guided History Walk with Stuart Berkowitz
7/13	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	July Trail Work Day
7/14	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration-Union Artillery
7/15-19	9:00-4:00	Visitor Center	"Get Soldier Fit" Jr. Ranger Summer Camp
7/22-26	9:00-4:00	Visitor Center	"Get Soldier Fit" Jr. Ranger Summer Camp
7/23	11, 1	Illinois Monument pkg lot	Guided History Walk with Stuart Berkowitz
7/27& 28	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration-GA Division Infantry

August

8/4	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration- Confederate Artillery
8/10	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	August Trail Work Day
8/10-11	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration-125 th Ohio Infantry
8/11	11, 1	Illinois Monument pkg lot	Guided History Walk with Phillip Whiteman
8/18	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration - Union Artillery
8/31-9/1	TBD	Visitor Center	Living History demonstration - schedule to be announced

July 13th Work Day Plans

Trail Day volunteer check-in will be at Both Old 41 overflow parking lot and preferably @ Illinois Monument. Hope to start dispatching trail work teams at 8:45 am on July 13, 2013.

Trail work will consist of using hand tools to groom and fill some five (5) flagged areas along the East Kolb Farm Trail and Unknown Soldier area access path. Also, a crew will be dispatched to the North of Whitlock Avenue Maintenance Road Trail to work on erosion control.

We'll have tools and equipment available and fill material on site. Water and snacks are provided for our volunteers

and they may choose to bring your own work gloves, but we'll have gloves available.

Work should be completed by 12:30 pm.

Please come and have an enjoyable morning of service for our National Battlefield Park. We'll be working in shaded areas to begin getting things ready for next year's 150th Anniversary of the Battle @ Kennesaw Mountain.

Thank you,

Doug Jasse
KMTC Trails Director

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 new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 1:00 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.

During summer months, we continually monitor rain & thunderstorm activity. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel scheduled work days if there's a high probability of precipitation on the morning of the event. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: 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 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 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!

150 Years ago during the Civil War

August 1863

Aug 1 Federal cavalry advance from Witteburg on a campaign to capture Little Rock, Arkansas

Aug 8 Robert E. Lee offers to resign as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia
In the aftermath of his defeat at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Confederate General Robert E. Lee sends a letter of resignation as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia to Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

The letter came more than a month after Lee's retreat from Pennsylvania. At first, many people in the South wondered if in fact Lee had lost the battle. Lee's intent had been to drive the Union army from Virginia, which he did. The Army of the Potomac suffered over 28,000 casualties, and the Union army's offensive capabilities were temporarily disabled. But the Army of Northern Virginia absorbed 23,000 casualties, nearly one-third of its total. As the weeks rolled by and the Union army reentered Virginia, it became clear that the Confederacy had suffered a serious defeat at Gettysburg. As the press began to openly speculate about Lee's leadership, the great general reflected on the campaign at his headquarters in Orange Courthouse, Virginia. The modest Lee took the failure at Gettysburg very personally. In his letter to Davis, he wrote, *"I have been prompted by these reflections more than once since my return from Pennsylvania to propose to Your Excellency the propriety of selecting another commander for this army... No one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire... I, therefore, in all sincerity, request your Excellency to take measure to supply my place."*

Lee not only seriously questioned his ability to lead his army, he was also experiencing significant physical fatigue. He might also have sensed that Gettysburg was his last chance to win the war. Regardless, President Davis refused the request. He wrote, *"To ask me to substitute you by someone... more fit to command, or who would possess more of the confidence of the army... is to demand an impossibility."*

Aug 17 Federals begin bombardment of Fort Sumter, SC as siege of Fort Wagner continues

Aug 26 Engagement at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

Aug 27 Skirmish at Bayou Meto (Reed's Bridge), Arkansas

Book Report

SHERMAN'S HORSEMEN

Union Cavalry Operations in the Atlanta Campaign

By David Evans

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

For a long time, one large aspect of the Atlanta campaign of 1864 that didn't receive its share of attention was the cavalry operations. Perhaps this happened because the cavalry operations generally went so poorly. Author David Evans went a long way in filling this void with his 1996 book, Sherman's Horsemen.

This book is a very detailed study of Federal cavalry operations beginning with the crossing of the Chattahoochee during the first week of July 1864 through late August. These operations consisted mostly of several failed federal raids intended to cut the railroads into Atlanta, thereby forcing the Confederate Army of Tennessee to abandon Atlanta. In the end, Sherman had to accomplish this task with his powerful infantry and artillery rather than cavalry.

The author for the most part tells the factual story of the raids without a lot of analysis as he goes, saving opinions and analysis for the Epilogue. One drawback in the book is that the maps sometimes do not show all the places mentioned in the narrative, so I found myself looking

at my other maps from time to time.

One of the book's interesting anecdotes is the story of the egotistical Brigadier General Judson "Kill Cavalry" Kilpatrick reporting in person to Major General William T. Sherman, exaggerating the "success" of his recent raid to destroy the railroad, telling Sherman that no train would enter Atlanta for another 10 days. Evans wrote that, as Kilpatrick reported, "Far off in the distance, trumpeting over the treetops and lingering on the night air, came the high shrill notes that made his words a lie. It was the defiant wail of a Rebel locomotive chugging into Atlanta from the south."

The book runs 645 pages, with 480 pages of narrative including 20 maps and a few photographs and 165 pages of notes, bibliography, and index. The book's preface, introduction, and order of battle add another 36 pages. This book is for sale at the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor Center book store. The author, David Evans, is scheduled to speak at the Cobb County Civil War Round Table meeting on May 1, 2014.

Of related interest, The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is scheduled to open a new road, trails (short ones, not like ours at KMNBP), and interpretive markers at the site of one of the cavalry battles of the campaign, Brown's Mill, on this July 27, 2013 with a day of festivities. This battle was fought just south of Newnan between cavalry forces under Confederate Major General Joseph E. Wheeler and Federal Brigadier General Edward M. McCook at the end of July 1864. It was a complete Confederate victory and is considered Joe Wheeler's greatest battle. Incidentally, Edward McCook was the cousin of "Colonel Dan" McCook who was mortally wounded on the Confederate works at Cheatham Hill.



*149th Anniversary
- Artillery Firing
Demonstration.
Photo by Victor Williams.*

Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at 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.



*149th Anniversary - Artillery Demonstration.
Photo by Victor Williams.*

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National Trails Day Photos



*Photos
by Fred
Feltmann.*



Cutting in a new trail during National Trails Day! (Photos by Fred Feltmann)



The Old Trail.



149th Anniversary of the Kennesaw Mountain Battle



Photos by Scott Mackay (SM) (Top), Ann Page (AP) (Middle), and Victor Williams (VW) (Bottom).

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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!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

