



# EARTHWORKS



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## KMTC WELCOMES SEVEN NEW CREW LEADERS

On February 11, 12, 18 and 19 KMTC hosted the annual Crew Leader training for seven new leaders from our club and eleven from Chatahoochee Nat'l Rec Park in the education room at the visitor center. The program covered trail design, construction, maintenance and how to be a crew leader with outdoor sessions using the clineometer, building bench trails and some trail work on the Hardage Mill Trail. Walter Bready from Gainesville State College was the program instructor.

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## "One Crew Leader's Other Gig"



Recently, KMTC crew leader Harry Carpenter, a truly dedicated volunteer with our club and several other organizations, had the opportunity to show another way of volunteering.

Harry is hard charging and dives with full vigor into any task he undertakes. One of Harry's skills is to character act Mark Twain. He not only dresses and looks the part but has scholarly knowledge of Samuel Clemens. Harry recently accepted the challenge of giving a talk about

Mark Twain's progressive thinking as related to racial relations in conjunction with Black History Month.

With limited public speaking experience, Harry developed and gave the program at the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor's Center on two successive weekends. He did a commendable job on this interesting subject. Like being a crew leader, he'll only get better with practice. Harry had worked several full days at the park before the talk; but, with a "the show must go on" attitude, he was applauded for the performance.

Give a big 'thank you' to Harry when you see him. And when we see his name in lights, we'll be able to say we knew him when he was the "Great Hairdini", jumping up and down to pack more bamboo into the dumpster or doing any number of things to help Kennesaw Mountain.

Thanks,

*Doug Jasse* (fellow Crew Leader)

## Is Your Thing Invasive Plants?

"Invasive plant" control has continued to need our help and we are looking for people to lead some dedicated work days. To do this we will need you to take our crew leader training in February. You should contact Scott Mackay at [president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!

## February Projects:

### New Tool Racks:

Awhile back one of our crew leaders (Cindy Witt) suggested a way to store more tools on our tool wall. Since we now have almost twice the tools that we had when the wall was designed, the idea sounded great so I said go ahead and build a prototype. A few days later the prototype was installed and worked out great.



### Volunteering:

Attention Crew Leaders. Do you have more time to volunteer? We have lots of small projects around the park that need to crew leaders to oversee (or work on). These range from fixing muddy areas, covering up roots, debarming trails, helping scouts with projects, and many other things. For myself, over the past two weeks I have helped clear brush at the trailer parking lot, pruned a mile of trail, opened up a fence to park cars for the tree planting, put down trail surface material for the trail coming out of the new Burnt Hickory parking lot, helped fill a dumpster with bamboo, drilled holes for a scout fence project, got certified to use the gator and skid steer. And that's just two weeks. There are projects available that you can do on the weekends and the week days. If you would like to increase your volunteer hours, please contact our trails director to see what going on.



### Burnt Hickory:

A small group of crew leaders and volunteers got together

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

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

and fixed up the trail surface going from the new parking lot at Burnt Hickory Road. The area was getting muddy and just needed a little surface material put down to harden it and let water sheet off of it properly. This is a great example of crew leaders working extra volunteer hours.



### Equipment Skills:

**Attention Crew Leaders:** Doug Tasse, Cindy Witt, and Scott Mackay are now trained to operate the John Deere Skid Steer. We need this piece of equipment to help with spreading new surface material on the trails. Also, Doug Tasse, and Scott Mackay are trained in use of the two park gators. We need these to transport trail surface materials to more distant section of trail. And, Harry Carpenter and Richard Angeli are now certified in use of the park chain saws. We need these to clear out downed trees. If you are interested in being trained for use of equipment, or for first aid & CPR, please let the trails director know. When we have enough crew leaders for a class, we will set it up.



### Trees:

We once again teamed up to support the "Marietta Tree

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## A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011):

### FY 2011

*BANK OF AMERICA  
OMEGA ACADEMY  
WALKER SCHOOL  
U.S. NAVY  
VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS  
HANDS ON ATLANTA  
WAL-MART  
LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY  
PEBBLEBROOK NHS  
ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY*



*Tree planting - Photos by Scott Mackay*

### FY 2012

*THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
AESTHETICS  
GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS  
CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA  
CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA  
ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL  
TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL  
TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP*

Again, thank you for all of your support!

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### Trees:

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**Keepers** with planting of 1500 hardwood trees on one weekend and will plant 700 more trees on March 10th. It was great to see all of the families and children come out. Planting a few trees together can make great family memories.

### Trail Reports:

Please do submit trail reports to us. This is the primary way we know what needs to be fixed on the trails. If possible, give us a photo of the problem, the trail name, and the position along the trail. This can be done by sending us an e-mail at [TrailHelpers@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:TrailHelpers@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org). Right now there are many muddy spots on the trails. Our experience



*Wet spot - photo by Scott Mackay*

has shown that these only appear in the Spring so now is the time to identify them and get them fixed. Here is an example of a muddy area located on the Kolb Farm Loop Trail at about 0.3 miles east of the Cheatham Hill Road.

### Leather Leaf Mahonia:

A few years ago we had just a few of these plants to deal with. They are now popping up all over Cobb County as birds eat the seeds and transport them to new locations. The growth pattern is one or two plants the first year, then 12 to 20 the next, then 100s. They are now officially an invasive plant in Georgia. We have a large infestation of them on the east side of Kennesaw Mountain that we will

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# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar for 2012

Date	Time	Location	Event
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>			
3/3	8:00-11:00	Field at Powder Springs & Cheatham Hill Roads	Planting of 500 trees with Marietta Tree Keepers, KCB
3/3	10:00-12:00	Visitor Center	Trail Ambassador meeting with Chief Ranger A. Winegar
3/3	12:00-2:00	REI Kennesaw Store	Outreach Table at Youth Appreciation Day
<b>3/10</b>	<b>8:30-1:00</b>	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
3/24	TBD	KSU	Civil War Symposium- 1862: Path to Freedom
<b>3/31</b>	8:30-12:00	TBD	<b>Civil War Trust Park Day</b>

## **APRIL**

<b>4/14</b>	<b>8:30-1:00</b>	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
<b>4/21</b>	<b>8:30-1:00</b>	TBD	<b>Earth Day</b>

## **MAY**

5/5	4:00-7:00	Visitor Center	Picnic for KMTC Board, Trail Ambassadors & Crew Leaders
<b>5/12</b>	<b>8:30-1:00</b>	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	<b>Trail Work Day</b>

## **JUNE**

<b>6/9</b>	<b>8:30-1:00</b>	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	<b>National Trails Day</b>
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***Bold/Italic - Trail Work Days!!!!***

## **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. As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at [kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto: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!

be removing soon.

### **Leather Leaf Mahonia:**



*Mahonia "Patch" - photo by Scott Mackay*

## February and March Trail Days.

The Cancellation of the trail day of Feb. 11, put us a little behind.

However since then we have had a new class of crew leaders and the weather is improving.

In March we go back to our normal work times.

### Feb. 25, 2012

Tree planting day at the Cheatham Hill Parking lot. 1500 trees were planted, the Trail Club joined with the Tree Keepers on this project. The Club and the Trail Ambassadors did the parking and signed in the volunteers.

Also Jim headed up a team to work on a drainage ditch, while Doug led a crew loading up the last of the Bamboo.

### March 3, 2012

Day two of tree planting, this time 500 trees, was cancelled because of the overnight rains.

### March 10, 2012

#### The Trail Club Workday:

#### **Five projects are planned:**

1. Jim will lead a team to finish the Rock Crib on Big Kennesaw; the remaining working includes some rock work and finishing the trail surface.
2. Doug is in charge of the project at the Horse Park. This project was not finished on the last workday, lot of brush removal, clearing and repairing of the surface.
3. Harry is heading a team to remove invasive plants off Old Mountain Road. This is a job we need to get done before it gets hot.
4. Cindy will head the project off Dallas Highway near the Texas Memorial, trail repair. This is a major project and will take several work days. Fill dirt will be staged on site.
5. Scott will be in charge of the Scout project if they work that Day, if not he will lead a team pulling Garlic Mustard, Yes it is Garlic Mustard Season. This warm weather has started it early.

In addition, we'll be doing the planting of the remaining 500 trees!

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### **New Crew Leaders** **Continued from Page 1**

The last day Scott Mackay presented a session just for KMTTC people covering an orientation into how things work at KEMO. Jay Haney, club historian, presented a brief history of the Civil War with events relating to the battle at Kennesaw Mountain. Richard Angeli, club founder, shared some of the history of the club and how it came to be formed.

On Saturday Feb 18 we met at Keegan's Pub for a reception for our new Crew Leaders. There were many other club members in attendance for this celebration.

This training provides the foundation to make better crew leaders and trail maintainers for our club. Please join me in congratulating the following new crew leaders; Alison Manning, Curt Spinney, Beth Mcguire, Rodney Morton, Michael Arter, Dennis Cook and Susan Cook.

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## “New Trail Work Signs”

As Outreach Director, I'm always on the lookout for ways to make the Trail Club's presence known and to recruit new volunteers. I am pretty much "old school" in preferring to meet and communicate with people directly. I believe our best volunteers are people who use or are familiar with various activities at Kennesaw Mountain. So, our visibility as we do our work is important - as is letting people know we would like them to join us.

One problem I've observed, especially while working during the week, is that people don't actually believe we are volunteers. Often, even when people at the park thank crews working on a trail day, they don't know exactly who we are or how to find out about the trail club or how to join. Hey! How about some signs?

Susan and Dennis Cook have taken an interest in helping the trail club and the park in numerous ways. Having a love and keen interest in the history of Kennesaw Mountain, as landscapers and artists by profession, they have given their talents and labor in designing the area around the visitor center and now they have become Trail Club Crew Leaders.

Susan contributed her graphic design skills and designed the sign that we'll display at all of our work sites. It's a perfect design because it says we are volunteers, gives an invitation to join us and shows the club web site so people can learn about the trail club. Like all good signs it is simple but it says a lot, " We're volunteers at work and having fun and we want you to join us". It will also make our volunteers feel proud that their efforts are being recognized and advertised.

Thank you Susan & Dennis. I'm sure everyone who sees the signs will know they are welcome to come help, too.

Thanks,

*Doug Jasse* - Outreach Director



## "It's Not Glamorous"

I don't remember when I got the idea for this article, but I do know where the inspiration came to me. I've been working on clearing a large field of bamboo which was invading a major area of the Kolb Farm battlefield and earthworks on Powder Springs Road, across from the old Kolb farmhouse, and it is not glamorous work. When our club started the project a year ago, the bamboo was directly against the trail and so thick and tall that one could barely penetrate the border. The trail was also being narrowed by its encroachment.

The long story of hacking down the bamboo and moving it to a dumpster to be packed and taken away is not glamorous. And there were lots of questions: who told you to do it; why are you cutting the bamboo; what are you going to do with it; how can I get some; its pretty and people like it, can't it stay? The "it's pretty, can't it stay" comment struck us the most. The fact is that we found the area to be completely devoid of birds and animals, existing plants and trees were dying, and it was in general not a pretty sight.

And of course, we had many people passing who recommended that we give it to the pandas at Zoo Atlanta. Unfortunately, this invasive bamboo is not the right type as pandas eat a peculiar diet of certain types of bamboo and this stuff ain't it. Horses will nibble some at what they can reach, but not enough for six acres worth. It has no commercial use; it rots quickly and splits; it is pretty much useless and getting rid of it is laborious.

Even though the bamboo is not glamorous, our club members made working to get rid of it an experience no one will forget. There were numerous organizations, groups and individuals who helped with this project, which turned out to be quite adventuresome. Each time we worked there it seemed like it was a new project. We uncovered earthworks that hadn't been seen in years; cut through dense weeds and vines to get back into the field; made paths by dragging the 35' to 40' pieces to the dumpster; had fun contests seeing who could get the most; had a good time with volunteers for carrying pieces too big or too small; and worked individually and in teams in an effort to get the stuff taken away (no it can't be chipped).

We now have the bamboo cut down at Kolb Farm. It will still be awhile before it is all taken away. We'll be working on cutting the stumps and then keeping the new growth cut back and using approved herbicide as needed. It will be an ongoing project. No it won't be a glamorous project.

This article may not instill in you a spirit to join the our Trail Club. But, while working with the bamboo, I've seen friendships form; people enthusiastically working together, young and old; families coming out to help; even our new Park Superintendent volunteered with us. I've seen an awful

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## **“Its Not Glamorous” Continued from Page 6**

lot of bamboo taken away, but I've never seen any one's spirit taken away.

Come out and join the fun we have on all our projects. You'll enjoy doing something to return the park to the animals and the birds, the joggers and hikers, horse riders and especially the visitors who want us to maintain this hallowed ground as it was.

Thanks,

*Doug Jasse*  
Out Reach Director & Crew Leader

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## **KMTC participates in Tree Planting**

On February 25, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club helped the Marietta Tree Keepers, Keep Cobb Beautiful and the Marietta Rotary Club plant trees in the Piel Field on the West Kolb Farm Trail. The goal was to restore the Piel Field area to a hardwood forest in order to reflect the area's mid-19th century vegetation cover. Superintendent Nancy Walther and Facility Manager Tom Sparks were on hand to support the tree planting initiative.

Holly Walquist, Chairperson of the Marietta Tree Keepers, Inc. wrote: “A million thanks for all your help with the prepping of and the tree planting today!!! It was a wonderful day weather wise and you all did an awesome job with the tasks you were assigned. We had 184 volunteer sign-in's for the event and I am sure that didn't include the small children. We planted over 1700 trees (oaks, green ash, dogwoods, red maples and American chestnut), devoured 18 dozen donuts, consumed lots of hot chocolate, coffee and bottles and bottles of water. Once again thank you so much as we could not have done this without you! “One volunteer who brought her triplets and three other youngsters wrote, “The kids had a great time yesterday helping with the seedling planting. Two of the girls actually got to plant an American chestnut seed! When I told them they were now a part of the history of this national park, it helped them realize the broader impact their small efforts made. Thank you so much for allowing them to participate. My guess is they are future members of the Trail Club !”

*Anne Strand*

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*Photo by Anne Strand - Tree Planting -  
2/25/12*

## **“February Trail Day”**

As the designated Trail Boss for the February Trail Day, I was prepared. I had work projects mapped out, tools and materials in order and crew leaders assigned. I felt that I was ahead of the game and this would be another successful trail day.

Everything was in order except for the frigid temperature. On Friday afternoon, before trail day, the official word was put out that Saturday's work was canceled. A statement of the conditions necessary for cancellation appears on our website.

We were able to conduct some work because a group of crew leaders wanted to work in spite of the cold weather. We had material on the ground and it needed to be spread. Several Trail Ambassadors braved the cold weather to inform volunteers who had not gotten the word about the work being cancelled. By start time, the temperature had risen just a notch above 40 F and there were volunteers wanting to help.

Work assignments were altered to match our crew and we were able to get a respectable amount of work done. We had two ditch witches spreading material; chain saws cutting fallen logs; loppers cutting and pulling vines and debris from the horse parking lot area; and we had a sizable crew from Kennesaw Mountain High JNROTC pulling bamboo stalks and filling the dumpster.

Our thanks to everyone who came and helped. Thanks also to those who heeded the work day's cancellation. You all did the right thing that day. The safety of our volunteers is our primary concern and, had the weather not broken and warmed, no work would have been performed.

There is always another day and I sincerely hope that all who read and share this article will come back and join us in March and all our future work days.

Thanks,

*Doug Jasse*  
February 2012 Trail Boss (Randy was training new crew  
leaders that morning)

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## Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

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

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



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

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

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at [tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

## Saturday March 3, 2012 - New Tool Bins!

As the Club has grown, so has our need for tools and storage. On most work weekends, as a hard work day ends, the tools are lucky to make it past the door, much less put into the proper place. For the past two weeks Cindy, Curt and Rodney have given up their weekend to rebuild our tool bin. Tools have been inventoried, cleaned and put in order. Their attention to detail will save the club from misplacing tools and also buying unnecessary replacements.

This has also given me a chance to review the tools and storage. I noted a shortage of long handle shovels - the ones we have look like that they were left over from digging the earth works for the battle. New shovels will be purchased.

The idea has been put forward of looking into purchasing a work trailer for tool storage and to have on work sites. This would replace our current way of throwing a bunch of tools in the back of the nearest pickup.

Again. Thanks to Cindy and her crew for their work.

*Randy Whiten*  
Trail Director

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# BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

At the FERST CENTER

**MONDAY, MARCH 19th**

(Doors open at 6:15 pm; Show at 7 pm)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq4Q6DrqgFI>

REI once again hosts the only Georgia stop on the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour! This year's tour features a collection of the most inspiring and thought provoking action, environmental, and adventure films.

\$15 General Admission; \$13 for students/seniors.

Buy your tickets at any REI store or online at:

<http://ferstcenter.gatech.edu/>

\$12 for groups of 10 or more.

For group ticket sales contact [nwarren@rei.com](mailto:nwarren@rei.com) or (404) 633-6508.

## Crew Leader Training Class



*Class Time!*



*Grade Dip training*



*Hiking to the training work site - 2/18/12*



*Crew Leader Class of 2012*



*Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club contingent of the Crew Leader Class of 2012*

*Additional photos may be found on our Facebook Page.  
All photos on this page by Fred Feltmann*

## The Civil War 150 Years Ago

- Mar 3 Siege of New Madrid, Missouri begins
  - Mar 7 Battle of Pea Ridge (Elkhorn Tavern), Arkansas
  - Mar 8 CSS Virginia engages and destroys USS Cumberland and USS Congress
  
  - Mar 9 USS Monitor and CSS Virginia battle at Hampton Roads, VA
  
  - Mar 11 Lincoln relieves McClellan from position as General-in-Chief of the Federal Armies
  
  - Mar 14 New Bern, North Carolina captured  
Union forces capture New Madrid, Missouri
  - Mar 18 George W. Randolph named Confederate Secretary of War
  - Mar 23 Battle of First Kernstown, Virginia
  
  - Mar 24 Riot at abolition meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio
  - Mar 26 Engagement at Apache Canyon, New Mexico Territory
  - Mar 28 Battle at Glorieta Pass, New Mexico Territory
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## The Great Locomotive Chase

On April 12, 1862, almost two years before the two great armies clashed at Kennesaw Mountain, the Civil War came to Cobb County. James A. Andrews, a civilian, and volunteers from three Ohio regiments made their way to Marietta to steal a train, planning to destroy enough of the Western and Atlantic Railroad to disrupt Confederate logistics, thereby aiding Federal Major General Ormsby S. Mitchell's troops in northern Alabama as they made their way towards Chattanooga.

The raid is remembered as "***The Andrews Raid***" or "***The Great Locomotive Chase***." At the Fletcher House in Marietta, Andrews and his raiders boarded a train pulled by the locomotive, "General" and rode as passengers past Kennesaw Mountain to Big Shanty (now Kennesaw). During a breakfast stop in Big Shanty, the raiders stole the train and proceeded north, intending to tear up the tracks, cut the telegraph, and burn bridges. After an epic chase that is now the stuff of legend, the raiders were caught and captured north of Ringgold, Georgia.

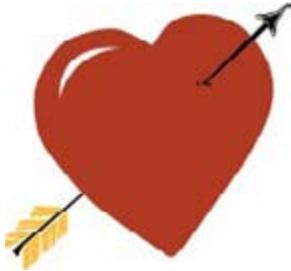
Some of the raiders, including Andrews, were hung as spies. Although the raid was only a minor disruption to railroad operations, the raiders were awarded the first Medals of Honor (except for Andrews, who was a civilian and not eligible for the new award.) The Ohio regiments that provided the raiders came to Cobb County in June, 1864 and were on the field during the battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

The Fletcher House, renamed the Kennesaw House, is now the home of the Marietta Museum of History. Across the street from the spot in Kennesaw where the Raiders stole the General is the impressive Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History that houses the General and many other relics and interpretations of local, locomotive, and Civil War history. The various sites of the chase can be visited from Marietta all the way to the spot along the tracks north of Ringgold where a lonely monument sits to mark the spot where the General finally ran out of steam.

Several books have been written to chronicle the events of the chase. Winner of the Richard B. Harwell award for Civil War literature, ***Stealing the General*** and ***The First Medal of Honor***, both by local historian and attorney Russell S. Bonds, are highly recommended. It covers not only the chase, but the events leading up to the chase and the aftermath, which is a story as interesting as the chase itself. ***Stealing the General*** (375 pages with maps and pictures plus footnotes, bibliography, and index) reads as much like an adventure story as a history and should also appeal to readers who may not be particularly interested in the Civil War.

Another good reference is ***The General & the Texas, A Pictorial History of the Andrews Raid*** by another local historian, Colonel James G. Bogle and Stan Cohen. As advertised, this book (154 pages) is about half photographs, some contemporary and some modern and will appeal to young readers. These books and others on the chase are available at the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor Center and at the Southern Museum.

A four-day event commemorating the sesquicentennial of the chase is scheduled for April 12 through April 15 in Marietta and Kennesaw. For information, go to the Events page at [www.MariettaCivilWar.com](http://www.MariettaCivilWar.com).



***the Park?***

***Want to Keep it Looking Pretty?***

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP.

**Please volunteer for Park Day.**

On Saturday, March 31, 2012, from 9 am - 12 pm, volunteers are needed to help with rehabilitating the park's environmental trail. Old signs need to be removed, benches rebuilt, brush trimmed, and the trail itself will be lined.

Those interested need only bring themselves! All tools will be provided, but you may bring gloves if you like. Because of the nature of the work, children should be no younger than 9-10 years old.

Boy and Girl Scout troops may use Park Day to earn badges and the day is wonderful for team building for businesses. Groups are encouraged to attend. To sign up, please email Benita Duling at [Benita\\_Duling@nps.gov](mailto:Benita_Duling@nps.gov). Once signed up, a more detailed email of the day's events will follow.

Park Day is an annual volunteer effort to help maintain Civil War sites across the country in conjunction with the Civil War Preservation Trust and History (formerly known as the History Channel). For more information or questions, please call 770-427-4686 x 0 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, or visit [www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day](http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day).



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# 2012 Activities at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

## March:

**March 10: Trail Club work day** | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

**March 12: Monday Night Program** | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check the back later for more details.

**March 19: Monday Night Program** |, Gene Wilson “James Henry Burton and the development of the Macon Arsenal” 7 pm @ KEMO VC.

**March 21: Wildflower Walk** | 9 am - 12 pm meet at Burnt Hickory Rd. Parking Lot.

**March 24: Wildflower Walk** | 9 am - 12 pm meet at Burnt Hickory Rd. Parking Lot.

**March 28: Wildflower Walk** | 9 am - 12 pm meet at Burnt Hickory Rd. Parking Lot.

**March 31: Photo Hike** | 8 am - 12 pm meet at Burnt Hickory Rd. Parking Lot.

**March 31: Park Day** | This “Take Pride in America” event is sponsored by the Civil War Trust invites volunteers to help park staff with maintenance projects. All ages are encouraged to participate. More information will be available on the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo).

## April:

**April 1: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

**April 14: Trail Club work day** | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

**April 16: Monday Night Program** | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

**April 16 – May 31: “Project Poppy” fundraiser** | A cooperative effort between school children and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, poppies are for sale through the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association. Poppies are \$1 and proceeds go to the “Wreaths Across America” program to place wreaths at the Marietta National Cemetery.

**April 18: Birdwalk** | 7:30 rain or shine @ KEMO VC Parking Lot.

**April 21: Birdwalk** | 7:30 rain or shine @ KEMO VC Parking Lot.

**April 21: Earth Day** | Events TBD

**April 25: Birdwalk** | 7:30 rain or shine @ KEMO VC Parking Lot.

**April 28: Birdwalk** | 7:30 rain or shine @ KEMO VC Parking Lot.

**April 28: Junior Ranger Day** | “Trains, Trains, and More Trains!!” Children of all ages are invited to attend this annual event where they will learn about the history of trains in Atlanta and the US, and become official Jr. Rangers! Activities include photo, dress up and craft stations with booths conducted by various railroad organizations. Program is from 11 am – 3 pm at KEMO Visitor Center.

**April 29: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

## **2012 Activities, Continued!**

### **May:**

**May 5: Kennesaw Mountain Heritage Crafts Day** | Celebrate 19th century living! Crafters will be on hand to demonstrate various skills, from beekeeping to basket weaving. Many crafting items will be available for purchase. Music, crafts, food, and dance fun available for all from 11 am to 6 pm around KEMO Visitor Center.

**May 6: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

**May 14: Monday Night Program** | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details..

**May 15: Trail Club work day** | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

**May 24-28: Veterans' Uniform Display** | Historian Ken Myers presents veterans' uniforms and memorabilia from World War I through Operation Iraqi Freedom. The display is at the KEMO Visitor Center and is available from 9 am – 4 pm.

**May 27 -28: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

### **June:**

**June 1 – July 27: Fun-at-the-Mountain Fridays** | Each Friday children can have fun with the rangers, participating in various nature and history centered activities that encourage hands-on involvement. Programs last approximately one hour, beginning at 1 pm each Friday.

**June 9: National Trails Day** | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

**June 10: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

**June 23-24: 148th Battle Anniversary** | Various events commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillery and infantry demonstrations presented, along with civilian and military life encampments.

### **July:**

**July 8: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

**July 22: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

### **August:**

**August 5: Artillery Demonstration** @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

**August 13: Monday Night Program** | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

**August 19: Artillery Demonstration** @ Cheatham Hill | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

## 2012 Activities, Continued!

### September:

**September 2 - 3: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.**

**September 10: Monday Night Program |** These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

**September 30 : Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.**

### October:

**October 14: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.**

**October 15: Monday Night Program |** These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

**October 28: Artillery Demonstration @ Mountain Top | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.**

### November:

**November 11: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm**

### December:

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## **Tree Planting - 2/25/12**



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## April Newsletter Deadline

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

## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

