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## Long Term Opportunity!

Interested in a rewarding opportunity, with lots of time to meet people and enjoy the outdoors? Like to edit and potentially write articles? I'll be retiring as editor - the best position in the Friends/KMTC organization and I'm looking for a successor in a few years. Get in on the ground floor and learn all about the Park and the people who love it. Contact Fred Feltmann - [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net).



## NPS Honors Veterans Day

Visit <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/veterans-day.htm> as the NPS honors our veterans on Veterans Day.

## Veterans Day Posters - 1978 - 2023

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/veteransaffairs/albums/72177720300172803>



## December Newsletter Deadline

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

## List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

VC - Visitor Center

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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

## Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!

## Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>November</b>			
11/11	8:00 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	Work Day
11/28	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB/KMTC Meeting
<b>December</b>			
12/10	8:30 am - noon	TBD	<b>December Work Day</b>
<b>January, 2024</b>			
01/13	8:30 am - noon	TBD	<b>January, 2023 Work Day - May be cancelled because of weather! See page 19 for weather policy.</b>
01/20	8:30 am - noon	Visitor Center	<b>Crew Leader Class</b>

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See pages 4 - 5 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of June.

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### Current Status Of Park

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

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

Visitor Center is now open; masks are *optional*.

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

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

***The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends.***

### Trail closures

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



## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

### Interpretive Programs for **November**

\*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.

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

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

#### **November 4, @11 am– Life of a Soldier**

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Join us as we lay out the gear that made such intense campaigning possible. You will see period- correct uniforms, weaponry and even get up close and personal with artifacts from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain!

#### **November 5, @11 am– Assault Trail Hike**

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle.

*\*The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.*

#### **November 11, @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm– Artillery Demonstrations**

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. For Veterans' Day, our Living Historians will be dressing the part and firing the cannon at the above- mentioned times.

#### **November 12, @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm– Infantry Demonstrations**

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Our living historians will be setting up camp at the Visitor Center with musket- firing demonstrations at the above- mentioned times.

#### **November 18, @11 am– Mountaintop Hike**

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

#### **November 19, @11 am– Sherman's March to the Sea**

Following his two-month occupation of Atlanta, Major General William T. Sherman initiated his March to the Sea. In November of 1864, Sherman's 60,000-man army departed Atlanta and began campaigning to "make Georgia howl". Many have called him a war criminal, a dutiful soldier, a madman or a great tactician. Discover the history behind the maneuver that sealed the fate of two nations.

#### **November 25, @11 am– Red- Tailed Hawks: Kennesaw Mountain's Bird of Prey**

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led program on the beautiful Red-tailed Hawk, one of Kennesaw Mountain's Birds of Prey. During the presentation, the ranger will help visitors become more familiar with this majestic animal by understand their habitat, family dynamics, and how we can help protect them for future generations.

*\*This program is not at the Visitor Center; it will be held on the Kennesaw Mountain Overlook – shuttle service is provided.*

*\*\* The event will be held in the Visitor Center in the event of inclement weather.*

## **November 26, @11 am– Cheatham Hill Walk**

On the morning of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864, the hills of Georgia exploded with the sounds of a terrific battle. Join us on this easy, Ranger- led stroll around one of the most significant areas of the Atlanta Campaign.

**\*This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Illinois Monument parking lot**

**\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0,  
or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)**

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## **CCC Camp Brumby**

This year we celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the establishment of Camp Brumby. You can still see the ruins of the camp on the Camp Brumby Loop Trail. You can stop by the Visitor Center to obtain a map so that you can take the Camp Brumby Trail there. A brief history of the camp can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/kemo/learn/historyculture/kemo20thcentury.htm>. See the additional NPS/KEMO article on the following 3 pages.

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## *Thanksgiving*

*Fred Feltmann  
10/20/98*

Another year nears its end.  
The eve of yet another year is upon us.

This is a time to reflect  
on how well we did.  
On what we could have done better.  
And on what is better left unsaid.

This is a time to give thanksgiving.  
Being thankful for our spouse.  
Our job.  
Our children.  
Our freedom.

We thank all of those who have helped us.  
We thank our God for watching over us and protecting us.  
We pray that He will continue to be our guiding Light.



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U.S. Department of the Interior

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park  
900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive  
Kennesaw, GA 30152

(770) 427-4686 phone  
[www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)

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[www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)

## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, [Marjorie\\_thomas@nps.gov](mailto:Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov), 770-427-4686 x 231

### John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

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

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

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park’s website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) for further information.

[The National Park Service](http://www.nps.gov)

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**July, 2023 Update**  
Work on the bridge replacement is currently scheduled to begin this winter - early 2024.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>



# The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

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

*Andrew Bramlett*



Some of the items for sale.



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## Contact List - Updated 11/03/23

### POSITION

President  
 Vice President  
 Secretary  
 Parliamentarian  
 Treasurer  
 Communications  
 Newsletter Editor  
 Website  
 Social Media  
 Fundraising  
  
 Citizen Science Program  
  
 Disbursements  
 Archives  
 Membership  
**Outreach**  
 Living History Liaison  
 Trail Club Liaison  
 Eastern National Liaison  
 Events Planner  
 Accessibility Advocate  
 Map Project  
  
 Grant Writer

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 Fred Feltmann  
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 Mark Angeli  
 Andrew Bramlett  
 Bart Henderson  
 Kathy Bearden  
 Jessica Stephenson  
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 Lewis Bramlett  
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 Dan Beard  
 Kathy Bearden  
 Marjorie Rogers  
 Charles Kays  
 Linsay Barnes  
 Holly Ringle

### Board Members:

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

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

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

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

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

Activities might be:

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

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

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

### **Legal Secretary**

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - [President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com)

## The Dipjar - New Donation Option!

The Friends are offering visitors at the Visitor Center another option to donate - the Dipjar. Visitors will be able to use their credit card to donate \$25 to the Friends while at the Visitor Center. In addition, the Friends will have a portable version at various events sponsored by either the Friends or KMTC. The portable version will offer the opportunity to donate \$10 at these events.



*Scott Mackay*

President, Friends of KMNBP





## The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

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

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is [FriendsOfKMNB.org](https://friendsofkmnbp.org).

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

### Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

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Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

Website - NPS

[www.nps/kemo.gov](http://www.nps/kemo.gov)

Facebook Page - Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNB>

Facebook Page - NPS

<https://www.facebook.com/KMNB>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMNB/>

*\* updated*



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

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

**These include:**

Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance

Museum improvements and expansion

Living History Demonstrations

Additional parking and restrooms

Guest speakers

More

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



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

Annual membership levels:

**Individuals**

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

**Businesses**

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



**Six Ways To Donate**

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/3750205>
3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. **DipJar located in the Visitor Center - New!**

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

***Thanks for your support!***

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

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



# FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

## FY 2023 Fundraising Goals *(FY 2024 Fundraising Goal has not been Established)*

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

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

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 15.

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

<b>Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park</b>																																				
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# Fiscal 2023 Donations

## Friends

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Individual/Corporate</u>	<u>Donation Level*</u>
MARIETTA WINE MARKET	CORPORATE	REGIMENT
TURN5	CORPORATE	COMPANY
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	CORPORATE	COMPANY
YANIRA REDDY	CORPORATE	COMPANY
AMAZON	CORPORATE	
ANONYMOUS		QUARTER MASTER
ANONYMOUS		FIRST SERGEANT
BART HENDERSON		FIRST SERGEANT
MARY LAMB		FIRST SERGEANT
ANONYMOUS		FIRST SERGEANT
WILLIAM ASHTON		FIRST SERGEANT
DONALD & LESLIE OLDS		FIRST SERGEANT
OZANNA WALTZ-ALLEN		SERGEANT
ANONYMOUS		SERGEANT
ANONYMOUS		SERGEANT
JILL BRALEY		SERGEANT
GREGORY FRISBEE		SERGEANT
ALLISON MERCER		SERGEANT
KIMBERLY SHIRK		SERGEANT
ERIC WILD		SERGEANT
AMY AYER		
JASON SHEPHERD		
ANONYMOUS		31 DONORS
ANONYMOUS		4 DONORS, VIA DIPJAR
BRIAN DOLANSKI		
PAUL E FAETH		
HENRY H. FINNEY		
MELODY M HUNTER		
BRANDON J KARGUS		
JONATHAN KNUTSON		
AMANDA M. LAWSON		
W AEL THABET		
JOHN TIEN		

## KMTC

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Individual/Corporate</u>	<u>Donation Level*</u>
BANK OF AMERICA	CORPORATE	DIVISION
YOUR CAUSE	CORPORATE	BRIGADE
HARRY CARPENTER		ORDINANCE SERGEANT
DAKOTA MOGLE		FIRST SERGEANT
LORAN & PATTI PILSCO		FIRST SERGEANT
JUDY BYRD		SERGEANT
JAY HANEY		SERGEANT
CURT SPINNEY		SERGEANT
DAVID & PAMELA YERDEN		SERGEANT

## Combined - Contributions made to both Friends and KMTC

<u>AMAZON SMILES</u>	<u>CORPORATE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>
SCOTT A MACKAY		GENERAL
FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN		QUARTER MASTER
DAVID & ABBY SKILLING		FIRST SERGEANT

\* See page 16 for description of donation levels.

Total Amount donated (FY 2023)

KMTC	\$2,490.19
Friends	\$2,862.09
<u>Combined</u>	<u>\$3,616.06</u>
Total	\$8,968.34

Goal: \$76,600 (Friends)





# EARTHWORKS

## October 10-14-23 Work Day

On Friday, October 13, Aron, Bill, Mark, Tom, and I reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

We had 11 crew leaders for the work day. The Crew Leaders were Aron, Bill, Curt, Donald, Eric, Mark, Rich B, Robert, Scott, Tom, and Mike. We had 4 Trail Ambassadors: they were Catherine, Rena, Yvonne, and Wendy. They did registration and directed the volunteers to the parking area. We had 10 volunteers. The volunteers were from the Hillgrove JROTC, Allatoona JROTC, Kennesaw State University individual, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals (no more than 3 from any one group). Donald went to assist on the Eagle Scout Project.

On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers at the picnic area. We then walked to the tool shed where a safety briefing was conducted and split our volunteers into two teams and the crew leaders into three teams. I went between Teams answering questions and ensuring the work plan was being followed. Scott took pictures.

Team 1 was led by Aron with Rich B and Robert assisting and was made up of individuals from KSU, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals (5). They worked on eliminating the social trail going down the service road until we get the new fence installed next year. Upon finishing that project, they went to on to where they eliminated the trail creep going down the concrete stairs going up to the upper parking lot. With the use of timber carriers several large cut sections of logs were moved in an attempt to stop the trail creep, from there they worked on addressing erosion and trail creep issues.

Team 2 was led by Eric with Mark and Bill assisting and made up of the Hillgrove JROTC and Allatoona JROTC groups (5). They worked on the trail, starting at the bottom of the Grand Staircase going to the top. They repaired and replaced a combination of 5 stone steps. In addition, they worked on the trail creep on both sides and the erosion on the top left side.

Team 3 was Tom and Curt with some help from Scott repairing the fencing issues detailed in the work plan.

The biggest surprise of the day was the heavy fog and mist at the beginning of the work day. This undoubtedly kept some of our volunteers from attending. However, by 11:30 when we started to go back down the mountain to turn in our tools, it was becoming a nice day with the sun shining. The volunteers that attended did not let the weather deter

them. They worked hard resulting in us accomplishing a large portion of the scheduled work.

*Mike Collett*

Trails Director

## November 11, 2023 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, November 11, 2023, we will be working on the New Salem Reroute installing at least 3 berms on the south side and one on the north side, eliminating the social trails on the south side, and any other issues we see, now that the trail is about six months old.

## Crew Leader Training Class - 1/20/24

Our next Crew Leader Training class will be held on 1/20/24. Contact Mike Collett, Trail Director, at [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org), if interested in becoming a Crew Leader. Class time will be announced in the December Newsletter.

## “Other”

### Volunteers

### Needed!

Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 11 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!



## Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador

### Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

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

Mike Collett - [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -

[ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)



## 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 2023 (October 2022-September 2023 and Fiscal 2024 (October 2023-Present):

### **FY 2023**

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*  
*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)*  
*GA TECH ROTC*  
*HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL*  
*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*  
*KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC*  
*KSU*  
*KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS*  
*MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB*



### **FY 2024**

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*  
*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*  
*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*  
*KSU*

### **This Past Month's Volunteers**

For our October work day (October 14, 2023), we had 11 crew leaders, 4 Trail Ambassadors and 10 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

*ALLATOONA HS JROTC*  
*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*  
*HILLGROVE HS JROTC*  
*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)*

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Facebook Page		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial">http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial</a>
Volunteer Sign-up website*		<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph">www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph</a>

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## 2023/2024 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

**As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.**

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.”

### Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1806848>
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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

*Thanks for your support!*



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## Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [tinyurl.com/27ef2vph](http://tinyurl.com/27ef2vph). By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



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## Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

For November's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot, at the intersection of Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team

building or public service activity, e-mail us at [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

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

### ***Cancellation policy***

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





# 10/14/23 Work Day

Photos by Scott Mackay





## 10/14/23 - Before/After Photos



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### Silver Creek High School in Sellersburg, Indiana Field Trip

On Wednesday, November 1st, a wonderful group of 80 students from Silver Creek High School in Sellersburg, Indiana visited our park. In spite of unusual weather in the 30's they were very engaged in the hikes, asked great questions and lingered over battlefield maps after the tour was over.

Ranger Jake Boling was back and it was great to have him there to field all the questions from this advanced group of students!

*Kathy Van Valkenburg*

Co-Director, Trail Ambassadors

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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

