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New/Revised Website!

Have visited our website lately? As of September 25th, we have updated and improved our website - come and visit with us!

Reminder! New Work Day

Meeting Location

Just a friendly reminder, we will meet at the new parking lot on Old Highway 41 at 8:30 AM on October 8th!

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Just Another Day Of Trail Work!

(Around September 19th, it was reported that a tree had been blown down and was resting across the trail on Pigeon Hill. This is Geoff's report.)

The blow down has been cleared on the side trail starting at south part of Pigeon Hill and located midway to fire road/trail. Doug Tasse, Harry Carpenter and myself hiked in and used a one man crosscut saw, a Pulaski and a bow saw to cut through, trim rough/shredded wood splinters and move the 7" by 12" diameter log. Time to hike in and out and cut and move the log and trim the stump was one hour. My crosscut saw is a vintage saw which I restored and properly sharpened. The saw made good chips today. It has a perforated lance tooth pattern. It was made by Disston for Sears Craftsman Tools. The blade is 42" long and is taper ground.

Geoff Grosguth

Volunteers Honored At Annual Business Meeting

At the Annual Meeting held at REI on September 29 the Volunteer Recognition Committee introduced a couple of initiatives for acknowledging the contributions that volunteers were made to our Club. A new T-shirt was introduced that will be earned by working 4 work days during a fiscal year. The red shirt is meant to replace the yellow shirt that has been worn for several years. Upon completion of 50 hours of service to the Club and Park a volunteer will receive the Club pin. This 1-1/4" pin can be worn to show others of your commitment.

At the meeting a number of service awards were presented.

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Jerry Given	Richard Angeli
Richard Angeli	Jerry Given
Randy Whiten	Scott Mackay
Fred Feltmann	Scott Mackay
David Strand	Jerry Sustak Trail Ambassador of the Year
Scott Mackay	Doug Tasse Trail Worker of the Year
	Harry Carpenter Trail Worker of the Year

Jay Dement

Election Results - Annual Business Meeting

September 29, 2011

President

- Scott Mackay

Vice President

- Jay Dement

Secretary

- Anne Strand (Incumbent)

Treasurer

- Thomas Okerberg (Incumbent)

Trails Supervisor

- Randy Whitten

Historian

- Jay Haney (Incumbent)

Communications Director

- Fred Feltmann (Incumbent)

Outreach Director(s)

- Doug and Pat Tasse

Membership Director

- Anne & David Strand (Incumbent)

Information Technology Director

- Jim Moylan (Incumbent)

September 24 Work Day Photos



Work Days can be family-time as well!



Bank of America Volunteers



↑ *Troop 4 Eagle Project* ↓



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY OCTOBER 8, 2011

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Projects:

1. Bamboo (Doug & Harry)
2. Privet on Cheatham Hill (Randy & another crew leader)
3. Peil Field. the field with all the new trees. (Scott)
4. Rock Crib on the old mountain trail. (Jim & Richard)
5. Bottom half of old mountain trail.
6. Visitor Center Field Trail.
7. Visitor Center Landscaping (If Landscape architect is available.)

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2011

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY DECEMBER 10, 2011

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW TIME!!**

Continue construction of the mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

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):

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

Again, thank you for all of your support!



Mark Your Calendars!

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 meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. 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. For December through February we are going to try new hours - Noon - 4 PM., to see if we have better weather conditions. 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

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 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 35,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. (Almost 10,000 hours in 2011, alone!)

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

A Few Hours Were Worked This Year By The Trail Club!

We had a record year of volunteer service at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park! Between the work days, the necessary administrative hours put in and the Trail Ambassador effort, we clocked 10,500 known hours. There are a few of our volunteers who did not report hours. So, using the last known dollar multiplier for Volunteer effort, \$20, we provided over \$210,000 worth of effort to the Park this past year! Thank you all for making this program such as success!

9/11 Field of Flags Commemoration Activities - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

The week's activities involving the Field of Flags activities at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park have left me with a lot of thoughts. Here are some of them.

9/10/11

Volunteers began setting the field with rebar rods before dawn on September 10 - each rod was placed in a specific location to accommodate the 3000 flags - a symbol for each person lost on that fateful day on 9/11/01.

Parade participants began arriving at Grace Church before dawn as well - we were eventually 4000+ strong - Scouts, Explorers, EMT, participants who lost loved ones that day, participants who were at the scene that and ensuing days, service men and women from WWII through the current day, and oh so many others of all ages.

We were short 1000 thousand participants to carry flags, but the Kiwanis handled the shortfall deftly and with great dignity - more on that later.

My immediate family - wife, my two sons and my granddaughter - marched in the parade.

I had planned to take only a few pictures, but ended up taking almost 500, just on September 10th.

As we gathered and while taking photos of the participants (go to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Facebook page for them), I met and talked with many -

The sister of one of the 4 firemen who placed the flag at the Ground Zero site that day

The Marietta Police Explorer Post is alive and well - they were among the lead marchers in the morning's parade

A retired New York policeman who lost 3 friends that day

Lots of Boy Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs and Girl Scouts

Current Active Duty Service men and women who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan

Service men and women who served in the first Iraq war

Service men who served in Vietnam

Service men who served in Korea

Service men who served in WWII

Friends I know from Scouting, my church and the

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

11 members of the Marietta High School Football team

Each of us carrying a flag set it in its rightful place on the field, a field which in 1864 saw much suffering in the battle fought here on this hallowed ground. At the

conclusion of setting the flags that were carried in the march from Grace Church, a number among us had been gathered around the Georgia Monument overlooking the field, the remaining flags had been brought there by the Kiwanis and were now being distributed. When all were distributed to the awaiting participants, we went en masse to place these remaining flags in the field. It was awesome.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvZfwtph5RI>

Afterwards, we all just walked in the Field contemplating the breadth of the area and each, in our own way, came to realize that these were indeed a tribute to those killed on 9/11 - each flag represented ONE person forever lost.

9/11/11

We each again began arriving before dawn to take our place near the steps from the Visitor Center that go into the Field. The day's activity begin with the arrival of the Bagpipers coming out from the Field of Flags, playing as they arrived. <http://www.youtube.com/user/pargolf76?blend=8&ob=5>

A number of speakers and singers then commenced to talk about that Day and what it meant, concluding with a mother recounting the story of the Day's events as told by her son who lived in New York at the time.

At the conclusion the Bagpipers again assembled to begin the conclusion of the formal part of the Commemoration and began by playing Amazing Grace - but in a different way than usual. As they played, they began leaving by walking out through and disappearing over a slight ridge in the Field of Flags - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbTBa8VGE8g&feature=related> - this video only gives you some idea of the power of the emotions of actually witnessing the presentation. At the conclusion, there was a 21-gun salute, followed by taps.

The commemoration ceremony ended at 8:46 AM, at which time a bell was rung a single time and then volunteers began reading the names of all of those lost that fateful Day.

As the names were being read, many of us walked into the Field amongst the Flags.

9/15/11

The event is not complete, unless you visit the Field at night. And thus, my wife and I, just as we did in 2003 and 2006, arrived as night set in. It is a different feeling. To hear each of those 3000 flags flying in the evening breeze. And each flag has its own personality, it seems. Some are straight out in the wind, some hang limply and there are all manners of in between. At other moments, as the breeze stiffens, so do they, all flying in unison. All flying with the backdrop of Kennesaw Mountain.. It is a different set of emotions - the finality of it all, as night sets in. If you have a chance go to Youtube and see the videos

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above and to see others of the day as well. You may also wish to visit the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club website - I have uploaded my photos to this site from all three days. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Kennesaw-Mountain-Trail-Club/43974126260>

There will be another Commemoration of 9/11 in September, 2016. If you have the opportunity, take the time to participate in as many of the activities as you can.

Fred Feltmann

KMTC 2011 Accomplishments

- Added 6 new Crew Leaders (26 on active list)
- Added a Crew Leader Orientation Class
- Trained 7 Crew Leaders on Ditch Witch operation (11 on active list)
- Trained 4 Trail Ambassadors & 9 Crew Leaders in CPR/First Aid
- Trained 3 Crew Leaders in Rock Work (8 on Active List)
- Conducted Rock Work training for 8 CHATT crew leaders (2 separate sessions)
- Rebuilt area around Illinois Monument in a sustainable way (a multiday project)
- Oversaw 5 Eagle Scout Projects to completion
- Started eradication of bamboo, privet, and leatherleaf mahonia (a multiyear project)
- Planted 15 American chestnut trees
- In joint venture with Keep Cobb Beautiful, planted 500 saplings to re-populate a field with hardwoods
- In joint venture with Atlanta Audubon Society and Aesthetics Landscape Design, helped replant around the Visitor's Center
- GPS mapped all official trails in the park
- Assisted with procurement and installation of the new amphitheater
- Applied for and won a grant for \$10K from REI
- Received approval from NPS for the extension of a \$28,000 Challenge Grant for the 24-Gun Battery trail
- Added Earth Day as a regular event
- Added National Public Lands Day as a regular event
- Assisted with storm clean up on trails many times
- Built a new website
- Continued relationships with Lockheed, Bank of America, Pebblebrook NHS, Kennesaw State University, Walker School, & Omega Academy for volunteer involvement

Significant Trail & Plant Work Completed

- Added grade dips going up Pigeon Hill Trail
- Added grade dips and built several rock stairs going up saddle to Little Kennesaw
- Added more rock stairs and crib walls on east slope of Little Kennesaw

- Built crib wall and raised trail to meet concrete stairs on the trail to Little Kennesaw
- Closed 2 social trails
- Added material over roots and widened Cease Fire Trail
- Removed two big stumps from Cease Fire trail
- Re-graded and added erosion control to Illinois Monument trail
- Added significant materials and grade dips to Unknown Soldier trail
- Added grade dips to Kolb Farm Connector and Kolb Farm Loop
- Removed bamboo from trail corridor of Kolb Farm Loop
- Opened up privet in blind area of Old John Ward trail
- Removed large amount of Leather Leaf Mahonia
- Continued to control Garlic Mustard
- Started big crib wall on lower end of Big K trail

“One More Person”

At the annual meeting of the Trail Club, Harry Carpenter and I were awarded a plaque recognizing us as the “Trail Worker of the Year.” It is an award which I know we both gratefully accept and much appreciate.

But how can two people be awarded this singular recognition? Is it because there was a tie or because we work as one? No, I don't think that's the case. I believe it's because we all recognize the value of that one more person, Sure, Harry and I work together a lot on special projects, but on Trail Club workdays we usually work at different locations with different groups. One of the things we have in common is that, when we work together, each feels the other is that extra person. Each of us gets a lot accomplished, but when we are joined by someone else, the work that gets done is greatly increased. I know I feel that when I join a work crew.

My point is that when you work with someone else the whole project becomes better. Sure more work gets done, but there are also friendships formed, knowledge gained and work skills shared. And, don't forget, we help preserve the history and features of the park; we train and educate people about the outdoors and how to protect our environment; and we keep the trails usable, safe and enjoyable for those who bird watch, use the 22 miles of trails, learn about the battle fought there or picnic.

It's easy to become that one other person. Just join us, contribute your efforts and maybe even bring another person along! You'll find that its a really fun time and not a lot of work.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Outreach Director & Crew Leader

The Field Of Flags - 9/10/11 - 9/16/11

A Commemoration of 9/11/01

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Field of Flags, September 10-16, 2011

Trail Club supported the Field of Flags event by “Roaming the Event”

- Provided wandering informational safety patrols around the field of flags, visitor center and visitor center parking. Many visitors to this event were at the Park for the first time.
- Achieved the key focus of striking a decent balance between Park users and flag show spectators
- 22 Trail Club volunteers logged 228 hours



Photo by Victor Williams

On behalf of the park staff, I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to all of those that helped make this event such a great success. The work that you all provided is of such importance that I cannot adequately convey all of our gratitude. The event had an enormously positive impact on the visitors while each of them reflects on the events that led to this memorial. The friendly smiles, information, and watchful eyes all had a major impact on their ability to further understand and enjoy (if that is the right word) what the Field of Flags means to them. *Anthony Winegar, Chief Ranger*



Photo by Regina Dunn

We were so blessed that it was a picture perfect weekend for the Memorial. I enjoyed getting the opportunity to work with everyone in a different role than the normal trail club activities. I believe the Trail Club and Ambassadors received some great exposure in the community. ... I did go out last night after sunset to view the display at night. It was wonderful in the almost full moon. *Cindy Witt, Crew Leader*

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** a 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.

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$20.00/hr."

Yes, we all are guilty - forgetting/neglecting to report our hours for working. How many hours did we REALLY work for the Park last year? Was it 500 hours, 2000, or maybe 5000???? (We reported 10,500 for FY 2011!) Have you spent time outside of our 2nd Saturday Workdays helping the Park - e.g. spent time picking up trash, fixing drainage, helping with events, or club administration?

If you signed the roster at an event, your time is recorded. Otherwise you need to report it to Anne Strand - membership@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

Youth Service Project candidates need to report total hours for their project to the Trail Club and to the Park before their project is considered complete.

Contact List - Updated 10/6/11

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Schedule of Activities

October

October 15 – Georgia Division – Living History Program and Encampment - 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

October 16 – Georgia Division – Living History Program and Encampment - 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

October 17 – Monday Night Program – Brad Quinlin – “USCTs in the Atlanta Campaign”

October 23 – Artillery Demonstration 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

November

November 6 – Artillery Demonstration 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

November 14 – Monday Night Program – Lee White – “Manigault’s Brigade at Kolb Farm”

More September 24 Work Day Photos



We do this...



For them!



*Many more September 24th photos
may be found on our Facebook Page!*





3RD ANNUAL KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

We invite you to join us for the third annual Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association golf tournament, Friday, November 8, 2011, at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm.

Registration will be from 11 - 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 12 noon. The tournament will be a four-man "Lauderdale" or scramble. The cost is \$100 per golfer, or \$360 for a foursome, includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, and a hamburger/hotdog lunch.

Prizes will be awarded to low finishers as well as a long drive and closest to the pin contest. Each golfer will receive a complimentary bag of gifts on the day of the event.

There will be a raffle with many more excellent prizes after the round. All proceeds are tax-deductible and go to support the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. You can register at the park Visitor Center, or at the KMHA website, www.kmha.org. Payment is due at time of registration.

The Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association is a private non-profit organization that works in cooperation with the National Park Service. KMHA assists the Park staff with educational programs, informational services and preservation initiatives at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm - 3030 Bradshaw Club Drive, Woodstock, GA 30188

For more information, inquire at the front desk, call Mike at 770-422-3696, or contact KMHA by email at info@kmha.org



Kennesaw Mountain Needs You!

**Trail work days are held
2nd Saturday of each month**

October 8, 2011	8:30-1:00
November 12, 2011	8:30-1:00
December 10, 2011	12:00-4:00
January 14, 2012	12:00-4:00
February 11, 2012	12:00-4:00



Park and register at the new parking lot on Old Hwy 41



The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is a group of volunteers who assist the National Park Service by maintaining the 20+ miles of trails in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. Parent must sign the Agreement if the student is under 18 years old.

The form is available on the club website:

www.KennesawMountainTrailClub.org



SOUTHEASTERN FOOT TRAILS COALITION

Presents

Leave No Trace ~ Trainer Course

Blairsville, GA

November 12-13, 2011



leave no trace

The Trainer Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationalists minimize their ecological impact while enjoying the outdoors. The Trainer Course assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace and techniques for disseminating these low impact skills to others.

The Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition will be conducting the Leave No Trace Trainer Course for those seeking to learn the seven principles of outdoor ethics for personal enrichment and to teach others. The course features a short easy backpack and overnight campout near Blairsville, GA. The course fee includes food and educational materials.



- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Date: Nov 12-13, 2011 (Saturday & Sunday)
Time: 9:00 a.m. Sat. to 4:00 Sun
Cost: \$75.00/ includes food and materials
Place: Blairsville GA

Presented by: Jay M Dement, Master Educator
770/499-7333 jay@jayDphotos.com
www.jayDphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm

Register through your local SEFTC member club or
visit www.southeastfoottrails.org

Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



<http://americanhiking.org>



November 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 October 20th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

