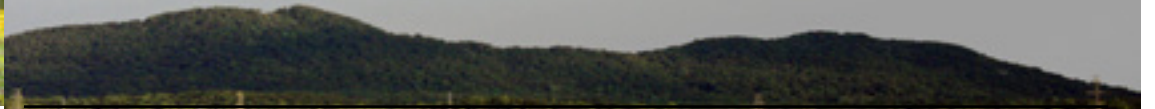


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Every Kid Outdoors Program Provides Fourth Grade Students with Free Entrance to Public Lands

This program is still ongoing and is available to families with 4th grade students, subject to limitations described in the website below. The program provides a Park Pass good from September 1 through August 31st of the following year. Simply visit the website, below and complete the paperwork described therein and enjoy your visit to any National Park for the upcoming year!

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/every-kid-outdoors-program-provides-fourth-grade-students-with-free-entrance-to-public-lands.htm>



October Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the October Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than September 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

Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned! Starting in July, there will be only one Fundraising effort. The KMTC and Friends Fundraising effort will be consolidated into one and will be displayed in the main section of this newsletter. Please note you will have the ability to commit your pledge to either the Friends and / or to specific aspects - e.g. KMTC, Living History.

Park Update Notes

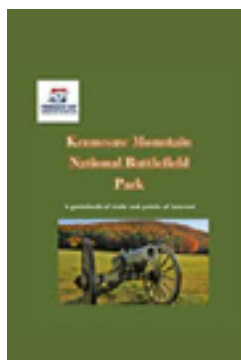
Updated

- ***There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram***
- ***Mountain road is being re-striped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles***
- Road to summit - a future project study is in progress
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has been essentially completed – expecting completion **Fall**, 2023.
- Signs will be going up
 - New signage about the park history is coming
 - No “Bicycle on Trails” signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs “Your Fee Dollars at Work”
- More special speakers are being planned
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23 - **Completed!**
- 160th battle planning has started (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- ***Plans for Mountain Top restrooms are in process***
- ***New Rotary intersections will be installed at Stilesboro and Old 41 and at Kennesaw Ave and Old 41***
Work to begin in 2025

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

“Earthworks” is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNBP & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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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> |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| September | | | |
| 9/9 | 8:00 am - noon | Pigeon Hill Parking Lot | Work Day/National Public Lands Day Work to be done on Hardage Mill Trail |
| 9/13 | 6:00 pm - 8 pm | Visitor's Center | Friends of KMNBP Meeting |
| 9/16 | 9:00 am - 10:30 am | Visitor's Center - Education Rm | KMTC Annual Business Meeting |
| October | | | |
| 10/11 | 6:00 pm - 8 pm | Visitor's Center | Friends of KMNBP Meeting |
| 10/14 | 8:00 am - noon | TBD | Work Day |
| November | | | |
| 11/8 | 6:00 pm - 8 pm | Visitor's Center | Friends of KMNBP Meeting |
| 11/11 | 8:00 am - noon | TBD | Work Day |

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page -
https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page_internal

See pages 10- 11 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of September.

See page 4 for a general listing of Friends and KMTC events that will be occurring for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

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), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

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.

The Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd. while the multiuse trail is being constructed there and Salem Church Trail reroute is being completed. Current plans are to have the reroute completed by April, 2023.

BOOK REPORT

Decisions at Kennesaw Mountain, Eleven Critical Decisions that Defined the Battle

Review by Bill Gurry

A new book, *Decisions at Kennesaw Mountain, Eleven Critical Decisions that Defined the Battle*, is the 17th book in the Command Decisions in America's Civil War series.

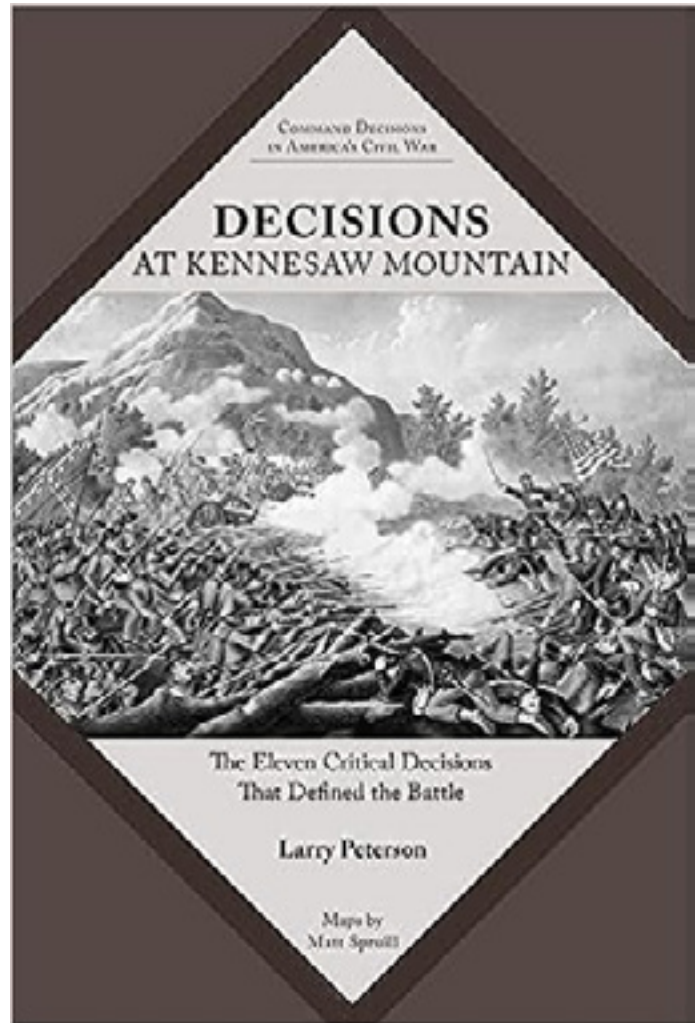
Decisions at Kennesaw is authored by Larry Peterson, one of the editors of Command Decisions. Larry also authored Decisions on the Atlanta Campaign and a biography of Brigadier General Alfred Vaughan, one of the brigade commanders at Cheatham Hill. Larry is Vaughan's Great-Great Grandson. Both of these earlier books are carried in the KMNBP book store. Larry worked as a NPS Ranger at Yosemite and Colorado National Monument for a time. He served in the Air Force and later flew commercial airliners for United Air Lines.

The author defines "a critical decision as one directly affecting a battle or campaign from that time forward." Each critical decision includes a discussion of the existing situation, alternative options for the commanders, the decision, and the results and impact of the decision on subsequent events.

Some of the 11 critical decisions analyzed in the book are strategic in nature, including Johnston's decision to abandon the Mud Creek Line and retreat to the Kennesaw Mountain Line, and Sherman's decision to attack well-established and well-fortified Confederate entrenchments on June 27, 1864, something Sherman had not done in the Atlanta Campaign either before or after Kennesaw Mountain. Other critical decisions are more tactical, including Cheatham's and the Confederate engineers decision to locate defensive earthworks on the topographical crest instead of the military crest at what we now know as Cheatham Hill, and the decision of the Federal commanders to attack on June 27 using columns of brigades rather than using more normal linear formations.

The narrative runs 109 pages and includes a driving tour to the locations of many of the decisions to give the reader a better sense of what the decision makers faced. For context, the book includes discussions of the Civil War up to the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, and of the war afterward so those not intimately familiar with Civil War history can still understand this book. In addition to the narrative, the book includes a preface explaining the purpose and format of the book, footnotes, maps, an index, photographs, excerpts from the reports by those who made the decisions, and the Order of Battle.

Those of you who read acknowledgements, footnotes, and picture credits may recognize the names of a couple of KMNBP Trail Club members.



General Schedule of Events

- September 09, 2023 **Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day**
- September 13, 2023 *Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg*
- September 16, 2023 *KMTC Annual Meeting*
- October 11, 2023 *Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg*
- October 14, 2023 **Trail Work Day**
- October 24, 2023 *KMTC Board Meeting*

If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds**:
president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If interested in attending the Friends Board meeting, contact **Scott Mackay**:
President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

* **Updated**

The End of Another Fiscal Year

By: Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator

*Autumn leaves don't fall,
they fly. They take their time
and wander on this their only chance to soar. – Delia
Owens*



With the changing of the seasons, it is always great to reflect on the past season and look forward to the next. During fiscal year 2023 (October 1 – September 30), Kennesaw Mountain has seen several changes. We have sent well wishes to some and warmly welcomed others who have joined the team.

In late September, 2022, the Law Enforcement division welcomed Jasmin “Jas” Jones. Jas joined KEMO from several parks, with the most recent being Gateway Arch National Park. In December, 2022, the Law Enforcement division welcomed Park Ranger William “Will” Byrd. Will joined us from Canaveral National Seashore and Biscayne National Park. During the spring, Carlos Hurston, Facility Manager, left Kennesaw Mountain after 14 years at the park (5 years as head of Facilities). We wish Carlos the very best in his new endeavors, as his journey has led him to become the Facility Manager at Martin Luther King, Jr. With Carlos’s absence, Ladrick Downie took on the role of Facility Manager. In addition to Carlos’s new journey, Park Ranger Steve Steingass returned home to Ohio and joined the team at Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Park Ranger Justin Wilkins moved on and has joined Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. Luckily, Justin still stops by to help and say hello, so you may still see him at the park from time to time. In addition, to Carlos, Steve, and Justin, Danny Lee, the park’s Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA), concluded his position at the end of August. We wish Carlos, Steve, Justin, and Danny the very best in their new endeavors and the next path in their journey.

With the new fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2023, there are some things to keep in mind as we conclude the current fiscal year. At the beginning of each fiscal year, all National Park units who have volunteers are required to complete an annual program report.

What does this mean for the KEMO volunteer? Please make sure that your volunteer hours are submitted by the

close of business on September 30, 2023. If you have not submitted your hours (for the year or several months), please make sure you submit your volunteer hours in the month of September. If your hours are not submitted, they will not be calculated into the 2023 report and the hours will not be rolled over into fiscal year 2024.

In addition, each volunteer will need to renew their volunteer agreement. There will be two days selected in October for volunteers to make an appointment to fill out their new forms (dates are to be determined, so please keep an eye out for an email from KEMO_Volunteer@nps.gov).

The National Park Service requires that each year, new agreements must be on file for the safeguard of each individual volunteer. Without completed current forms on file, you will not be able to volunteer within the National Park Service, thereby, ensuring your safety while you are volunteering at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. All position-based/regular/recurring volunteers, regardless of position or when their agreement was last signed, will be required to fill out a new volunteer agreement for fiscal year 2024. These are volunteers who are active members of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC officers, crew leaders, and Trail Ambassadors), Visitor Services volunteers, and Living History volunteers.

Thank you for all your dedication and hard work. We look forward to another successful year in Fiscal Year 2024.

Everything To Know About Labor Day!

Check out this website to find out a little more about Labor Day.

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/a36597519/when-is-labor-day/>





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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, 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 for further information.

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

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the [NPS website](http://www.nps.gov), and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nps), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/nps), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/nps), and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/nps).

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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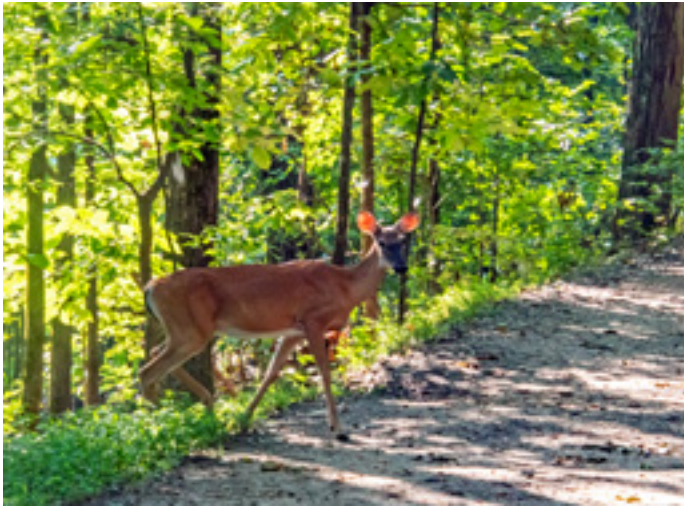


Back

Park Moments

A herd of over 8 deer paid a visit to one of our work crews on August 12th. In addition, a red-tailed hawk (bottom, right) decided to spend 45 minutes (or more) watching over one of our other work crews.

Photos by Fred Feltmann



*Did someone say trail food? I'll be right there!
Fred Feltmann - 5/7/21*





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **September**

*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!

September 2- 4, @11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – 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. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times.

September 9, @11 am – Assault Trail History Hike

On June 27th, 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.*

September 10, @ 11 am- Pigeon Hill History Hike

“And from the earth there sprang a host of men...” On June 27th, 1864, some of the heaviest and most desperate fighting of the American Civil War would take place on a spur in rural Georgia. This Ranger- led history hike will be moderately difficult, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at Pigeon Hill at the intersection of Old Mountain Rd and Burnt Hickory Rd.*

September 16, @ 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!

September 17, @ 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!

September 23, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – 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 on the Mountain, with musket- firing demonstrations at the above- mentioned times.

**This program will be held at the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain; not at the Visitor Center.*

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September 24 @ 11 am– Cheatham Hill History Walk

On the morning of June 27th, 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.***

September 30 @11 am, 12, 2 and 3- Artillery Demonstration

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. Our living historians

****This program will be held at the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain;
not at the Visitor Center.***

****** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0,
or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo***



Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest

It's that time of year again for the Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest. Although the title states that it's an employee contest, volunteers are eligible to submit too!

Please see below for more information and how to submit an entry.

Do you have a favorite photo of your park site or another Federal land that you would like to share? The 2023 Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest launched in June and is accepting entries through December 31, 2023. The contest is a great way to share your photos and have a chance to win a prize. Eleven winners will be selected to receive an America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass and outdoor gear. The grand prize winner will also receive a framed copy of the winning photo.

The 2022 grand prize-winning photo was taken by NPS employee Michael Porter while visiting Kenai Fjords National Park. See the 2022 winning photos and enter the contest at <https://employees.sharetheexperience.org/login>.

To be eligible for the contest, you must be employed by or volunteered for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, US Army Corps of Engineers, or the National Archives at some time during 2023. Photos must be taken while off-duty at lands managed by these seven (7) agencies. Enter up to 10 photos by December 31, 2023, to be eligible to win.

If you have any questions email waso_interagency_pass@nps.gov.

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Fundraising Committee Formed

A fundraising committee comprised of Bart Henderson and Kathy Bearden has been formed. They have lots of projects to work on!

New this month is a revised Pledge Card. As part of the planned merger of the Friends and the Trail Club, we are consolidating the fundraising process. The revised pledge card allows the donator to designate where his/her donation will go. The options are:

- Friends - General
- KMTC
- Living History
- Endowment Fund

The Friends fund will support the overall organization and the funds will be apportioned to all subtier organizations, as needed.

Regarding the KMTC option, funds donated will be used specifically to do maintenance, restoration and development of new trails at the Park.

Regarding the Living History option, funds donated will be used toward the Living History subtier organization's operations at the Park.

The endowment fund will be used establish a future base of funds for all activities within the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, such as development of new trails, facilities and equipment for any of the subtier Friends organizations.

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Donate By Way Of PayPal!

You can now make donations by way of your PayPal Account! Simply click on the website address in the donation section on page 15, item # 2. And as an added benefit, PayPal does not deduct a fee for the donation!

Friends Receive Grant from Kiwanis

We received a grant from Kiwanis to fund our "Art in the Park" program. This program teaches middle school aged kids how battlefield scenes were documented during the civil war era and lets them practice sketching, painting and photographing of outdoor scenes. It will be presented during school breaks.

Photo, below, left to right Ray Hamel (NPS), Ernie Wagoner (Kiwanis), Scott Mackay (Friends of Kennesaw Mountain).

Scott Mackay



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

Contact List - Updated 4/25/23

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President
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Archives
Membership

Outreach

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Trail Club Liaison
Eastern National Liaison
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Accessibility Advocate
Map Project

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Vacant

Vacant

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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@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org



Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

Website - NPS

www.nps/kemo.gov

Facebook Page - Friends

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

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Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmbp>

Instagram

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

* updated



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.

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.

2023 Projects(s) - September status *Updated*

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Completed; additional work days to be planned**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
- Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3, 2022 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC (Scott Mackay participated)
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs - completed**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**Date TBD**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for ~~5~~ 2 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **Purchased; 2 installed, June 2023**
- Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**
- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (Success!!)**



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

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

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget (**Funded, paid**).
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals (**Funded, paid**).
- \$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 (**2 installed, June 2023 (\$1800)**).
- \$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.

| Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park | | 2023 Pledge Card | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Name _____ | | | |
| Address _____ | | | |
| City, State, Zip _____ | | | |
| Phone _____ | | | |
| Email _____ | | | |
| Complete and mail to: Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Attn: 2023 Pledge 905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive Kennesaw, GA 30152 | Pledge: General Fund - Friends _____ Trail Club - _____ Living History - _____ Endowment Fund _____ <i>Check one or designate amount for each.</i> | Individuals \$15 Corporal (Student) _____ \$25 Sergeant _____ \$100 First Sergeant _____ \$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____ \$500 Quarter Master _____ \$1,000 Sergeant Major _____ \$1,500 General _____ Other Amount \$ _____ Corporate \$150 Company _____ \$300 Regiment _____ \$500 Brigade _____ \$1,000 Division _____ \$15,000 Corps _____ \$25,000 Army _____ Other Amount \$ _____ | One Payment _____ Quarterly Payment _____ Monthly Payment _____ Does your company match? Y__ N__ Invoice me _____ (Monthly__ Quarterly__) Check enclosed _____ (Payable to " Friends of KMNBP ") Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration date _____ Security Code _____ <i>I wish to remain anonymous</i> _____ |



EARTHWORKS

Workday 08-12-23

On Friday, August 11, Aron, Bill, Rich, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

We had 15 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Aron, Bill, Curt, Donald, Eric, Fred, Geoff, Jay, Rich B, Rich R, Robert, Scott, Todd, Tom, and myself. We had 7 Trail Ambassadors, they were Cam, Catherine, Debbie, Janes, Laurie, Rena, and Wendy. They did registration and directed the volunteers to the parking area. We had 74 volunteers. The volunteers were from the Hillgrove JROTC, Allatoona JROTC, F3 (Fitness, Fellowship, Faith), and several individuals.

On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers, conducted the safety briefing, and split our volunteers into six teams at the picnic area. I then went between Teams answering questions and ensuring the work plan was being followed. Fred took pictures. Scott drove the gator between the bottom of the mountain with dirt to the service road near where Donald's team needed it. He took approximately 30 bucket loads to Donald.

Team 1 was led by Bill with Rich B assisting and a third of the Hillgrove JROTC group. They worked on, cleaning the ditch at the bottom of the mountain, they filled buckets for Scott to take to Donald's team, and repositioned a timber that was below the trail so that it once again became water bar. They then went to help Rich R's team.

Team 2 was led by Geoff with Todd assisting and had a third of the Hillgrove JROTC group. They worked on cleaning the dirt out of the concrete drainage ditch. They, too, sent their dirt to Donald via Scott. They also cleaned the drainage ditches around their area to improve water flow.

Team 3 was led by Rich R with Eric assisting and had the final third of the Hillgrove JROTC group. They worked on closing social trails and naturalizing about 200 yards of trail creep going from along the fire road to the Grand Stair Case.

Team 4 was led by Donald and the F3 Church group. They worked on line 4, building steps over roots, repositioning the timbers that were above the trail so that they once again became water bars and

naturalizing trail creep on both sides of this area. When they were finished, they assisted Aron's team on the fire road, in conjunction with Team 5.



Team 5 was led by Aron with Tom assisting and part of Allatoona JROTC group. They worked on cleaning the drainage ditch on the service road as it starts at the bottom turn on the switchback to Kennesaw Mountain Drive and minor repairs to the service road in several places.

Team 6 was led by Robert with Curt and Jay assisting the remainder of Allatoona JROTC group and the individuals. They worked on closing several social trails and naturalizing these areas going down the mountain from the service road. The first just after where the steams crosses the upper section of the service road going down to the service road to where the trail comes up the mountain; and the second a little past where the 1864 Road crosses the service road and before the Grand Staircase going down to Kennesaw Mountain Drive crossing it and going toward the Camp Brumby Trail. They also closed and naturalized the social trail starting up 1864 Road.

We completed all 7 parts of the workplan. In addition, we closed and naturalized the social trail from where it started on the service road to Kennesaw Mountain Drive, across Kennesaw Mountain Drive down to the Camp Brumby Trail, we also closed/naturalized the beginnings of a social trail starting on Kennesaw Mountain Drive going up 1864 Road and trashed out trail creep on both sides of the Grand Staircase,

Our next workday is Saturday, September 9, 2023. We will be working on the Hardage Mill Trail and meeting at the Pigeon Hill parking Lot.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Upcoming Crew Leader Training Class

The next training class will be either early November or January. I am working with Amanda to schedule a date. We currently have four individuals asking to take the class. Hopefully by the date of the class we will have over ten.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting is presently scheduled for September 16, 2023 at 9 am in the Education Room of the Park Visitor's Center. Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, an update on Park status & activities, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided. Also, select Club Officers/Directors will report on their areas of responsibility. Per our current By-Laws, all Voting Members (Officers, Directors, Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders) and Community Volunteers (individuals who have participated in, at least, one club event/activity during the current calendar year) are welcome to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

In addition, there will be a discussion/vote on the merger of the Friends and KMTC, see page 18, following for additional details and agenda for this meeting.

The proposed slate of nominees for election to office for the 2023 – 2024 year are:

Officers:

President – Donald Olds

Vice President – Raj Gupta

Treasurer -- Thomas Okerberg

Secretary – Laurie Poppell

Directors:

Trail Ambassador Director – Co-Directors –Wendy Turner

Kathy Van Valkenburg

Trails Director – Mike Collett

Community Volunteers Director -- Rena Bailey

Communications Director - Fred Feltmann

Newsletter Editor – Fred Feltmann

Fundraising Director -- Scott Mackay (President of KEMO Friends Group)

Information Technology Director -- Jerry Givan Webmaster/(past president)

Invasive Plants Director - Danny Leigh

Records Management – Laurie Poppell

Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting from the floor.

Friends/KMTC Merger Meeting

After the 2022 Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) annual meeting, a KMTC/Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (FOKMNB) merger committee was formed and has met several times this year. Their findings included:

- The merger of these two organizations would consolidate and reduce duplicate administrative costs. The combined organization would benefit the park by continuing trail club and trail ambassador activities, as well as, providing fundraising activities to enhance park activities the National Park Service cannot fund.
- Volunteer and visitor experiences would be enhanced with more opportunities to take part in newly offered park activities.
- The new organization would have an umbrella name of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park while retaining the working or "doing business as" names of The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) and Friends of Kennesaw Mountain (FOKM).

A merger of the two organizations was recommended by this committee and later approved by the KMTC and FOKMNB boards of directors.

In accordance with the KMTC bylaws, the KMTC membership must now vote.

This vote will be held at the KMTC annual meeting commencing at 9 am on Saturday, September 16th in the park visitor center education room.

As a KMTC board member, director, crew leader, and/or trail ambassador, you are a voting member of the club, please plan to attend.

The meeting agenda is noted, below.

We look forward to seeing you there.

To greater success,

Donald V. Olds

KMTC 2023 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Saturday-September 16, 2023

9:00 AM – Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield – Visitor Center - Education Room

1. Welcome – Call to Order (Donald Old)
2. Park Status (Amanda Corman or Patrick Gamman)
3. Trail Director Report (Mike Collet)
4. Treasurer Report (Tom Okerberg)
5. Community Volunteers Director's Report (Rena Bailey)
6. Elections (Laurie Poppell)
7. President's report (Donald Olds)
8. FOKM/KMTC Merger Vote (Donald Olds)
9. Proposed outline of new organization (Donald Olds)
10. Questions and answers
11. Adjournment

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 2022 (October 2021- September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022- Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BSA TROOP 2319
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
LINCOLN TECH
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS

FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1916
THE CITADEL CLUB OF NORTHWEST GA
FITNESS, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH (F3)
GA TECH ROTC
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC
KSU
KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our August work day, we had 15 crew leaders, 7 Trail Ambassadors and 74 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups, along with a couple of individuals:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
FITNESS, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH (F3)
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC



“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 12 and 21 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, along with one for prospective Crew Leaders.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -
ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Just Another Day at the Park - Or What A Trail Ambassador or Crew Leader Does In Their Spare Time!

Found a couple of blowdowns this morning- staff took care of them. All our recent work on Noses Creek trail weathered the recent storms very well. Did 6 miles altogether and only saw one birdbath - (a shallow spot in the trail that collects water during a rainstorm) - sure you can guess where. No new erosion after the recent storms.

Noticed a new historical marker at the new New Salem Church crossing on Burnt Hickory.

Bill Gurry

Lonesome Hiker, Crew Leader Extraordinaire,
Adult Advisor (Philmont)
(And former Trail Director)



A Trail “Birdbath,” Photo by Bill Gurry

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!



Register for Our Work Days!

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



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

See the sign-up links, above. 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, and work gloves. Bring masks, if desired. 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 September's work day, parking and registration will be in the field next to the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot (Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd.). 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 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.

KMTC Contact List - Updated 3/29/23

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
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| Plants Director | Danny Leigh | plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org |
| Fundraising Director | Scott Mackay | fundraising@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org |
| Records Management | Laurie Poppell | records-management@ktrailclub.onmicrosoft.com |

KMTC Website <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>

NPS Website <https://www.nps.gov/KEMO>

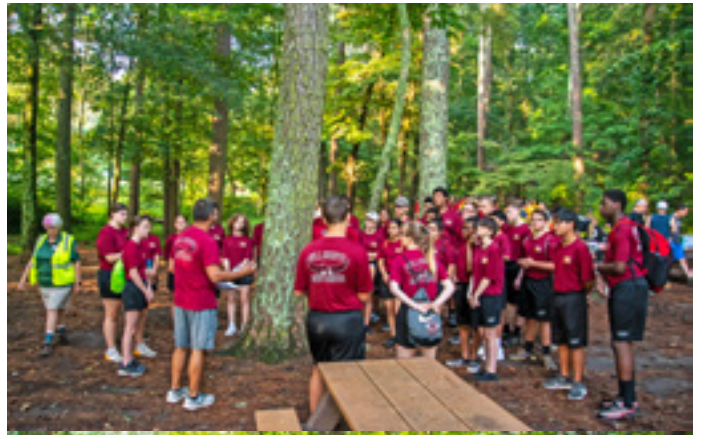
Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

Volunteer Sign-up website* www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

* updated

August 12, 2023 Work Day Photos.

Photos by Fred Feltmann



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<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

