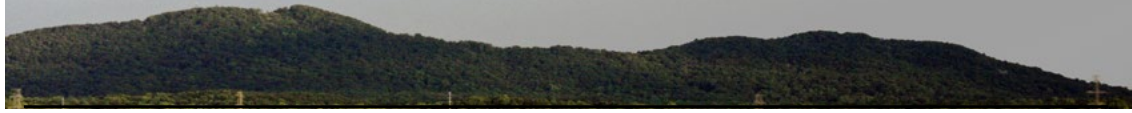




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President's Corner

November was a very busy month. The first weekend we had a crew leader skills training class where crew leader Jay Dement led a group of crew leaders up little Kennesaw to learn the finer details of getting water off trails while saving the trail itself from erosion. The group worked on a small section of trail to make it more sustainable. That same weekend we also had artillery firings going on that were supported by our trail ambassadors.

The second weekend was our regular trail work day and our first of several events focused on remediation of the main trail on Kennesaw Mountain. A small section was worked by 80+ volunteers.

The third weekend we conducted crew leader classroom training. Nine new crew leaders were trained! Also, infantry demonstrations were carried out several times on a very chilly Sunday with support again by our trail ambassadors. I am amazed at how many visitors we have who come to

the park with intention to see the ranger programs. They seem to be getting more popular.

Thanksgiving is the season for spending time with family giving to others. Please consider donating to our Think 15 fund. 100% of your donation will go into material to support volunteer work.

Scott Mackay
President, KMTC

December Work Day - 12/9/27

Our December trail work day will be at the same location as the November one. Registration opens at 8:00 am at the Old Highway 41 Parking lot. Opening remarks will begin at 8:30 am. In the amphitheater near the Visitor Center. It's a 5 - 10 minute walk from the parking lot to the amphitheater. Be sure to pay attention to the weather forecast for the morning and dress accordingly!

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One of the November work crews.

Photo by Fred Feltmann

New Work Day Times:

Starting this month (November) we will be instituting a new schedule starting and ending times for our monthly work days:

Registration Opens: 8:00 am.
Opening remarks: 8:30 am.
Wrap-up: 12:00 pm.

Welcome Our New Crew Leaders!

On November 18th, 2017, President Scott Mackay and Webmaster/Crew Leader Jerry Givan presented a Crew Leader Training class to nine students. At the end of the class, all nine were presented with certificates identifying them as Crew Leaders. Congratulations to:

Kaleb Byers	Andy Johnson
Amy Campbell	Teagan Nuss
David Cauffiel	Wen Xie
Katie Cauffiel	Daniel Young
Shawn Hu	

Crew Leader's Skills Refresher Class

November 4th was Jay Dement's day. Jay planned, organized and carried out a brilliant plan. It was a very pleasant day on that little bit of a rocky mountain (Little K). I had seen the section we were to work on, but didn't quite remember how bad it was. When I saw it on the 4th, I thought, no way were we going to be able to fix that rock pile of a trail. Well, Jay's forethought, insights, and expertise rocked the day. Eleven Crew Leaders and two Crew Leader candidates turned a nightmare into a walk in the park. The work was done with hand tools in a little over two hours.

Those in attendance were: Bob Brier, Jay Dement, Fred Feltmann, Geoff Grosgruth, Ken Hale, Scott Mackay, Donald Olds, Bruce Rugg, Eric Sawyer, Curt Spinney, Cindy Witt and our two Crew Leader Candidates David Cauffiel and daughter Katie Cauffiel.

Congratulations to all on a job very well done!

(See Jay's article and photos on page 4.)

Bruce A. Rugg

Trail Director



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Trail Ambassadors Support November Trail Work Day

My thanks to the following people who showed up on a cold, windy morning to support the November club trail work day. Manning the registration desk at the Old 41 parking lot were Rena Bailey (doing double duty as the volunteer coordinator), Kerry Sustak, Debbie Dement and Anne and David Strand. At 8:00 AM the temperature was 40 with wind at 10-15 MPH with gusts to as much as 20 MPH. Standing or sitting in that open parking lot had to be exceedingly uncomfortable. Even at the Visitor Center amphitheater where there are trees to block some of the wind (at least in theory) the volunteers were standing around visibly shivering.

Around 40 work day volunteers bypassed the designated registration site and had to be registered at the amphitheater. My undying gratitude to Gwyn Posey and Sally Hunter for jumping in to take over that duty while I took the opportunity to “freak out” and call for back up. David Strand came over within minutes to smooth out the process and make sure all the volunteers were registered in time for the 8:30 safety brief. By 8:45 the volunteers received our thanks for their service, had a tool use and safety demonstration, listened patiently to a short (less than 5 minutes) history lesson and were on their way to the work sites.

Work was on the lower portion of the Kennesaw Mountain trail below the fire road. Due to the nature of the work it was necessary to block off that portion of the trail for several hours. Sally Hunter and I stood at the beginning of the trail closest to the visitor center and routed people up the Picket Line Trail which runs roughly parallel to the mountain trail. I hope the hikers took a chance to look at the people working to make the trail better. Only one person of the hundreds of people we re-routed was displeased to take the alternate route. Once we assured people they would still be able to go to the top of the mountain and were going up a much nicer trail, they seemed happy to take the new route. Jason White stood at the intersection of the Picket Line Trail and the Brumby Cutoff to direct people to the top of the mountain. Scott and Gwyn Posey stood at the other end of the work sites to catch the people coming down the mountain trail and route them to the Picket Line Trail. After registration ended Rena Bailey came over to visit the TAs on the mountain.

Again, many thanks to the Trail Ambassadors who came out to support the November trail work day. The plan for the December work day is to work on the same area of trail. I would love to see more of you come out and join the fun. Dress warmly!

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director

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 2016 (October 2015- September 2016) and Fiscal 2017 (October 2016 - Present):

FY 2017

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
BENCHMARK PHYSICAL THERAPY
BETA ALPHA PSI (KSU)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS
BSA TROOP 703 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB
CUB SCOUT PACK 11
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HOME DEPOT
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (SMYRNA)
KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL
KENNESAW MTN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KING'S ACADEMY JROTC
KSU
KSU DELTA SIGMA PI
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB
MCEachern HS BETA CLUB
NORTH ATLANTA CHURCH
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
RANSTAAD TEMPORARY STAFFING
VENTURE CREW 75
VOLUNTEER KSU
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



FY 2018

KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI

The following groups participated in our November work days:

VOLUNTEER KSU
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS

U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS

We had a total of 80+ volunteers participate this month.



Infantry Demonstration.

Photo by Jay Haney.

Kennesaw Mountain High School Volunteer Service Project - 11/11/17

- 13 Students Kennesaw Mountain High School, two work shifts totaling 57 volunteer hours.
- Key Club and AP Magnet Environmental Science Class
- Kolb Farm Invasive Plant Management - Removed Privet around the perimeter of the farm homestead.
- Kolb Farm Family Cemetery cut back the hedges allowing for new growth next spring.
- KMTC volunteers: Karen Petrella (Trail Ambassador) and Cam Graham (Trail Ambassador / Crew Leader)
- Overall project coordinator: Danny Leigh (KMTC Natural Resources Management Director)
- Kennesaw Mountain High School student coordinator: Christina Woodrow (Key Club student President)
- Additional work days scheduled for December 2nd and 9th, 2017

Cam Graham

See photos on page 7.

Trail Skills Workshop

Lil 'K'

On Saturday, November 4 a group of Crew Leaders met for a Trail Skills Workshop on the back side of Little Kennesaw Mountain. Many sections of the trail have washed away with "re-routes" developing on the downhill side. One of these "braids" was addressed last summer with the SCA kids. Our recent work trip tackled another of these issues.

The purpose of the work trip was to reestablish the original tread on section 216. This restoration involved establishing a rock crib wall to support the new tread. The old path was dug up with the dirt being used on the new tread, with crush added to make a stable and sustainable tread.

Rock steps were added on the downhill side. To finish closing the old path the area was thoroughly trashed with logs, branches, and leaves. The whole project was completed in two hours.

The following crew leaders made it all happen; Scott Mackay, Jay Dement, Bob Brier, Bruce Rugg, Cindy Witt, Jerry Givan, Geoffrey Grosgruth, Donald Olds, Eric Sawyer, Ken Hale, and Curt Spinney.

Jay Dement



Section 216, Before



Above and below: Section 216, After



New rock steps



Photos by Jay Dement.

2018 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 40+ 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. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big “ask”. We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘15’, like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. 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.”. There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<u>December, 2017</u>			
12/9	8:00 am - 12 pm	Picnic area near Visitor Center	Trail Work Day
<u>January, 2018</u>			
1/13	8:00 am - 12 pm	Picnic area near Visitor Center	Trail Work Day
<u>February, 2018</u>			
2/10	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day

See pages 10 & 11 for December events scheduled at the Visitor Center at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://](http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj)

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. 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:

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. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center - please arrive there by 8:30 am. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are recommended.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday,

we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Kennesaw Mountain High School Volunteer Service Project - 11/11/17

Photos by Cam Graham



11/11/17 Trail Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Living History Exhibitions

Living historian KD Sellers demonstrates the fife.

Photos by Fred Feltmann



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Volunteer Sign-up website*		http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj

* updated



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Upcoming Interpretive Programs

**All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required. Programs start at Visitor Center except when noted otherwise.

Everyday @ 1:00 pm

Ranger Led Museum Tour

Join a Kennesaw Mountain Park Ranger for an in-depth exploration of our museum chronicling the events surrounding the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

December

December 3 @ 11:00 – 12:00 am '24-Gun Battery'

This program will consist of a guided hike 3 mile hike along the 24 – Gun Battery Trail. It will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the National Parks. This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. The event will also be cancelled due to inclement weather.

December 2 @ 11:00 – 12:00 “Kennesaw Mountain’s Illinois Monument: Commemorating the Past, Honoring the Present and Inspiring the Future”

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864, but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. Park Ranger Amanda Corman will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill. ***The program will begin at the Cheatham Hill Drive parking lot.***

December 9 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘The Importance of NPS Battlefields’

This 30 minute Ranger led program discusses the importance of preserving historic battlefields and the preservation efforts taken by the National Park Service.

December 9 @ 8:30 am – 12:00 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day’

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Parking and registration is at the overflow parking lot on Old Highway 41. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the student is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club

December 10 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘Welcome to Kennesaw Mountain’

Come out and enjoy a Ranger led presentation on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta Campaign, and how these events shaped our history and the park as it is today. This presentation will utilize various maps and artifacts to illustrate this portion of history. This program is free to attend and open to the public, and will be held at the Visitor Center.

December 16 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm ‘Civil War Music Program’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join musician and living historian KD Sellers as she demonstrates this using the fife.

December 16 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm “Guided Mountaintop Hike”

Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on the local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly.

Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, strenuous, and will be weather dependent.

December 17 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am “Atlanta Campaign Map Talk”

This 30 minute Ranger led program focuses on the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and how the Union and Confederate forces moved through the north Georgia countryside to the city of Atlanta. This program will also utilize the various interpretive maps and signs of the Visitor Center.

December 30 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am “A Civil War Christmas”

While Christmas is usually a time for celebration, it was not always so for the soldier on the campaign trail. Come join our Ranger for a 30 minute interactive program detailing what Christmas could have been like for the common soldier of 1864.

December 31 @ 11:00 am– 12:00 pm “Civil War Earthworks”

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. Park Ranger Amanda Corman will discuss the use of earthworks during the Civil War and the importance they had during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

*** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

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

Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



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January Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than December 20th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

