

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN TRAIL CLUB

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT REPORT – 4th QUARTER 2015

2015-2016 TICKET TO RIDE GRANT - PAULDING COUNTY:

- A team of Trail Ambassadors and Rangers completed eight 5th grade elementary school visits between August 18 and September 3, 2015.
 - The Introduction to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Ticket to Ride Grant included a slide presentation, narrated by a Park Ranger, and
 - Trail Ambassadors distributed related materials to each student and teacher, including: the “Discover Kennesaw Mountain” activity book, a set of Kennesaw Mountain Civil War cards, and an invitation to attend a field trip to the Park this fall to learn the Civil War battles fought there.
 - The school visits generated interest and excitement among the students and teachers, with dozens of questions posed at each session.
- The first of two field trips to the Park began on September 8, with ~160 students scheduled for the visit.
 - Again, students, teachers, and chaperones expressed excitement and demonstrated interest in the Park and its history.
 - The students were divided into groups, guided by Trail Ambassadors, and watched the movie, “Kennesaw: One Last Mountain,” rode the bus to the top of Kennesaw Mountain to hear the story of a Civil War Soldier, hiked down the Mountain, enjoyed lunch in the picnic area, and completed the field trip with a short hike at Cheatham Hill, where a Ranger gave a brief description of the battle at the Dead Angel and the origin of the Illinois Monument.
 - The remaining seven schools will be attending their first Park field trip between now and the end of October.
- The second field trip for all eight schools is scheduled in March and April of 2016. This visit will include the Civilian Conservation Corps Power Point presentation and the CCC Veteran Q & A, a hike to and from Camp Brumby, a picnic at the VC picnic area, and the CCC Interpreters program. To better utilize our volunteer resources in the allotted, time, the Interpreters will set up on the lawn in front of the VC rather than hauling props, etc. to the CCC camp.
- Alternative indoor activities will be substituted for outdoor activities if rain occurs during a confirmed field trip visit.