

**Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Trail Ambassadors
Preliminary Annual Report FY 2016**

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Membership:

- 52 Active Trail Ambassadors up from 48 last year an increase of 8%
- Seven New Members
- Three Members declared inactive (Unable to contact / no hours input / resigned)

Education / Orientation:

- 11 Trail Ambassadors completed required continuing education “Causes of the Civil War.”
- Five Orientation classes
- Successful High School Trail Ambassador intern “pilot program” Intern contributed 238 volunteer hours. 166 hours in excess on the minimum requirements.
- Continued relationship with Kennesaw State University Accounting Department. Beginning Spring 2017 all AC 4600 Governmental Accounting classes will include field trip seminars / projects in the Park.

Trail Ambassador Activities (TA Activities had a marked increase in operational tempo over last year):

- Transitioned to SignUp.com for Trail Ambassador recurring and one-time volunteer opportunities
- Supported following activities throughout the year:
 - Ongoing trails Safety Patrols throughout the Park
 - 2nd Saturday and “special” trail workday Registration and Safety Patrols
 - Artillery and Infantry demonstrations
 - Family Friendly educational programs
 - Cobb County and City of Marietta Seniors and Students Programs
 - Ticket to Ride – Hiking and interpretation including the New Deal era. (CCC Camp Brumby)
 - 152nd Anniversary weekend
 - Regional / National Junior Ranger Day – NPS Director Jarvis onsite in our Park
 - Grandparents Day
 - Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony
 - Every Kid in a Park
 - Piloted “got water” Visitor Center Safety Patrols
 - NPS Centennial Special Events: Army Field Band “The Volunteers” and Movie Night
 - Weekend guided hikes for visitors
 - Saturday lecture series
 - Kiwanis Club Partnership Field of Flags
 - Kennesaw Mountain High School K-Club community Service – Environment and Invasive Plants Management
- 9,000+ Trail Ambassador volunteer hours up from 8,400+ last year an increase of 7%
- Nine Trail Ambassadors each contributed more than 500 hours.