

FY 2017 Trail Ambassador Trail Ambassador Report

In conjunction with Ranger Amanda Corman conducted 6 orientations

The club added 13 new Trail Ambassadors

We said farewell to 8 Trail Ambassadors. Happily these folks were going on to other interesting opportunities and not leaving due to illness or injury.

Currently there are 20 people on the Trail Ambassador Candidate list, 6 who have partially completed the requirements.

In addition to almost daily support of the primary role of the Trail Ambassador, which is safety patrols, from October 01, 2016 through September 30, 2017 Trail Ambassadors also supported:

21 **Every Kid in a Park (EKIP)** events serving 11 schools and 1800 children.

4 School Field Trips consisting of groups as small as 30 and as large as 150

9 Club Trail work days

8 Ranger Guided Hikes

Arbor Day

Park Day

Junior Ranger Day

Kid Cannon Crew Day

Marietta Mentoring Leadership - Coordinated by Lucy Denzin

7 Artillery Demonstrations

Dwell Program Field Trip

Sons of Union Veterans Living History Presentation

National Public Lands Day

114th Infantry Tour - which included 7 WWII veterans - Led by Jay Haney

The 153rd Battle Anniversary weekend - support for 6 artillery demonstrations, 6 infantry demonstrations and 4 TA led hikes on the 24 gun trail

Parking assistance for 4 History Lectures

Special recognition to Cam Graham who coordinated with the Pope High School National Honor Society to provide 3 days of invasive plants removal program for a total of 59 participants and 295 volunteer hours. He also facilitated 2 invasive plant removal days with the Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club for a total of 17 participants and 54 volunteer ours. Supporting Cam in these projects were Danny Leigh and Karen Petrella.

The time volunteers give to the park is a priceless gift to the community. It is the most valuable gift an individual can give. Without the many volunteer hours the park trails would not be so well maintained. Safety concerns might go unknown or unaddressed. The park staff would not be able to offer either the number or quality of programs currently offered at the park. My deepest thanks for your hard work and your dedication to the park and to this club.