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Congratulations- It's a New Year!

At the recent Volunteers In Parks (VIP) dinner, Park Superintendent Nancy Walther looked over from the stage at Ranger Amanda Corman and said, "We thought it was all over." I think she quickly realized what she had said and turned to those in the packed auditorium and exclaimed WOW!! You guys are the best! She may well have thought that since the VIP'S had performed so well before and during the battle's 150th commemoration



in 2014, there was no way they could top that. Surely the volunteers would dwindle away and their valuable support would be lost. Well, that didn't happen.

Supt. Walther was on assignment last year and missed the VIP dinner, which was also well attended. For KMTC last year was a big year, even though we had fewer volunteers and logged fewer hours. It was a successful year during which we hosted groups from both AmeriCorps and the Student Conservation Association working cooperatively during the same period.

This year we rebounded and proved our strength. It could be that preparing for the 150th was what we needed to develop the character and capabilities of the club. Several years of working hard earned us the 2014 Hartzog Award as top National Park Service Volunteer Group. What we've done in the last several years proves that we were worthy of that award. We still work on and monitor the trails and now, more than ever, support the Park Rangers' presentations of programs which bring people to experience Kennesaw Mountain and its history.

The fiscal year 2016 has to be a record. We have documented nearly 2000 volunteers and 30,000 hours of service. These numbers represent Boy Scout projects, trail and invasive plant work and Trail Ambassadors associated with KMTC and are nothing short of fantastic. Just take a little time and read through our newsletters and Facebook and you'll see what we have done. There is a club member

or group at the park every day; there has to be as there's no other way to get these numbers. And you know what? It takes dedicated people to produce them. These are people who make the volunteer experience both enjoyable and personally rewarding. We have those people and volunteers.

At our recent annual meeting, three new board members were elected: Gloria Downey as Secretary, Janie Brier as Trail Ambassador Director, and Rusty Bradley as History Director. They succeed Anne Strand, Cam Graham and Jay Haney - all highly respected members who, over the years, have each logged over 4,000 hours as dedicated, joyful volunteers. KMTC greatly appreciates their past contributions and welcomes our new board members. With such superb leadership, we'll stay strong.

Congratulations to all of our volunteers for a wonderfully successful year. If you happened to see us in Marietta's 4th of July parade, we were strutting our stuff and full of pride. We're by no means over. We are on track to keep Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park on top. The park staff deserves nothing less than our full support.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse

President, Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

While doing the work our club members frequently encourage people to come back and take another Look. A Trail Ambassador may point out to a visitor something that they may have missed and encourage them to go back and take another look. This phrase is certainly true while performing trail work. Our Crew Leaders encourage the workers to be sure of what they're doing; always keeping in mind to perform the job safely and at best correctly. Also, we always recommend that the volunteers return sometime

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"Walking on Air:" Our Trails

Usually, after a Trail Day or special event, I send a thank you e-mail, text or call the Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors who assisted. Frequently the reply is that they enjoyed the work. This also holds true for the people who brought a group to do work or take part in one of our sponsored events.

However, after the October 8th Trail Day, I received a message from one of our crew leaders before I'd sent mine. It read: 'Best work day, every time I come away exhilarated from the experience. I'm still walking on air. Thanks for everything.' Wow, what a fantastic message; it says so much and it means so much more.

Any of you who have come to help may easily feel that it was the best day ever. It does seem hard to top the work experience, because we do some interesting stuff. It's just simple work that leaves you feeling and seeing that something has been accomplished. Also it's enjoyable, fun even to work with others doing something that you don't ordinarily do. Add being out in nature, knowing that you're helping to make the park a better experience for visitors; that is an exhilarating experience.

We have many people in our club who were and are top professionals in their business fields



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to both see and show their work or hikes.

Now take a look at this:

Fiscal yr. Official hours for KMTC aggregate 29,425 X NPS projected hourly rate of \$23.56 per hr. =
\$693,253 (value of service).

Here are the facts: We're a 100% volunteer organization: we don't get paid that money: PLEASE SEE 'THINK FIFTEEN' page in this newsletter: WE desperately NEED CONTRIBUTIONS to carry on the work - PLEASE DONATE.

Sincerely,

Doug

and also pretty well educated. Volunteering is a way to let off some energy or maybe even a little steam. But is it enough steam to be able to "Walk on Air?" Probably it is, since a lot of people get that elevated feeling by doing hard work or exercising. Our club offers all of that; it's not easy carrying buckets of dirt, fence pieces or moving rocks. Those activities may make one light headed, but not quite enough to get "a walk on air" experience.

"Walking on air" on our trails comes from knowing that you've had a fantastic day. Working together, enjoying everyone's company, sharing ideas and seeing others enjoying themselves can give you that 'Air' feeling. Yes, people walk right through while we're working and it can be discouraging, but isn't it nice when they say 'thank you;' doesn't it make you feel like you're doing your best? It sure is an exhilarating experience. Seeing all our volunteers moving that heavy stuff looks so difficult but it isn't - because they are also "walking on air."

Thanks,

Doug Jasse
President, KMTC

November 12, 2016 Trail Day

Trail Day sign-up will be @ the Old 41 Overflow Parking Lot. Please sign in before 8:30 am start time.

At the check in site, volunteers will have the opportunity to join the invasive plant team; their work being conducted at base of mountain area or work near the top of Big Kennesaw doing trail maintenance. All will meet at the amphitheater near the Visitor Center by 8:30 am - as a reminder, it takes 5 - 10 minutes to walk from the Old 41 Overflow Parking Lot to the amphitheater.

For the crew not working on the invasive plant team, we'll again be working on the trail along backside of Big K. This is a very rough trail and it will take several more Trail Days to repair. We've made a lot of progress already: putting rock and fencing on site and distributing dirt. We'll continue building crib walls and trail side reinforcement also filling in gaps in the trail tread.

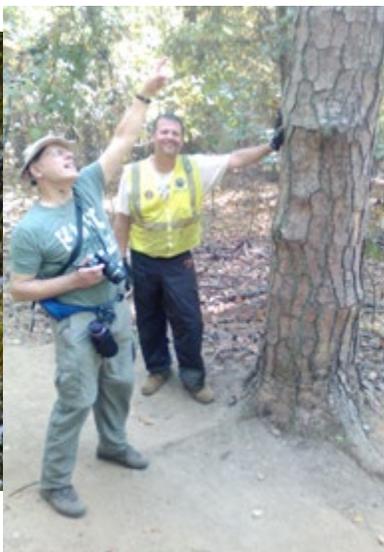
Work should be completed by 12:30 pm; should arrive back to Old 41 lot by 1 pm.

Ken Hale, Trails Director

Doug Tasse, President

Timber!

Between the scarcity of rain this summer and pine beetles, the trees along the trails have suffered - and several have passed on to the great wood pile. Consequently, for the safety of our visitors, we've had to cut down several dead ones this fall.



Photos: Above, left - Fred Feltmann; Above, right - Doug Tasse

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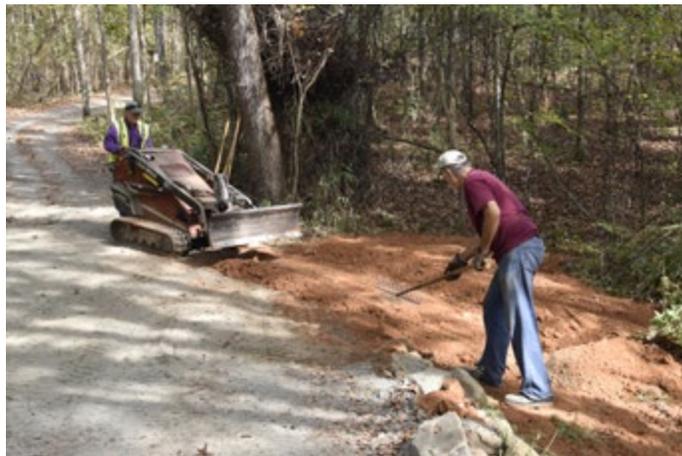
Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Mud Week Work

Jerry, Larry, Richard, Bruce and Doug got together and used equipment and hand tools to fill in a large hole next to the East Kolb Farm Trail culvert bridge. The hole was created when a bobcat owned by a contractor for the National Park Service sunk into the muddy area near the Service Road. The hole created was over 3 feet deep.



Photos: Top - by Doug Tasse; Below - by Fred Feltmann.



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 2015 (October 2014- September 2015) and Fiscal 2016 (October 2015 - Present):

FY 2015

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
AMERICORPS
ARRIS INTERNS
APTEAN ACARE
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 204
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277
BOY SCOUT TROOP 455, ATLANTA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 703
BOY SCOUT TROOP 773
CHASTAIN ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CUB SCOUT PACK 702
DELTA CHI FROM GA TECH
DEMOLAY
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA BETA CLUB
E. PAULDING AFJROTC
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2040
HANDS ON ATLANTA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL FBLA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HILLGROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HISTORY CLUB OF AUSTIN MIDDLE
HOLDER CONSTRUCTION
KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY, KSU
KAPPA SIGMA- SPSU
KENNESAW CRUSADERS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS
KSU- ONLINE ACCOUNTING CLASS



KSU GREEK DAY OF SERVICE
LAMBDA UPSILON LAMBDA, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS
MCEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
MCEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BETA CLUB
NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PHOBIO, INC.
RAINBOW GIRLS
SOGETI
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
TAP MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB
TEENS HELP OTHER PEOPLE
THE NORTH FACE STORE
THETA CHI- IOTA RHO, SOUTHERN POLYTECH
TRUST, KSU
U. S. NAVY CHIEF SELECTS
VENTURING CREW 75
VENTURING CREW 1011
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS
WHEELER HS HELPING HANDS CLUB
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2016

20's AND 30's HIKERS
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
BANK OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 422
BOY SCOUT TROOP 479 - EAGLE PROJECT
CUB SCOUT PACK 353
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CUB SCOUT PACK 1714
BANK OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 565, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



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Thanks!

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1776
COMMUNITY FIRST SERVICE DAY (FROM NEW ZEALAND)
CUB SCOUT PACK 995
EAST PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC
FLIGHT WORKS
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE GROUP
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
JR. CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (200 PARTICIPANTS)
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - GREEK DAY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - VOLUNTEER KSU
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - OMEGA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - KSUZTA SORORITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
MARIETTA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
MARIETTA HS SKILLS USA
MARTHA STEWART BULLOCH SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETA CLUB
MCGLESKY YMCA
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN HS ROBOTICS TEAM
NORTHWEST ATLANTA YMCA
PHOBIO
POPE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
REI
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS
VENTURING CREW 1011
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

At our October Work Day, we had 85 volunteers, not including our Crew leader and Trail Ambassador Staff who participated in the event. We had volunteers from the following organizations participate:

KSU
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB
WOODSTOCK JROTC
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB

Thanks!

Election of KMTC Officers - October 1, 2016

The slated of Officers listed below were elected to serve on the Board for FFY 2017 at the October 1, 2016 Annual Business Meeting. (FFY - Federal Fiscal Year)

President

- Doug Tasse

Vice President

- Curt Spinney

Secretary

- Gloria Downey

Treasurer

- Tom Okerberg

Trails Director

- Ken Hale

Director (Scouts)

- Donald Olds

Trail Ambassador Director

- Janie Brier

Historian

- Rusty Bradley

Communications Director

- Fred Feltmann

Membership Director

- Sherry Shogren

Information Technology/Social Media Director

- Jerry Givan

Director of Program Planning

- Lucy Denzin

Director of Plants

- Danny Leigh

Fundraising Director

- Bruce Rugg

The minutes of our Annual Business Meeting may be found at <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/archive.php>.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
November, 2016			
11/12	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
December, 2016			
12/10	1:00 pm - 4 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day <i>(Please note Our Winter Work Times!)</i>
January, 2017			
1/14	1:00 pm - 4 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day <i>(Please note Our Winter Work Times!)</i>

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <http://vols.pt/ePEkfb>. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Photos by Fred Feltmann.



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. We will meet at 8:30 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. 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!

Think Fifteen (15) for Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please pay attention, or as I like to say: **LISTEN UP! (Read this....please)**

For almost the last four years, I've served as the Trail Director. While performing as a volunteer, along with several thousand others over the years, we've made significant improvements to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. I believe that we'll all agree that we enjoy aiding the park.

While many of our projects are funded by the park, there is frequently a need to supplement with additional money to complete our work. I'm sure that you, like me, enjoy showing off all the work volunteers have done. The funds from the Park do help with the upkeep, but without our volunteer labor, the park simply would not be as it is today and what it will be in the future.

We need money for our uncommitted funds; this money is used to cover additional expenses for our projects, the purchase and maintenance of both tools and equipment, gloves, water, snacks and other associated expenses. Also, we have corporation and insurance costs to cover. Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, no paid staff or board members. **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."

I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we've done good work and had a good time but now we need your help to continue!!! Please send your tax deductible contribution to:

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

Donate Online: by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

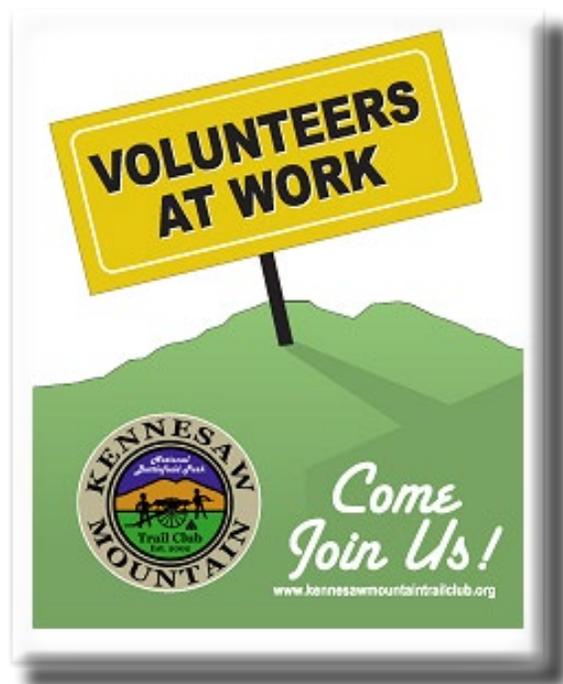
* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

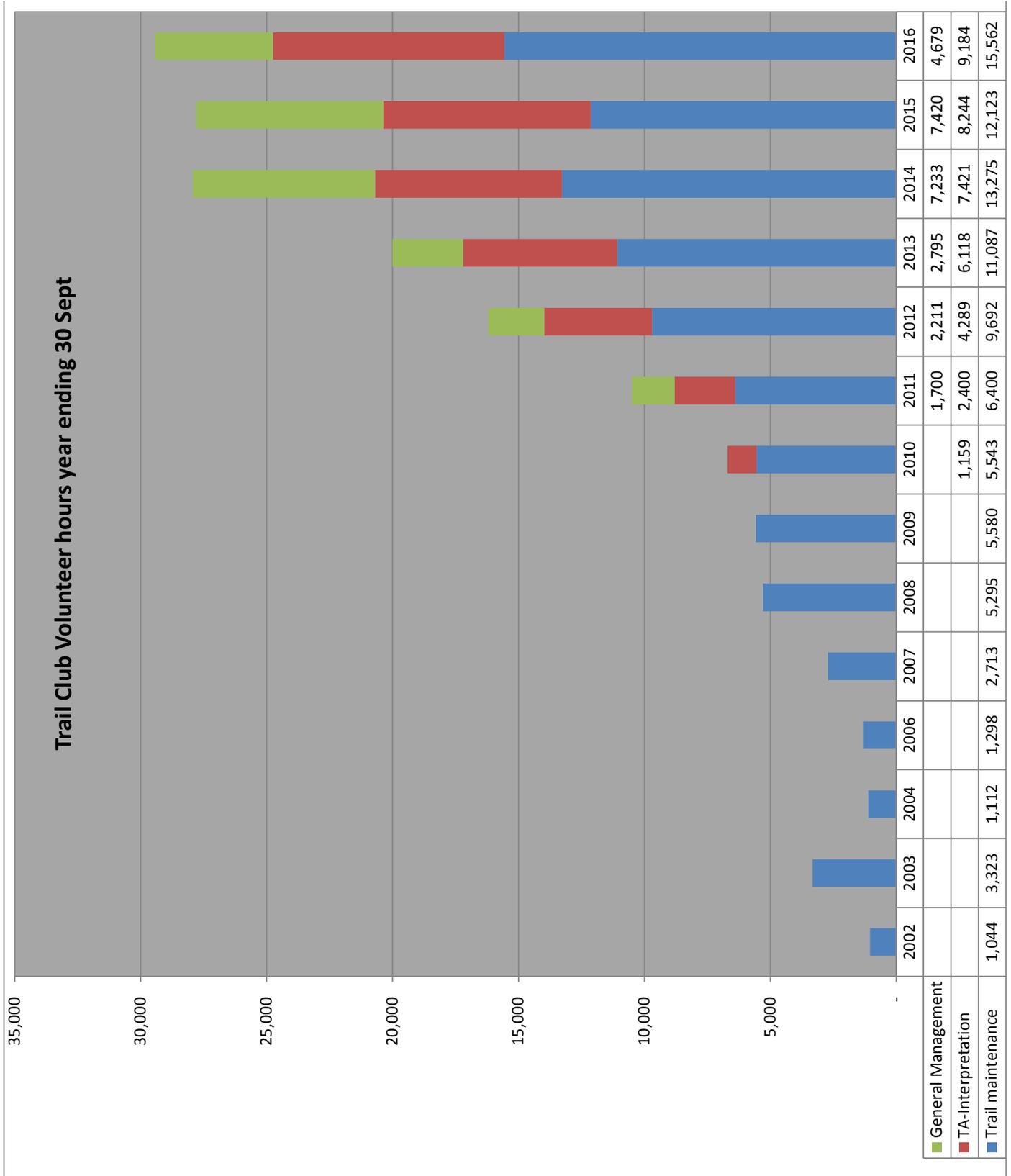
ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

Think Fifteen (\$)

Thank you,

Doug Tasse
KMTCC President



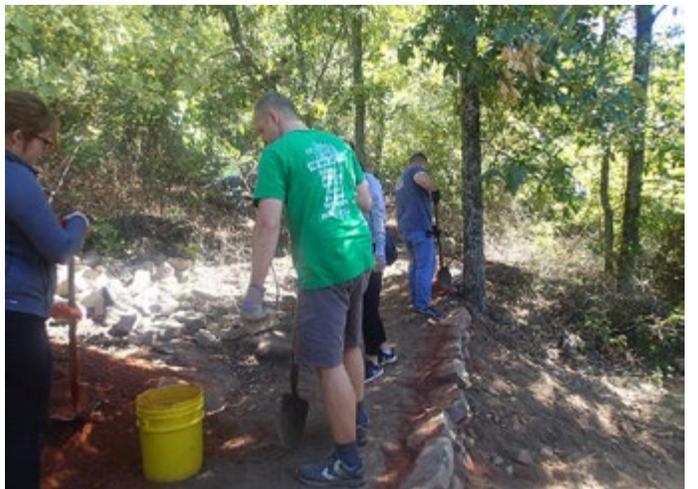
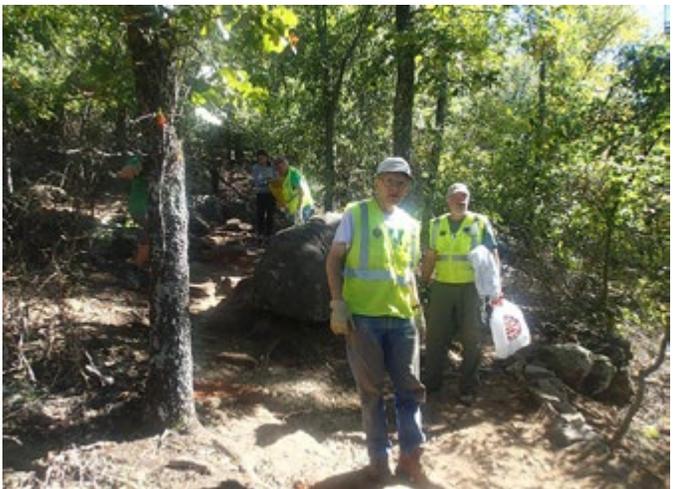
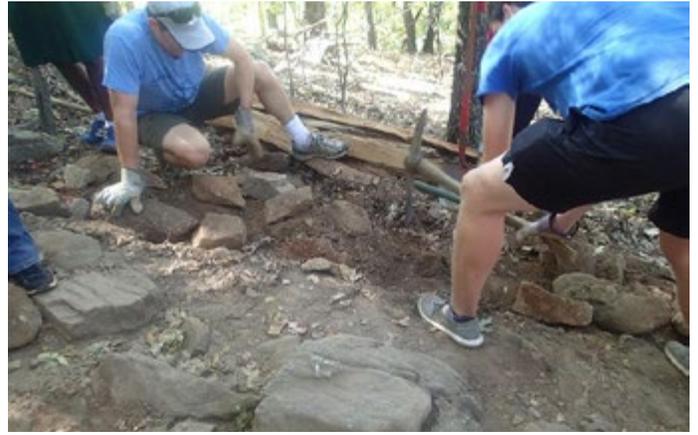


Our Volunteers Keep On Giving!

As can be seen in this graph, our volunteers keep on giving back to the Park they so love! Between the volunteers, Crew Leaders, Trail Ambassadors, Horse Patrol and Front Desk Volunteers, along with the Board Members, we have amassed another nearly 30,000 hours of service this past year! Thanks to all who have participated!

October 8, 2016 Work Day

Photos by Scott Mackay.



Family Day - Dunleith Elementary School, 10/15/16



Photos (above and to the right - Anne Page Mosby.

Photos, to right by Scott Mackay.



Family Day, 10/29/16

Photos by Fred Feltmann



**E. C. West Fulton County School -
10/27/16**

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Park Rangers become Leave No Trace Trainers

Jake Boling and Sydney Ferro recently completed the Leave No Trace - Trainer Course certifying them to teach the principles of outdoor ethics to others. The training course included two days in a backcountry environment with each participant presenting one of the principles. In addition to an in-depth review, the course also covered related subjects like the Wilderness Act, teaching techniques and visitor engagements.

Boling and Ferro are rangers at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is committed to scientific research and education, their web site www.lnt.org provides a wealth of information and materials. The class was held by Jay Dement, Master Educator and Georgia State Advocate.



Jake Boling and Sydney Ferro. Photo by Jay Dement.

Jay Dement

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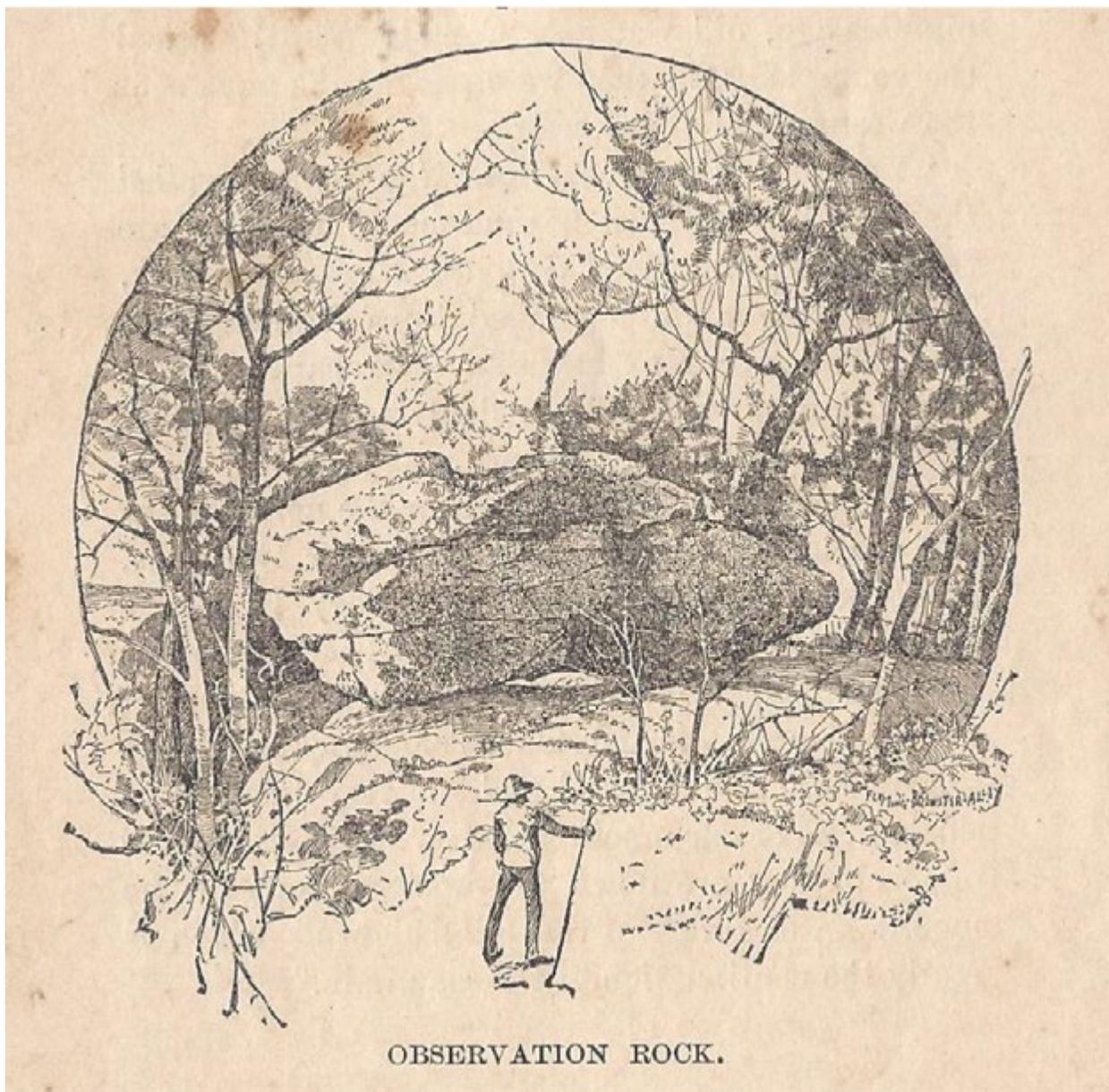
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Website		http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		http://vols.pt/ePEkfb

* updated

French's Rock

In my quest to learn more about the history of Kennesaw Mountain I recently read a book published in 1890 by Joseph M. Brown titled "*Kennesaw's Bombardment: or, How the sharpshooters woke up the batteries.*" It is more of a short novel than a history book but it did give a lot of history in its stories.

It contains only a few illustrations but this one caught my attention:



If you have ever hiked across the peaks you would likely recognize this rock as the one we know as "French's Rock" located at the south east point of Little Kennesaw. According to the story the Confederate Generals could stand at this rock and surveille the Yankee battle lines running from just south of Big Shanty all the way down to Kolb Farm. The book also points out the obvious; no man lifted this rock up there. It is believed to be a remnant from the last ice age about 13,000 years ago. Never seen it? Next time you hike down the back of Kennesaw Mountain and meet up with the drive up road, go straight across the road, down the

stairs and continue straight for just about ½ a mile. There is a loop trail section just past the cannons at Fort McBride and French's Rock sits near the south end of the left section of the loop. A great way to extend a day on the mountain.

Scott Mackay

Past President, Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club



FIND YOUR PARK

Got your phone or tablet on you?

Then take a selfie here at Kennesaw Mountain with what you love about this site.



The National Park Service turns 100 in August 2016 and wants to celebrate by encouraging all visitors to “Find Your Park” - find what you love about America’s open spaces and historic, natural, and cultural places. Kennesaw Mountain wants to celebrate you, too, by showing you off!

Here’s how it works:

1. Take selfies posing with a “Found It!” sheet. The sheets are in the Visitor Center vestibule and at the front desk. Have fun with your photo but, above all, be sure the photo reflects your enjoyment of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.
2. Photos should be a minimum resolution of 2048 x 1536.
3. Post your photo to your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook page. Be sure to use the hashtag, #KennesawBattlefieldSelfie.
4. Follow the rules - Please don’t take images that show violations of Battlefield policy (off designated trails, recreation in non-designated areas, outside of opening/closing times, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.), or performing illegal activities (relic hunting, poaching, removing plant life), vulgar/disrespectful behavior, or pets off leash. These images should be family friendly!

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2016
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Artillery Demonstrations

Dates:

11/06/2016 - *Last demonstration for 2016!*

Times:

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Artillery Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain

Artillery (cannon) demonstrations show visitors the steps taken to fire cannons during the American Civil War. Each program lasts approximately 30-40 minutes and includes an explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon, explaining the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to maintain close control of their pets during firing, as it can be loud, and please prepare small children for the sudden burst of sound.

Location:

All demonstrations take place in the front field.



For the information on dates/times, check out:

<https://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?eventID=1429998-307230>.

Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Leadership Conference & Hiking Event

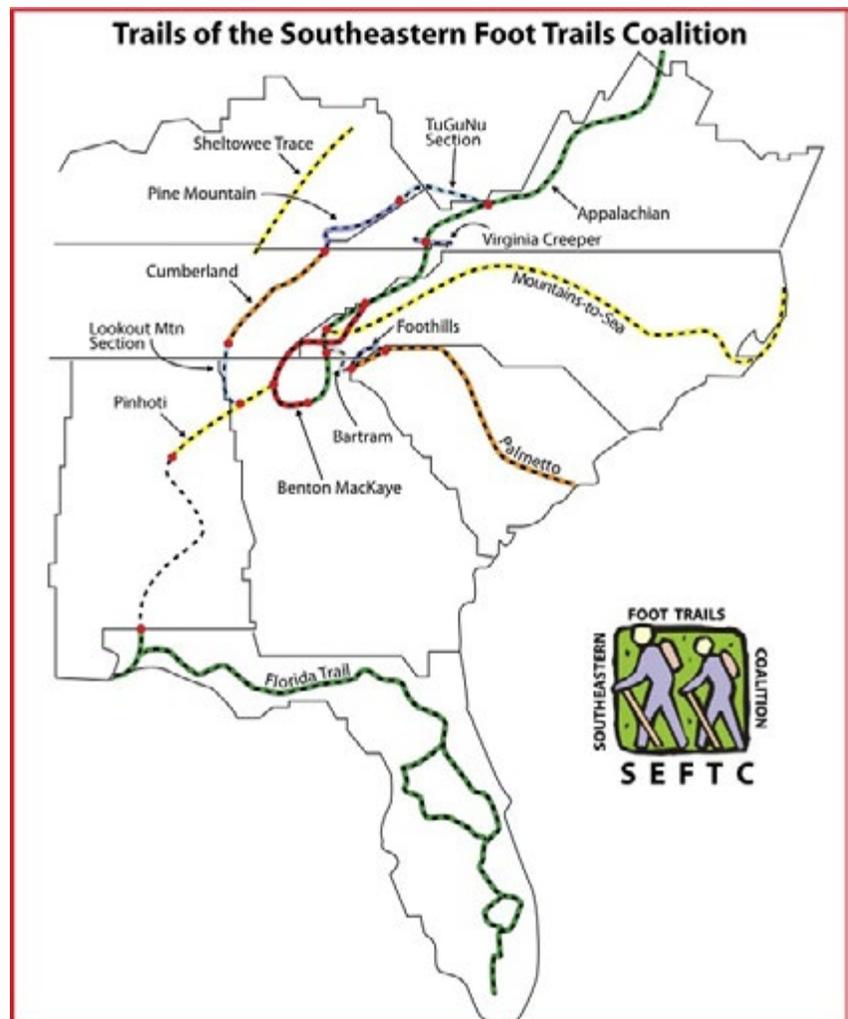
January 18-22, 2017

The Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition is holding their annual Leadership Conference meeting and winter hiking event this coming January 18-22, 2017 at the Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. The hiking component of this event is meant to continue the winter hiking tradition popularized for 25 years by Wilderness Wildlife Week.

In conjunction with the Winter Hike Week, SEFTC will conduct its annual meeting and a special planning session on Saturday Jan 21, 2017 in the Music Road Resort convention facility. All hiking trail building and maintaining clubs and organizations in the Southeast are invited to help us shape the future of our organization. This “summit meeting” of Southeast organizations will assess the needs of the southeastern trail community, and how best to serve those needs. Everyone is invited to provide input to make this work.

For more information click on <http://southeasternfoottrails.org/website-message-for-2016-meeting.pdf> or contact Jim Plant at jim@greenmon.com.

An interactive version of this map may be found at <http://southeasternfoottrails.org/SEFTC-interconnected-trails.htm>. Note - the portion of trail that connects the Pinhote to the Florida Trail is a work in progress. This will eventually allow you to hike from the tip of Florida to end of the Appalachian Trail in Maine.



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



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HANDS ON ATLANTA.
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December Newsletter Deadline

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