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Happy Holidays to all our Volunteers

We've had a busy and successful year. Our participation in workdays has grown dramatically <u>with more than 70</u> <u>volunteers of all ages</u> at our workday on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Take a break, and enjoy Christmas, New Year's, and all the holidays that are part of your life. Come back renewed and refreshed to do more great things for our park in 2008.

Volunteer Leadership and Service Projects for Youth

Since our founding in 2002, the Club has supported more than 20 Boy Scout Eagle candidate service projects in the park.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park offers many project opportunities for young men and women both as individual leadership projects and as group service projects. Projects are open to young people from any youth organization, church, school, or social group that has community service as part of the requirements for their program.

For more information or to volunteer for a project please contact our youth service administrator **Mr. Ed Holsworth kemoeagles@mindspring.com** or the National Park

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Service Youth Service Coordinator, Mr. W. R. (Willie) Johnson - <u>willie r johnson@nps.gov</u>.

Come and play in the dirt with us!

- 1. Workday 2nd Saturday every month check the website if the weather is inclement/very cold!
- 2. Meet at the Service area and park by the fence at 8:30 AM.
- 3. Youth need permission and leadership.
- 4. Eat Breakfast with us at IHOP on Hwy 41 north of Barrett Parkway at 7 AM, before we start.



We Get Mail

The following is from an E-mail we received after our December workday. It contains a question that is asked frequently by visitors we encounter while we are working on the trail. We feel that it is worth repeating here, along with the reply.

Note: The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is a partner in supporting Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park along with the National Park Service. All trail work and any other projects we undertake are planned, developed and implemented in close cooperation with and approved by NPS management.

From: bob bobby

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2007 10:13 PM

To: Kennesaw Trail Club President

Dear Mr. Angeli.

I was working on the new trail with y'all last Saturday and I was wondering if the current trail would remain open after the new trail is complete?

> Thanks, Jeremiah Reece.

Jeremiah:

The new trail replaces the current trail which will be rehabilitated back to nature. There are several reasons for this. The new trail is designed and constructed to enable persons with disabilities to travel to the top of the mountain. Secondly the old trail is too steep to be maintained. It is badly eroded in many places and is potentially unsafe. Thirdly, the old trail crosses the historic earthworks several times, doing damage to these fragile structures. These earthworks are a principle reason for the park's existence.

If you share the concern of many visitors that the new trail won't be strenuous enough for you to get a good workout, I should point out that the new trail is substantially longer than the current trail to cover the same amount of elevation change. Also, the National Park Service, in developing the Strategic Trail Plan for the Park, is expecting to add almost 9 miles to the trail system and they have allowed for the creation of portions of the system to accommodate the more

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aggressive wishes of some visitors without harming any additional historic and natural resources. The trail plan is currently undergoing environmental assessment, and hopefully will be available for public comment sometime in 2008.

We appreciate your help and look forward to working with you again soon.

Richard C. Angeli

President Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2[№] SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 12, 2008

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the new mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available



More pictures from November 10, 2007 Workday, and November at the Park.





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The Falls

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Fred Feltmann Surrounded by a forest of rhododendron and mountain laurel, stately pine and oaks, It carries their life blood. in a thunderous cacophony of sound.

The fauna of the forest know its worth; drink from it. And live.

The rocks. Holding it here. Allowing it to flow freely, raucously there, are cleansed by it. Made smooth and round. Obliterating sharp and jagged, and sometimes grimy personalities.

Living water.

Showing the beauty and majesty of God's handiwork. If we, God's proclaimed Master of Nature, Would just recognize our role. Rather than our pride and greed. On the Appalachian Trail, near Three Forks

> HAPPY NEW YEAR 🎾 FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 🎾 BONNE ANNÉE 🎾 FROHES NEUES JAHR 🎾 GOTT NYTT ÅR 🎾

Contributions

Do you have an article that you would like to contribute to the newsletter; maybe a little prose, or a picture (or two)? If you do, send it to either Richard Angeli or me, and we'll look it over and let you know if we can use it!

Another Episode in Life March 1, 1971

Fred Feltmann It takes an engineer to realize the fabric of life; how well it is put together. It takes a poet to experience its beauty, its pain, its sorrows, its joys. It takes a rabbi, a priest, a monk, a theologian, to realize maybe why. It takes a photographer to capture a moment forever in picture form. A novelist to write its story. A science fiction writer to get an overall view a futuristic, fifth dimensional view. It takes a reporter to tell, to find and record its day-to-day affairs, its sorrows. Its frustrations. Its joys. It takes a scientist to know its wonders. It takes you and I to live it. To make it what it is. What it should be. It takes a "you and I" to believe in it. To participate. For what is Life without you? Without an I?

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