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REI Presents Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club With Grant

REI Opened their new store in Kennesaw on Friday, May 4, 2008. In anticipation of this event, and to begin demonstrating the Co-Op's commitment to being involved in the communities they serve, they brought more than 50 volunteers to the Garlic Mustard Pull at the park on a cold rainy Saturday, April 12. In addition, they presented the club with a grant of \$5,000 to print more than 20,000 new brochures. Half of the brochures are a new publication addressing issues of Leave No Trace Ethics for visitors to the park.



As a corporate partner of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics (<http://lnt.org>), REI is a committed supporter of programs to educate young and old alike on the best ways to enjoy our public lands, while minimizing our impact, and preserving them for future visitors. The remaining brochures are a update of the Trail Club Brochure encouraging people to volunteer, and help build and maintain the trails in the park.

We are extremely grateful for this wonderful contribution to our efforts to support Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. And, we're looking forward to continuing to work with REI.

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Help Wanted - Certified Trail Crew Leaders

Richard Angeli

With the large increase we have seen in the number of volunteers coming out for our trail workdays, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club has an urgent need for additional trained and certified crew leaders.

We have an opportunity for Mike Ritter of Trail Design Specialists to conduct the 4-day Crew Leader Certification Course at Kennesaw Mountain this August. The tentative dates are August 25, to 29, 2008.

What you will learn:

The course combines class room instruction with hands on practical experience in the field. Each day deals with



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Memorial Day - A Time to Remember, Honor And Reflect

On Memorial Day, we take time out of our busy schedules - but what do we do with that time?

Yes, a lot of us make a 3-day weekend out of it, to spend time with friends and family.

But that is not the purpose of this day. Yes, we should use the time to relax and enjoy the spring season, the end of school, and all the other reasons to get away.

But, the purpose of the day? To celebrate those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us. The ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms - our way of life. The ultimate sacrifice that allows us this opportunity to celebrate life over this 3-day weekend.

Here, at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, it is no different. A lot of folks will be at the Park this weekend, taking in the sun, having picnics, hiking the trails, celebrating life.

But while you are here having fun, or driving by the Park, just a reminder. Over 5,300 men gave their lives during the two week battle here in June, 1864. Over 150,000 men took part in this historic battle!

So, as you visit the Park during the coming weeks, please pause a moment, look out over the vistas at the Park, and remember those who fought here for our freedom, as well as those who fought and died for us during the Revolutionary War, and all the battles that have taken place up and through the current day - be it Iraq, Afghanistan or any of the small conflicts that are not reported in the daily news.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

FAX: 770-516-9120 (Call first, so I can turn it on!)

National Trails Day

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, the National Park Service and REI are sponsoring a National Trails Day Program at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

This year's program requires pre-registration. Pre-registration will be handled by REI's Perimeter store. All inquiries regarding registration for National Trails Day should be directed to the REI Perimeter Store at 770 901-9200 and register through customer service. You can also register through e-mail at the Perimeter Store: st54@rei.com.

Tentative Activities planned for the National Trails Day Program:

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM - Sign-in for pre-registrants
- 8:30 AM - Welcoming Remarks
- 8:45 AM - Tool Talk
- 9:00 AM - Dispersal to work sites
- Noon - Gather at work-sites for pick-up and return to Administration area
- 12:30 PM - Lunch (provided by REI)
- 1:00 PM - Living History Demonstration
- 1:30 PM - Guided walk up Kennesaw Mountain

If you would like to participate in the National Trails Day effort, but do not wish to work on a maintenance/Trail building effort, there are other options available. For example, we will need approximately 8 volunteers to work information booths at various locations within the Park from approximately 9 AM till 3 PM. Contact **Fred Feltmann** at **770-516-9120** or at faf1948@bellsouth.net for more information.



Notes:

- 1 This program is available only for those who have pre-registered!
2. Complete forms referenced on page 4 and included on pages 8 and 9.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY MAY 10, 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.

VETERANS' UNIFORM AND MEMORABILIA DISPLAY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2008

VISITOR CENTER EDUCATION ROOM

DATES: MAY 22, 2008 - MAY 26, 2008

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will present a Memorial Day weekend display of veterans' uniforms and memorabilia. The display is free and open to public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Ken Myers, who has provided patriotic and educational U.S. military displays in the Atlanta area for the past eight years, presents the display. The display will consist of eighty-five uniforms and other memorabilia from World War I through Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of the uniforms and the majority of the other items will be identified with the veteran's name, branch of service, and when the veteran served. Many of the uniforms and memorabilia will have pictures of the Veteran.

Please come and enjoy this tribute to men and women of America's armed forces who have so gallantly served their country. For more information, please call 770-427-4686 x 0 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For a list of other events, please visit the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park website:

<http://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/events.htm>

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY JUNE 7, 2008

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!!!!

See details in separate article herein for National Trails Day.

If you would like to staff one of this year's 4 information booths, please contact **Fred Feltmann** at 770-516-9120 or at faf1948@bellsouth.net for details. Hours of operation for the information booths will be 9 AM - 3 PM. We would like to have 2 volunteers per booth.

Lunch will be provided to registered volunteers. Visit REI's Perimeter Store Website to register.

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY JULY 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.

Help Wanted - Trail Crew Leaders - Continued from Page 1

one topic. Day 1 is Trail Design and layout. You learn the practices in laying out a sustainable trail minimizing maintenance and optimizing the layout for expected uses. You will also learn to use the tools for estimating grade and slope. Day 2 covers construction, including tools, materials, benching, cribbing, grade dips, building switch backs, and climbing turns. The 3rd day covers maintenance in all of its aspects. Day 4 is devoted to leading your crew. You learn how to plan the work, how to organize teams, how to show appreciation for your volunteers, and especially how to get them to come back for more.

The cost of the course is \$300 per student. The cost can be deducted as Volunteer Expenses related to KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. on your income taxes. Class materials, coffee breaks, and lunch will be provided each day. If the cost of the tuition is your only draw back to enrolling, talk to **Richard Angeli** or **Jerry Givan**. The club may be able to provide some assistance.

Trail Crew Leader (Trail Master) Training Course

By Larry Wheat

The Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency (CRPA) recently confirmed dates of June 16-20 for the trail crew leader training course to be taught by Mike Ritter. Normally this is a 4-day course and I have not yet heard why a fifth day is listed. Perhaps the last day will be the trail machine course, and if so, that will be a great opportunity for participants. The course will be held in Cherokee County, at the Twin Creeks Softball Complex in an upstairs meeting room. More details will be obtained later about where this softball complex is located, and about the specific course agenda. Basically, the course covers trail design, construction, maintenance, and crew leader skills. The normal course process is to spend the morning in the classroom and then go outside and practice for the afternoon. The cost is \$300.00 per person. Interested persons should contact the CRPA coordinator, **Mr. Steve Ralston** at stralston@crpa.net.

There is a possibility (not yet an approved commitment) that the Back Country Horsemen of North Georgia (BCHNG) and/or the Cherokee County Saddle Club (CCSC) may be able to reimburse one or two persons who successfully complete the course and are willing to serve as a crew leader. Please contact **Larry Wheat** at L.Wheat@mindspring.com if you are interested in such support.

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Garlic Mustard Pull - A Great Success!

Fred Feltmann

On April 12th, we had a very successful Trail Work Day in conjunction with the staff at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park, REI and our Club members - a total of over 70 volunteers! We pulled enough of the Garlic Mustard to fill over 20 trash bags. We made a dent in it. The National Park Service wishes to thank all who participated and they look forward to our help again next year - it'll take several years to complete this task.

I might add, on one of my visits to the Park on Saturday, May 3rd, I did unfortunately see some of this noxious weed in an area below where we were picking it, so our work will be cut out for us again next year. Watch the Newsletter for the date and time next April, when we will again gather to do battle with this foe!!!!

Below and on page 7 are pictures of our efforts.



Welcoming comments and last-minute instructions are provided to the volunteers



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All should also be aware that Walt Bready, the Georgia Trails Education Specialist, is holding a similar crew leader training course this June during two weekends (14-15, 28-29). This course is held at the Gainesville College. You may contact me (Larry Wheat) for further details on that course if you like.

Registration Forms

On pages 8 and 9, herein, are registration forms that are needed for all volunteers who work on projects at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park. If you have not filled out these forms previously, please bring them to the Park on your first work day. These forms allow you to be covered by workman's compensation in the event of an accident while you are volunteering at the park! Parental signatures are also required for volunteers who are under 18.

Garlic Mustard was not the only things found on the Mountain - one of the volunteers holding a coconut found there as well.



The Great Garlic Mustard Pull of April 12, 2008



*Interim Superintendent,
Kennesaw Mountain
National Battlefield Park,
Brad Bennett, holding a
sample of Garlic Mustard.*



A picture of a mature plant in bloom.



*A ring snake found under
a rock while pulling the
Garlic Mustard*

*The Weed Pile -
Vanquished Garlic
Mustard - and Victor,
the son of one of the
volunteers - celebrates
the victory!!!*



Jason Lane adds one last bag to the pile.



Our many friends from REI! - Thanks!



Words To Live By....

Nature is God's first missionary. Where there is no Bible there are sparkling stars. Where there are no preachers there are spring times.... If a person has nothing but nature, then nature is enough to reveal something about God.

Max Lucado

Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. Day to Day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard, yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.

So, here in these two quotes though previously unspoken, or at least not recognized in the foreground of my consciousness, is all the reason needed to explain why we do what we do to preserve our natural and historic wonders.

Richard Angeli



Volunteer T-Shirts Available!

We have received a new supply of the yellow trail crew tee shirts in sizes L and XL. They are available on workdays for \$10.00 each.



They can also be ordered at our on-line store, http://cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails. Retail cost is \$14.99 plus shipping.

You may reserve a shirt for pick-up at the workday by sending an e-mail to Richard Angeli - e-mail address, below.

Wearing the tee shirt is strictly your option. However, it does greatly enhance the trail club's visibility to park visitors and encourages them to volunteer to help.

Richard C. Angeli

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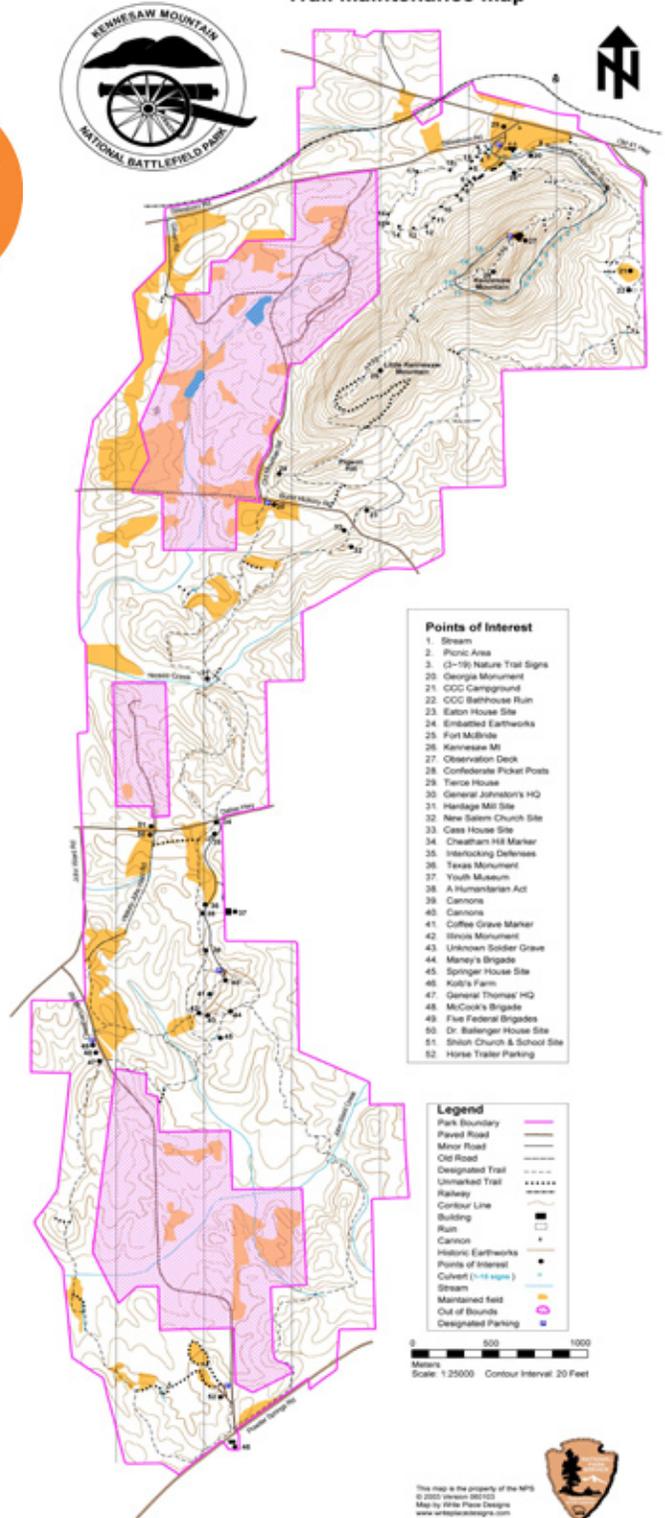


June Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the May Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than May 15th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



Local in Touch. Global in Reach

HLB Gross Collins, P.C.

Volunteer Services Agreement for Natural Resources Agencies for Individuals or Groups

Please print when completing this form

Site Name	Agency	Reimbursement (if any)	
Name of Volunteer or Group Leader – Last, First, Middle	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

IF VOLUNTEER IS UNDER AGE 18 – Name of Parent or Guardian	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand that the agency volunteer program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law; and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee. I have read the attached description of the work that the volunteer will perform.

I give my permission for _____ to participate in the specified volunteer activity sponsored

by _____ at _____
(Name of Sponsoring Organization, if applicable) (Name of Volunteer Duty Station)

From _____ to _____
(Date) (Date) (Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

Emergency Contact Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Brief description of work to be performed. Include details such as minimum time commitment required, use of personal equipment, use of government vehicle, etc. Attach the complete job description to this form. If this is a group agreement, the leader is to provide the group name, a complete list of group participants to be attached to this form, and parental approval (above) completed for each volunteer under the age of 18.

Government Vehicle required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Valid State Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> International Driver's License
Personal Vehicle to be used? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please verify that the volunteer is in possession of one of these documents. DO NOT keep a copy of the document for his/her file.

I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the above work and that volunteers are NOT considered Federal employees for any purpose other than tort claims and injury compensation. I understand that volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other employee benefits. I also understand that either the government or I may cancel this agreement at any time by notifying the other party.

I understand that my volunteer position may require a background investigation in order for me to perform my duties.

I understand that all publications, films, slides, videos, artistic or similar endeavors, resulting from my volunteer services as specifically stated in the attached job description, will become the property of the United States, and as such, will be in the public domain and not subject to copyright laws.

I do hereby volunteer my services as described above, to assist in agency-authorized work.

(Signature of Volunteer)

(Date)

The above-named agency agrees, while this arrangement is in effect, to provide such materials, equipment, and facilities that are available and needed to perform the work described above, and to consider you as a Federal employee only for the purposes of tort claims and injury compensation.

(Signature of Volunteer Manager/Coordinator)

(Date)

Termination of Agreement

Volunteer requests formal evaluation Yes No

Evaluation Completed _____
(Date)

Agreement terminated on _____
(Date)

(Signature of Volunteer Manager/Coordinator)

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