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The mission of Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park is to assist the National Park Service in its mission to preserve and protect Great Smoky Mountains National Park by raising funds and awareness and providing volunteers for needed projects.

In 2013, nearly 4,200 individuals, corporations, and foundations representing 45 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands made gifts to Friends of the Smokies, hailing from as far away as Hawaii to as close as Knoxville, Tennessee. Great Smoky Mountains National Park benefits from tremendous generosity! We'd love to count Friends of the Smokies in every state. Can you help us? If you know someone who loves Great Smoky Mountains National Park and lives in Kansas, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, or Vermont, please encourage them to become a Friend, or give them a gift membership for a birthday, anniversary, or holiday!



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HOW IT ALL BEGAN- A Hike to Mt. Cammerer 20 Years Ago

By Chief Justice Gary R. Wade

Circa 1990, Gatlinburg architect Tom Trotter lamented that he had reached the ripe old age of 40 and yet he had not hiked all the trails in the Smokies. Dedicated to physical fitness, Tom challenged me to set aside a couple of weekend days each month for hiking. He acquired a map of the trails and over the next two to three years carefully charted each of the hikes we made. The more popular the trails, some of which we had trekked before, such as the Chimneys, the various routes to LeConte, and Charlie's Bunion, were first on the list. Tom loved the Elkmont area and made sure I was exposed to every hiking trail, from the Sugarlands Center to Tremont, such as Jake's Creek, Huskey Gap, and Blanket Mountain. I, on the other hand, had spent much of my childhood near the "Big" Greenbrier entrance to the Park and was eager for Tom to experience the Ramsey Cascades, Maddron Bald, and Porter Flats trails.



During this time, however, one hike stood above all the others- at least in our minds- the Low Gap trail from the Cosby Campground to Mt. Cammerer was a place Tom had never seen before. Despite the degree of difficulty over six miles in getting to the top with its 5,000 feet of elevation, I wanted Tom to see what my brother, Dr. Dwight Wade, and I experienced a few weeks earlier: a 360 degree view and an octagonal, western style fire tower built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, in the late 1930s. Tom immediately recognized the architectural significance of the fire tower, which featured a stone foundation, some of which, we later learned, weighed 600 pounds, having been blocked from a mountainside quarry only 100 feet away. Unfortunately, graffiti "adorned" the walls of what had obviously been, in its day, a

quite impressive facility.

While eating our lunch on the rocks at the fire tower, Tom and I were joined by a back country ranger. Tom began quizzing the ranger about the tower and its demise. The ranger told us that the park superintendent, Randy Pope, was interested in having something done to the structure. Tom gave the ranger his business card, asking him to pass it along to Superintendent Pope. "If Randy Pope really wants to do this, tell him that I will donate my time for the architectural drawings and to give me a call."

A few days later, Randy Pope called Tom, and scheduled a meeting. While in Superintendent Pope's office, Randy patiently explained that the Congress no



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longer appropriated amounts sufficient for either capital improvements or the costly maintenance associated with the upkeep of historic structures. While pleased that Tom was donating his architectural talents, Randy asked how he might raise the \$35,000 or so in construction costs. Tom answered, “Don’t worry, I’ll leave that up to my friend Gary Wade.” Needless to say, Randy quickly accepted Tom’s proposal.

Well, while I had done some fundraising during my time as mayor in my hometown in Sevierville, I had just been named judge on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, and a cardinal rule in the profession precluded use of the judicial office to raise funds- no matter how worthy or non-controversial the project. When I dallied about, stirring over the constraints of the judicial guidelines, Superintendent Pope eventually decided to push forward by setting a date for a meeting designed to establish an organization dedicated solely to the support of “our” national treasure. On September 3, 1993, Park Superintendent Randy Pope and Bob Miller (who I often called the “Voice of the Park”) invited a collection of people from Tennessee and North Carolina to form the founding board of what we know as Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Prominent Knoxville philanthropist Lindsay Young and Western North Carolina University Chancellor Barney Coulter attended that meeting. So did Steve Woody of the Cataloochee Woodys, Judy Morton (Morton’s Overlook), banker and outdoor photographer John Dickson, Mary Johnson, and, of course, Natalie Haslam. They were soon joined by noted author Wilma Dykeman, former TVA chair John Waters, UT VP Jack Williams, businessman David White, and Cherokee, North Carolina magistrate Lee Jones, who was later elected Chief of the Eastern Band of his tribe. Soon afterward, the Rotary Clubs of Knoxville stepped forward. Bob Ely of the West Knoxville Rotary persuaded Artist Terry Chandler to do a painting of the tower. The sale of the prints largely covered the cost of restoration. Stokely Enterprises provided the helicopter to deliver the construction materials and by 1995 the very first project of “Friends of the Smokies” had become a reality.

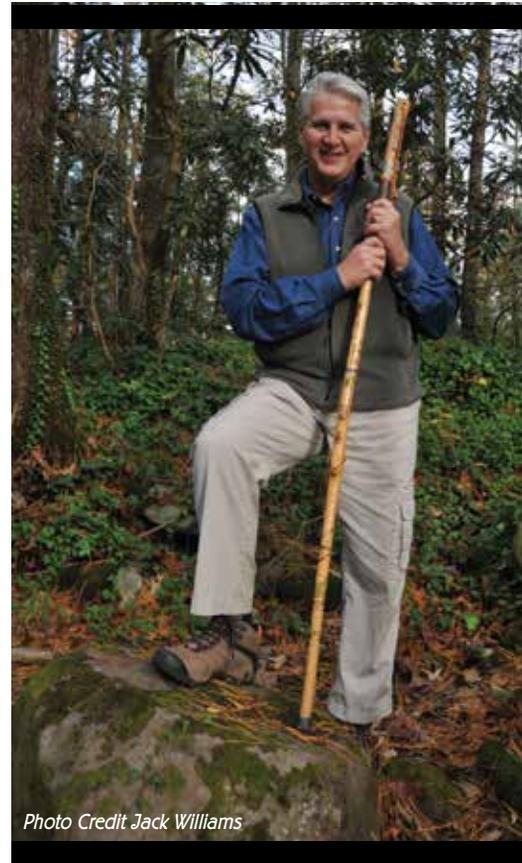


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As Friends completes its twentieth year of service to the country’s most visited national park, support from people of both states and across America averages more than \$3 million annually. Over Friends of the Smokies’ history, more than \$44 million have been contributed to preserve and protect our mountain retreat. Trail maintenance, the preservation of historic structures, and the introduction of young people to nature’s wonders are chief among the accomplishments of Friends. **Through Friends of the Smokies, the Mt. Cammerer fire tower, which is situated at the Tennessee/North Carolina line, has come to symbolize the joint commitment of the two states, to maintain our cherished mountains for all posterity.**

We Salute You

Friends of the Smokies recognizes and thanks each and every donor who made it possible to fund more than \$1 million in crucial needs in Great Smoky Mountains National Park from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Here you will find a listing of donors giving \$100 or more in 2013.

Throughout a year of challenges, from the spring landslide on US 441 to the two-week government shutdown in October, our Park and its employees still continued their efforts to keep our nation's most-visited national park a place where families want to return year after year. **Your support improved new sections of the beloved Chimney Tops Trail; treated thousands of trees threatened by the hemlock woolly adelgid; opened up the wonders of the enormously diverse Great Smoky Mountains National Park to thousands of teachers and students through the Parks as Classrooms program; and preserved historic log cabins and churches from Cades Cove to Cataloochee Valley.**

We thank you for your contributions; you make an impact on the Park's special places and the life within them. When combined with the generosity of thousands of drivers in North Carolina and Tennessee who purchase or renew Friends of the Smokies license plates for their vehicles, and many more who place quarters or dollars in our donation boxes from Deep Creek to Clingman's Dome, it means that you have helped make our Park better this year and for years to come.

We offer a special word of thanks for the many local businesses surrounding the Park who donate gifts of goods or services to enhance our fundraising event experiences for our patrons. 2013 was a difficult year for our community partners who depend on the tourism dollars generated by visitors to an open and thriving national park, and we appreciate the continued generosity from our corporate and small business friends.

Thank you to Sam Hobbs for use of his black bear photos used throughout this publication

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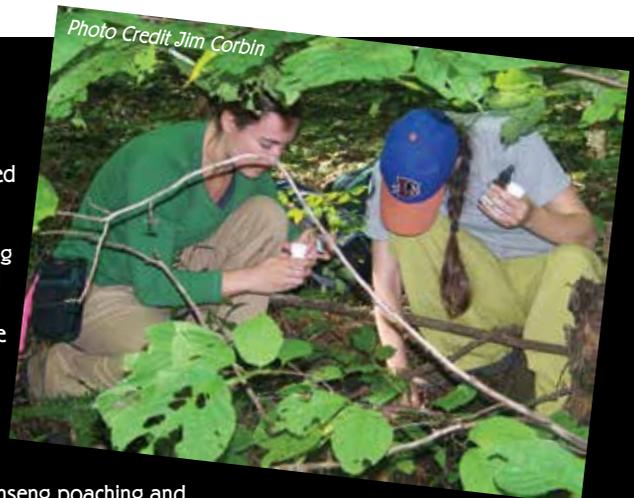
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Reduce Ginseng Poaching through Marking Ginseng Roots

For the third consecutive year, Friends of the Smokies proudly supported ginseng conservation efforts in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, bringing the total committed for anti-ginseng poaching initiatives to \$15,000 through 2013. Great Smoky Mountains National Park's ginseng poaching prevention program is equal parts science, conservation, and crime scene investigation. Park officials view ginseng as the natural resource most threatened as a result of harmful human activity; in some backcountry areas it has been totally eliminated. Poaching literally erases natural history, and tramples other organisms and sensitive plant communities. To prove that the park's ginseng is being sold on the market, rangers work with state resource agencies to mark roots with dye or magnetic strips. More than 6600 individual ginseng plants have been marked by hand over the last 3 years to help discourage ginseng poaching and assist in the apprehension of offenders.

Thank you to the Knoxville Garden Club for funding these efforts.



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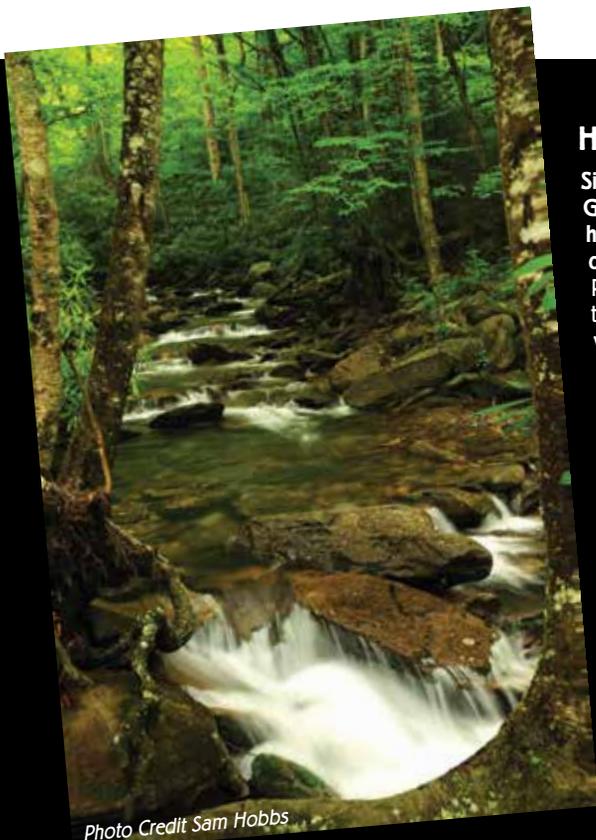


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Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Program Report

Since 2003, Friends of the Smokies members and supporters have helped Great Smoky Mountains National Park establish the world's largest hemlock woolly adelgid treatment program in an effort to save a portion of the Park's vast population of eastern hemlock trees. Each year, the Park measures its success and maps areas where chemical and biological treatments have been administered. In 2013, the park's vegetation crew was able to treat more trees along scenic drives like Cades Cove and Greenbrier entrance road. They also celebrated the success of treating old growth streamside hemlocks through new chemical delivery systems. Additionally, there were 14 releases of microscopic predatory beetles totaling 21,019 insects, bringing the total of adelgid-eating beetles released in the Smokies to 560,000 since the biological control program began.

To-date, 104 conservation areas have been established across Great Smoky Mountains National Park totaling 4829 acres. By locating conservation areas in different geographic locations throughout the park, genetic diversity within the species is being maintained, in hopes that the park's surviving hemlocks will be better able to fight off future environmental stressors. Along the Park's trails, more than 2,500 acres of frontcountry hemlock trees have been treated, with more than 10,000 additional acres of treated trees along streamsidess and in the backcountry.

More than 220,000 individual hemlock trees have been treated in the Smokies over the last 10 years. With your help, the eastern hemlocks will thrive in the Smokies to be enjoyed by future generations.

Thank you to Fred & Alice Stanback and Brad & Shelli Stanback for their generous program support

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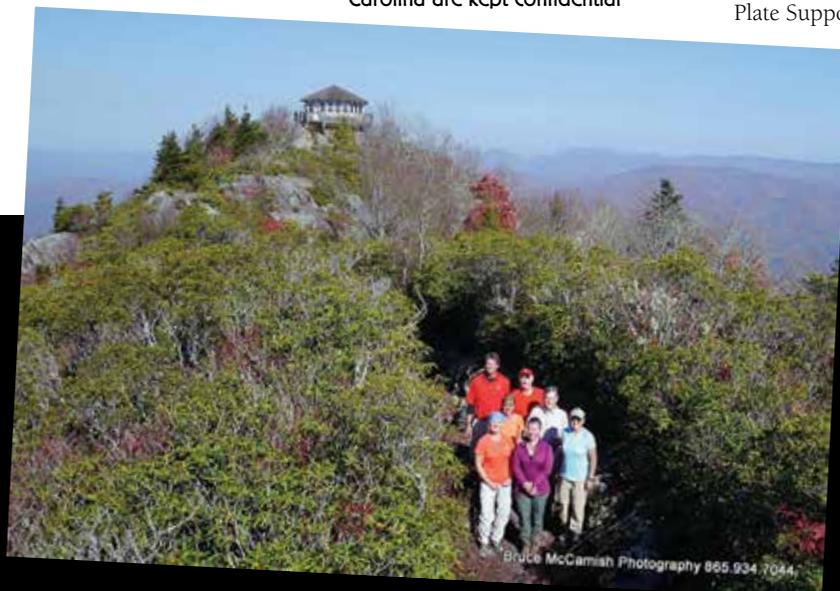
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The iconic Mt. Cammerer Fire Tower was Friends of the Smokies' first historic restoration project. In 2013, members' support totaling \$2400 helped repair windows and doors as well as walkway pickets at this favorite hiking destination.

Thank you to Chief Justice & Mrs. Gary Wade and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Trotter for their support.

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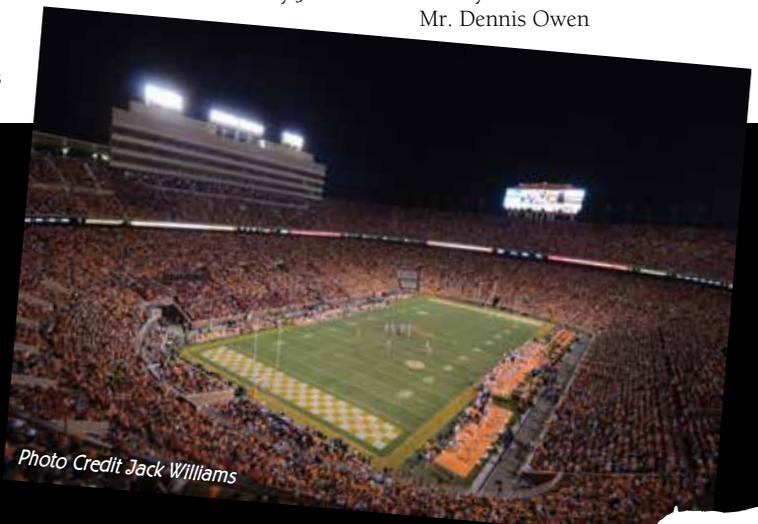


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Trails Forever Progress on Chimney Tops Trail

Following their successful 3-year transformation of the Forney Ridge Trail, the Trails Forever crew began work in 2012 on overhauling the very popular Chimney Tops Trail. Phase I work in 2012 focused on the section between the trailhead and the junction with Road Prong Trail at a cost of \$121,000 funded by donors to Friends' Trails Forever endowment. The crew constructed rock steps along the first 1.2 miles of trail in the steepest areas to prevent erosion created by the more than 80 inches of rain that fall in Great Smoky Mountains National Park on an annual basis, coupled with the foot traffic of the millions of hikers who tackle this short, steep trail each year. Crew members, with the support of more than 300 volunteers who gave more than 5500 hours to the Trails Forever program in 2012, also redefined sections of trail that had become difficult or unsafe to navigate, and improved drainage through the installation of sustainable materials that discourage future erosion.



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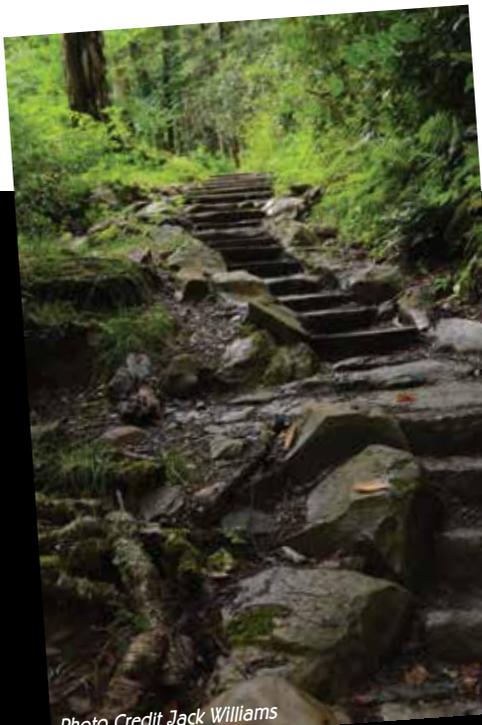


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The crew faced significant challenges for Phase 2 in 2013, beginning with January floods that washed away the pedestrian bridge across Walker Camp Prong. While the Trails Forever crew was not tasked with replacing it, staging of materials and equipment for their work was much more difficult without the bridge. The new bridge was finished in July. Phase 2 improvements included building several sets of rock steps and staircases, as well as elevated turnpikes and rock and timber retaining walls. In 2013, Friends of the Smokies contributed \$217,000 for Chimney Tops improvements by the Trails Forever crew; volunteers contributed more than 1000 hours.

The two-week federal government shutdown resulted in a loss of productivity for the Trails Forever crew. Work will resume in spring 2014 to complete Phase 2 Chimney Tops work and begin Phase 3. The remaining 0.8 miles of trail include the most continuous technical trail reconstruction needed on the entire rehabilitation project.

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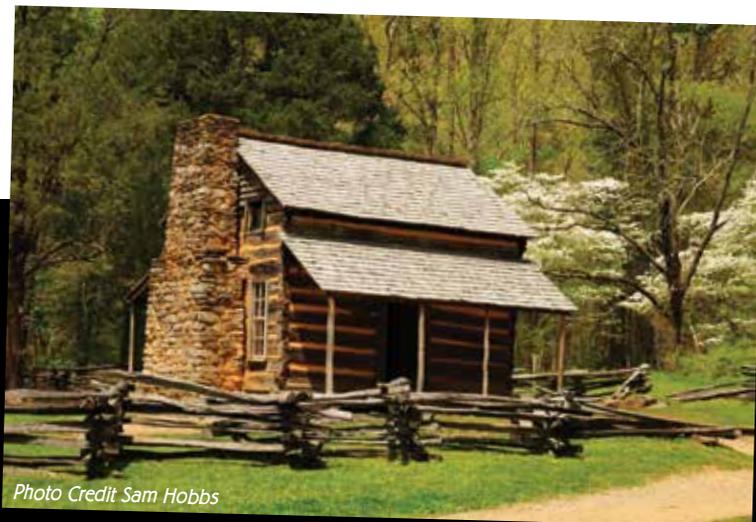


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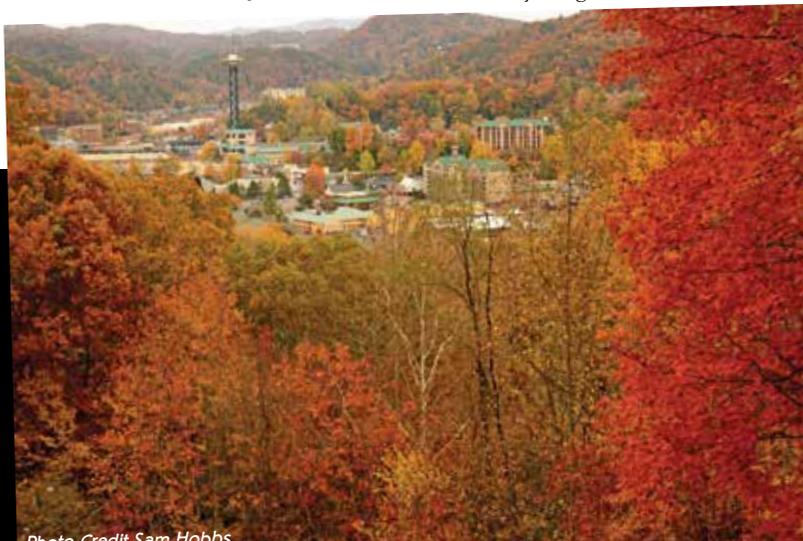


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Natural Resource Management & Science

Suppress Hemlock Woolly

Adelgid Infestation

\$ 20,000

Since 2003, Friends of the Smokies has had a leadership role in supporting the most ambitious program in the Southeast aimed at protecting hemlocks from the invasive and deadly hemlock woolly adelgid. To date, more than 250,000 individual hemlock trees have been hand-treated, and more than 4,700 acres of hemlock-dominated forest have been set aside as special conservation areas. Protection includes a combination of soap spraying in the front country, systemic pesticides in more remote areas and biological control using predator beetles raised in the Lindsay Young Beneficial Insect Lab at UT.

Support Appalachian Bear Rescue (ABR)

\$ 9,000

Each year a number of orphaned or injured Park bears are treated and housed in the nonprofit ABR center in Townsend until they can be released back into the Park. Prior to the creation of ABR, most of these animals were euthanized.

Reduce Backcountry Bear Problems

with Food Storage Cable Systems

\$ 4,000

Each backcountry campsite and shelter has a pulley and cable system which campers are required to use to hoist their food and packs out of the reach of bears for the increased safety of both visitors and bears. Each year a number of these systems are damaged through use or by falling trees and must be replaced.

Support Indiana

Bat Telemetry Study

\$ 2,500

These funds would allow us to provide 10 radio-transmitters for a study led by Dr. Joy O'Keefe, Director of the Center for Bat Research, Outreach and Conservation. Objectives of the study are to 1) measure roost habitat selection for Indiana bats in GRSM during the emergence period from caves in early

April and May, and 2) assess thermoregulatory strategies of Indiana bats at roost in spring. Results of the study will provide a better understanding of the risks associated with fires during spring for roosting Indiana bats.

Support for 26 SCA/Interns

for Resource Mgmt & Science Activities

\$ 86,324

These 26 Student Conservation Associates (SCAs)/interns will spray for hemlock woolly adelgids, eradicate non-native plants, sample streams for brook trout, help trap problem bears, and assist with research activities. These interns get an enormous amount of work experience while providing a huge amount of cost-effective labor. This funding provides a small living allowance and Park housing to these young people who come from all over the US.

Water Quality Monitoring Program

\$ 85,000

One of the park's biggest single resource issues is trying to improve water quality in North Carolina and Tennessee. All of the Park's watersheds have their headwaters deep within the protection of the Park far from any upstream point-source pollution, but due to the large amounts of air borne acid and mercury being deposited, and leaching out of soils, many of the Park's high elevation streams are too acidic to support brook trout. This project supports a long-term UT study that will help correlate changes (reductions) in acid being deposited with changes in water quality at a site on Noland Divide.

Support Cultural Resource

Collections Storage at OSTI

\$ 48,123

The project would fund the continued storage of cultural museum collections at the Office of Science and Technology (OSTI) into 2014. Park museum collections are currently stored at OSTI in space rented from the Department of Energy. This space provides more appropriate storage than can be provided in the park. Approximately 30,000 historic, archaeological, and archival items are currently stored at OSTI.

Public Safety Treatment of Ash Trees (EAB)

\$ 5,500

EAB was confirmed in GRSM in 2012 in two locations along the Gatlinburg Trail and Greenbrier Road and recently in Cades Cove in 2013. In addition, portions of Blount, Sevier, and Cocke counties in TN have been confirmed positive for EAB. As of September 2012, no counties in NC have been confirmed positive for EAB. These funds will support the systemic treatment of 300 ash trees in developed areas (campgrounds, picnic areas, parking areas) in TN to prevent hazard tree danger.

Maintain Protection of Fraser Firs

at Purchase Knob

\$ 2,500

Since 1962, the balsam woolly adelgid, an exotic predatory European insect, has killed 91% of the Park's naturally-occurring stands of high-elevation Fraser firs. The Park and UT planted 600 seedlings at the Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center at Purchase Knob in 1995. While some of these trees have been attacked by the balsam woolly adelgid, they are treated annually with sprays and pesticides to preserve samples of the trees' genetic material, which is important for species preservation. Park staff is hopeful that these will assist in future repopulation of firs.

Mow the Viewshed in Cades Cove

\$ 6,000

As a part of our grassland management and restoration efforts in Cades Cove, fields are kept open by several methods to help provide varied habitats for turkey, coyote, fox, rabbit, deer, bear, ground nesting birds such as quail. Some fields are mowed after nesting season, while others are burned, plowed, and harvested in the gradual process to restore much of the Cove to native meadow habitat. These funds support our viewshed mowing that both keep the fields open and provide vistas into the grassland communities.

Support Cataloochee Field Management

\$ 3,000

As part of our field management in Cataloochee, fields are mown once a year to preserve the historical landscape. Mowing is conducted in August to provide better summer habitat for elk.

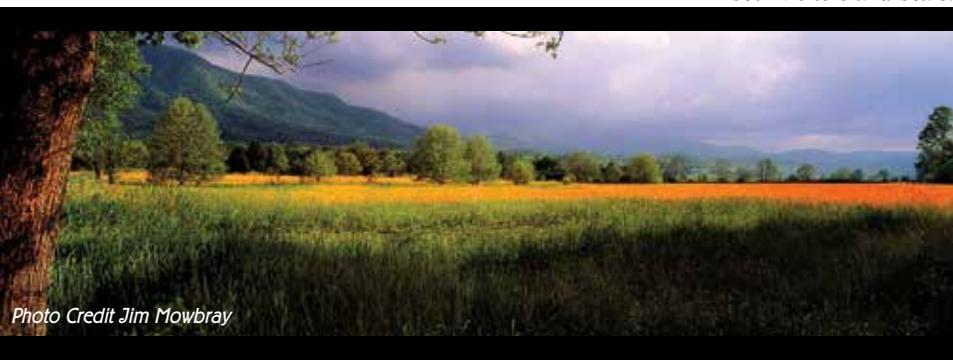


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Resource Education

Elkmont Wayside Exhibits

\$ 14,500

Fabrication of 11 Elkmont wayside exhibit panels and frames which were designed in FY 2012. These exhibits tell the stories of the Elkmont Historic District highlighting the former communities of Millionaires' Row, Society Hill, and Daisy Town.

Experience Your Smokies (NC)

\$ 500

The Experience Your Smokies program provides a unique opportunity for our local residents to get to know the park and its employees in a whole new way. The program is designed for local residents, business, community and educational leaders to get a behind the scenes look into the national park, while networking with others from western North Carolina.

Appalachian Highlands Science Learning Center

Teacher Ranger Teacher

\$ 4,000

A local school teacher will be hired to work on the North Carolina side of the Smokies as part of the national NPS Teacher-Ranger-Teacher program. For 6-8 weeks during the summer, the teacher will assist with the operation of our popular high school intern program, JR Ranger presentations and will also develop a new lesson plan to be posted on the NPS Teacher-Ranger-Teacher website.

Sugarlands Visitor Center Museum Taxidermy

\$ 2,300

Following the recent visitor center renovations, the popular natural history museum is receiving even more visitation after the entrance was made more open and inviting! In 2013, we were able to replace the gray fox, bob white, and ruffed grouse. In 2014, we are requesting funds to replace the red squirrel, eastern screech owl, muskrat, oven bird, wood thrush, sharp shinned hawk, mink, and broad winged hawk. These museum specimens need to be replaced due to their advanced age.

Educating Teachers in Science and Technology

\$ 17,000

The program will include two teacher workshops (60 total teachers) in the spring and summer of 2014 with the teachers agreeing to use park education materials back in their classrooms and to bring their students to the park for field trips during the 2014-2015 school year. This includes a request for \$4,000 for bus stipends to assist with transportation expenses for 40 field trips with up to 60 students each.

Distance Learning

\$ 5,400

Funds requested are a one-time expense for the purchase of equipment to launch a distance learning initiative as part of the Smokies' Parks as Classrooms program. Students will create blogs, video storytelling and photo journaling about their field trip experiences in the Park that will be shared with other schools and national parks across the country that are creating special student experiences leading up the National Park Service Centennial in 2016.

Empower Science Teachers

through Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program

\$ 2,299

The goal is improved science education capability. Teachers from area high schools become seasonal employees in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. They learn the science of the park and go back and teach their students.

NC High School Intern Program

\$ 4,324

Six High school students from Swain County and Cherokee Central Schools along with participants from Graham, Haywood, and other nearby counties will be selected as High School Interns. In addition, one teacher will be selected as a Teacher-Ranger-Teacher. These funds will also help support a project coordinator.

Expand Educational Outreach

\$ 59,581

Additional funding for environmental education will go to expand Parks as Classrooms as well as the Junior Ranger program and the Not-So-Junior Ranger program. The expansion also includes conducting teacher workshops and hiring high school interns.

Support Park-wide Parks as Classrooms

\$ 114,900

Approximately 18,000 students every year in Tennessee and North Carolina receive curriculum-based environmental education opportunities through the Parks as Classroom program. These hands-on, ranger-led lessons utilizing the Park as an enormous outdoor classroom help foster a love for nature and inform the next generation of park supporters.



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Parkwide Volunteer-in-Park Program

VIP Recognition Awards Program \$ 1,000

Each year almost 3,000 individuals contribute over 160,000 hours of volunteer service with VIP's supporting virtually all phases of Park operations. These funds allow us the opportunity to provide recognition in to our year-round volunteers in the form of awards such as plaques, belt buckles, and certificates.

Artist in Residence Program \$ 6,300

Artists have played important part in the formation and establishment of our park. Early writers, photographers, painters, and musicians drew inspiration from these mountains and helped translate their purpose as a place of pleasure and preservation. An Artist-in-Residence supports the opportunity for an artist to live in the park and produce original works of art. In exchange, the artist agrees to donate a piece of work to the park.

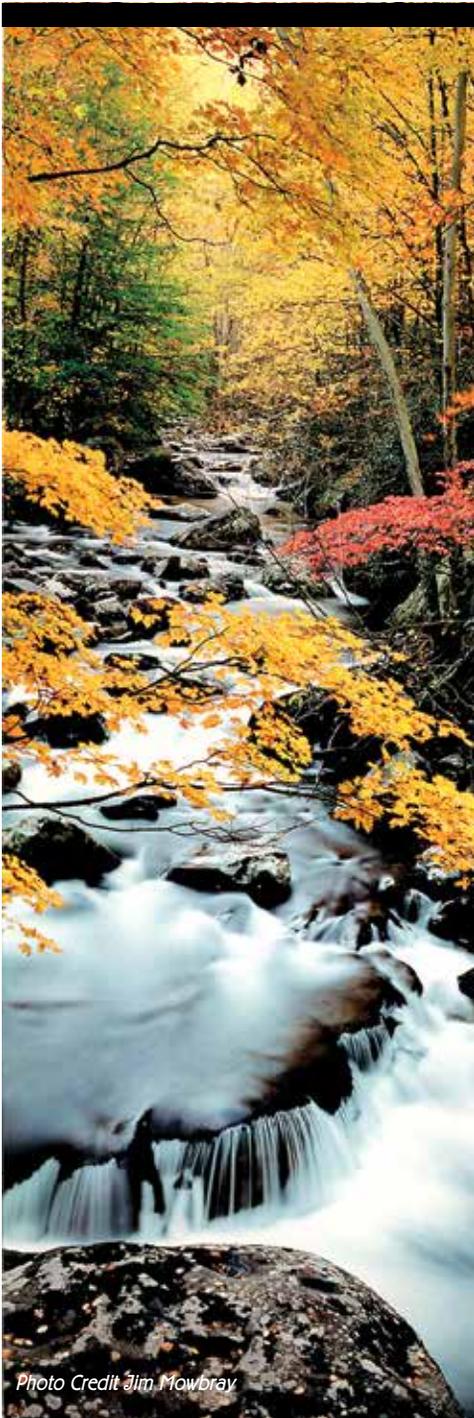


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Facilities Management

Manage Public Rental Use Programs at the Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin \$ 14,000

A seasonal employee will perform onsite management of these historic structures in Elkmont that are open for day-use rental. Duties include conducting pre-rental tours for interested groups, inspecting the condition pre- and post rental, and cleaning if needed.

Paint Hiram Caldwell House \$ 15,700

The Hiram Caldwell House in Big Cataloochee is a two story balloon frame residence that was built in 1906. Due to weathering of the exterior finishes the porches and siding are suffering rapid deterioration. The exterior paint has exceeded its normal life cycle. The replacement of severely rotted components and repainting the entire exterior will stop the further infiltration of moisture and stop the decay of the wood components.

Visitor Amenities

Funding from Friends of the Smokies maintains vault toilets in these popular areas for visitor convenience.

- Cataloochee Visitor Amenities \$ 16,200**
- Roaring Fork Visitor Amenities \$ 14,000**
- Townsend Wye Visitor Amenities \$ 4,000**

Support Operations for the Appalachian Highlands Center \$ 26,027

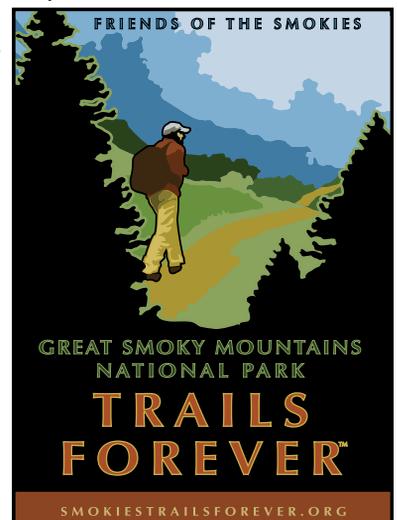
This support covers interior custodial services, utilities, road maintenance, and mowing of the meadows.

Cades Cove Fencing \$ 24,700

Over the last several years, we have repaired or replaced the most critical fences around Cades Cove. We now have 44,000 feet of barbless barbwire fencing, 4,900 feet of locust worm fencing, and 3,200 feet of locust post and stacked rail fencing. These funds will help support 2 seasonal employees who will maintain these fences along with 13 cemeteries and 9 historic structures.

Trails Forever Rehabilitation of Chimney Tops Trail (Phase 2 & 3) \$ 200,000

These funds will support the continuation of trail rehabilitation along one of the most heavily-travelled in the Smokies. Phase 2 will complete the section from the Road Prong trailhead to the first left hand switchback up the trail for 0.4 miles. Phase 3 will complete the last 0.4 miles to the summit of the trail at Chimney Tops. This project will resolve the safety issues and make the trail more enjoyable to hike.



Resource & Visitor Protection

Provide Support for New Volunteer

Cades Cove Bicycle Patrol \$ 900

Volunteer-in-Park Bike Patrollers help Resource & Visitor Protection staff manage bike traffic, provide safety information, and assist in managing accident scenes.

Support for the All-Volunteer Elk Bugle Corps \$ 3,300

During the peak visitation periods for elk-viewing in the Cataloochee area of the park, a team of dedicated volunteers provides interpretive and safety information to park visitors to enhance their viewing experience while helping to preserve the natural behavior patterns of the elk herd.

Reduce Ginseng Poaching

through Marking Ginseng Roots \$ 4,000

Ginseng is a staple medicine, but it is illegal to take it from the national park. It is legal to sell it outside of the park. To prove that the park's ginseng is being sold on the market, rangers work with state resource agencies to mark roots with dye or magnetic strips.

Backcountry Privy Replacement \$ 10,450

Funding would be used to remove the current privies and construct new moldering privies of a design that allows for quick and easy movement between the composting bins and will be more sanitary for both users and maintainers. The new privies will be similar to those used in the recent construction of backcountry privies at LeConte, Icewater and Pecks. Privies at Cosby, Mt. Collins, Double Spring and Spence are of this outdated design. The two privies that will be replaced under this project will be determined in consultation with the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club based on priority assessments.

Support for the Volunteer

Roadside Assistance Program \$ 10,610

The Smokies recruits a series of retired law enforcement officers and their spouses to patrol Newfound Gap Road and Cades Cove, providing directions and visitor information, responding to disabled vehicles and lock-outs, and assisting with motor vehicle accidents and bear-related traffic jams. Their presence has substantially freed up the commissioned law enforcement rangers in the park, enabling them to respond more quickly to more serious law enforcement incidents.

Support Appalachian Trail Ridgerunner Program \$ 37,600

Each year the Park recruits a series of individuals who provide a presence on the Appalachian Trail from March through October. They provide visitor information, do trail maintenance, pack out litter, keep up composting privies, report on the condition of the trail and the shelters, report emergencies and advise hikers on food storage and other regulations, and relay real-time information regarding possible problem bears. Their presence on the AT for over 15 years has made a huge difference in the Park's ability to manage the AT.

Student Conservation Association (R&VP) \$13,550

Continued support for two Resource & Visitor Protection SCA volunteer positions. Volunteers work for 12 weeks during our busy field seasons (spring, summer, fall). Students hired through the Student Conservation Association (SCA) receive free travel to the park along with a weekly stipend.

Construction of Joint Curatorial Collections

Preservation Center \$700,000

This facility will house the Park's cultural resource collection that includes a wide range of artifacts including archeological specimens dating back 8,000 years, tools, clothing, and household items from the cabins of pre-park settlers, and thousands of photographs, documents, and other archival records. These items are currently in storage at Sugarlands Visitors Center and in rented space at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In addition to the collection from the Smokies, the facility will include the collections of four other National Park Service Areas- Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Big South Fork River and Recreation Area, and Obed Wild and Scenic River. Altogether the collection will contain 144,000 artifacts, 220,000 archival records, and about 275 lineal feet of library materials.

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