

The quarterly meeting of the Tennessee Trails Association Board of Directors (BOD) was held August 6, 2024, starting at 6:30 CT by Zoom, the President, Duane Frichtl, being in the chair and the Secretary, Susan Woods, being present.

Members of the BOD present were: Lucy Cahill, Marvin Caine, June Callahan, Jane Coffey, Patricia Deen, Amber Dobie-Grove, Wayne Drown, Jenny Fitzgerald, Libby Francis, Duane Frichtl, Michelle Kelley, Will Latham, Cathy Moran, Bob Obohoski, Sara Pollard, Karen Shoemaker, John Thomas, Steve Turner, Susan Woods. Members of the BOD absent were: Alice Cannon, Jeanne Conatser, Mark Hubbard, Marti Owensby. Visitors present were: Bob Richards, Audit Committee Chair and Awards Committee, Randy Medley, TTA/CTC liaison, and Joan Hartvigsen, TTA member.

Minutes of the May 7, 2024, Board of Directors meeting had been emailed to the members with the agenda. Patty Deen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Wayne Drown. The BOD approved the May 7 minute as presented.

Treasurer June Callahan presented the Financial Committee report. There were no questions concerning the Financial report.

Membership Committee Chair Marti Owensby had sent in a Membership committee report and said report had been emailed to the BOD with the agenda. Steve Turner posed a question to the committee concerning the attrition rate of the membership. June Callahan volunteered to work on that information.

Communications Committee Chair, Will Latham, presented their report, explaining that there would be a new platform for communication through Mailchimp starting with the October newsletter and explaining that information would be sent for the newsletter in the same method as presently.

Jane Coffey, Chair of the Evan Means Grant committee, reported that the committee was suggesting approval of two grant applications. The first grant application was from the Friends of NBFSP for trail tools. Jane moved to accept the application and Karen Shoemaker seconded her motion. After some discussion, initiated by Bob Richards, concerning the price of the tools being requested, the BOD approved the motion. The second application was from Lookout Mountain Conservancy for uprooters for removing invasive plants from their trails. The motion was made by Will Latham and seconded by Libby Francis to approve the application of the Lookout Mountain Conservancy. The BOD approved the motion.

Randy Medley, TTA/ Cumberland Trails liaison, had sent a written report which had been emailed to the members. He encouraged the members to watch the youtube video which was mentioned in his report.

Libby Francis, Chair of the Nominating committee, presented a slate to take the positions of At Large Directors starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Those members were June Callahan, Jan Lyons, and Steve Turner. Also on the slate was Will Latham to continue for the next 3 year term as

East TN Regional Director. The Nominating Committee also suggested electing Nina Heckler to fill the term of Dharma Alaksza, who has resigned. Jenny Fitzgerald moved and Michelle Kelly seconded to accept Nina Heckler as West TN Regional Director for the remainder of the term. The BOD voted to approve the motion.

In President Duane Frichtl's report he informed the members that a steering committee will be chosen in the near future to communicate with Ned Murray of NRM Consulting, concerning the TTA Strategic Plan Proposal.

Patricia Deen of host chapter Highland Rim gave a report on the 2024 Annual TTA Membership Meeting to be held on Oct 25-27 at Fall Creek Falls State Park. Included in her report were suggestions for places to stay, current lodging and meeting registration numbers, and special events, being the Cumberland Caverns tour and the pontoon boat rides which will be paid for at check-in but should be preregistered for. There was some discussion about the problem of people showing up for hikes who had not registered for the meeting.

There was no old or new business to consider.

The motion to adjourn was made by Patty Deen and seconded by Michelle Kelley and approved by a vote of the BOD.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Susan Woods.

The General Meeting of TTA members will be held October 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Fall Creek Falls State Park Lodge.

The next meeting of TTA Officers and BOD will be held October 27, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at Fall Creek Falls State Park Lodge.

Agenda for Tennessee Trails Association Board of Directors  
Meeting - Attachment #1  
6:30 pm, CT, Tuesday Aug. 6, 2024, by Zoom

Call to Order and Welcome, Duane Frichtl, President

Roll Call, Susan Woods, Secretary

Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting, May 7, 2024, Libby Francis, acting secretary - Attachment #2

TTA Financial Report, June Callahan, Treasurer – Attachment #3

Membership Report -, sent from Marti Owensby, chair--Attachment #4

Communications Committee Report, Will Latham, Chair - Attachment #5

Evan Means Grant Committee Report, Jane Coffey, Chair - Attachment #6

TTA/CTC Liaison Report, Randy Medley - Attachment #7

Archives Committee Report, Libby Francis, Chair

Nominating Committee Report, Libby Francis, Chair

President's Report, Duane Frichtl, TTA BOD President

2024 TTA Annual Meeting report, Patty Deen

(Lots of information in recent TTA newsletter)

Old Business

New Business

Motion to Adjourn

Date of next TTA Board of Directors meeting:

October 27, 2024, at 8:30 am at Fall Creek Falls State Park Lodge



The quarterly meeting of the Tennessee Trails Association Board of Directors (BOD) was held May 7, 2024, starting at 6:30 CT via Zoom; presided by Duane Frichtl and recorded by Libby Francis, acting secretary.

Members of the BOD present were Duane Frichtl, Michelle Kelley, June Callahan, Will Latham, Sara Pollard, Mark Hubbard, Wayne Drown, Libby Francis, Marti Owensby, Jane Coffey, Alice Cannon, Jeanne Conatser, Patty Dean, Amber Dobie-Grove, Lucy Cahill, Cathy Moran, Bob Obohoski, John Thomas, and Marvin Caine. Also in attendance were Bob Richards and Randy Medley. Absent were Susan Woods, Jenny Fitzgerald, Karen Shoemaker, and Steve Turner.

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, February 6, 2024, were considered for approval. Wayne Drown moved that the minutes be accepted and Jane Coffey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

The TTA Financial Report was presented by June Callahan, Treasurer. June stated that the two vacant positions on the Financial Committee had been filled. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter earnings were consistent with the budget.

The Membership Report was presented by Marti Owensby, Chair. The membership committee met in May and will present a follow-up report at the next BOD meeting in August.

The Communications Committee Report was presented by Will Latham, Chair. Recommendations for specific guidelines for newsletter editorial content were presented for approval. Michelle Kelley moved to approve the recommendations. Alice Cannon seconded. The recommendations were approved. Will presented information about a change in the platform for the content and distribution of the TTA Newsletter. Michelle Kelley made a motion allowing the Communication Committee to move forward with updating the communication platform. Lucy Cahill seconded. The motion was approved.

The Evan Means Grant Committee report was presented by Jane Coffey, Chair. A recommendation for a grant application from Cumberland Trail Conference for \$2000 was presented. Patty Deen moved that we accept and Bob Obohoski second the motion. The motion was approved. A recommendation for Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center for \$3000 was presented. The motion to accept was made by Libby Francis

and seconded by Wayne Drown. An amendment to the motion to grant half the request, \$1500, was made by Michelle Kelley and seconded by Bob Richards. The amendment was approved. The motion to grant \$1500 to Reflection Riding was approved with admission costs to be clarified.

The Archives Committee report was presented by Libby Francis. Ideas were presented pertaining to preserving the historic minutes of TTA BOD meetings. More research about security of these documents will be explored.

The Outreach Committee Report was presented by Will Latham, chair. The committee had developed short promotional video to be used by chapters at community events. It is recommended that chapters use their own AV equipment to display. More development will be made with this project.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Libby Francis, chair. The BOD was advised of the many upcoming vacancies next year for the Board of Directors. Volunteers for Directors are urgently sought.

The TTA/CTC Liaison Report was made by Randy Medley. He reported on many volunteer opportunities and ways to improve communication with the Cumberland Trails Conference.

The President's Report was presented by Duane Frichtl, TTA BOD President. Duane presented the resignation of Dharma Alaksza as West Tennessee Area Rep. Mark seconded Duane's motion. The motion carried. Duane presented an updated committee list.

A proposal was presented by Duane for a Strategic Plan Proposal for future growth and expanding the mission of Tennessee Trails with NRM Consulting for \$6,950 initial costs plus additional costs such as travel as needed. A motion was made by Bob Richards to approve and seconded by Mark Hubbard. The motion carried.

The 2024 annual meeting report was given by Patty Deen. The registration process is now online. Thanks Treasurer June and Annual Meeting Planners for making this happen.

There was no more old or new business  
A motion was made by Wayne Drown and seconded by June Callahan.

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 CT.

Dates of future TTA Board of Directors meetings:

August 6, 2024, 6:30 PM, via Zoom

October 27 2024 at 8:30 AM at Fall Creek Falls State Park Lodge

**Tennessee Trails Association Inc.**  
**General Fund by Month**

General Fund by Month - 2nd Qtr 2024	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
Income				
Donations				
Donations General	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Total Donations	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Memberships				
Family	490.00	315.00	105.00	910.00
Individual	850.00	775.00	650.00	2,275.00
Lifetime	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Student	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supporting - Family	35.00	35.00	35.00	105.00
Supporting Individual	50.00	25.00	75.00	150.00
Total Memberships	1,425.00	1,150.00	865.00	3,440.00
Other Income				
Bank& CD Interest	16.99	675.99	2,178.01	2,870.99
Total Other Income	16.99	675.99	2,178.01	2,870.99
Total Income	1,441.99	1,835.99	3,043.01	6,320.99
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Expense				
Administrative Expenses				
Acctng & Financial Review	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapter Allocations	0.00	445.00	0.00	445.00
Insurance				
D&O Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	598.00	598.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	1,070.00	0.00	1,070.00
Total Insurance	0.00	1,070.00	598.00	1,668.00
Newsletter Editing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Merchant Charges	51.25	38.87	32.90	123.02
PO Box & Mailing Supplies	0.00	232.00	0.00	232.00
State & Federal Filing Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Administrative Expenses	51.25	1,785.87	630.90	2,468.02
Program Expenses				
Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund - Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website & Supporting Software	15.99	480.00	216.00	711.99
Total Program Expenses	15.99	480.00	216.00	711.99
Total Expense	67.24	2,265.87	846.90	3,180.01
Net Surplus/Deficit	1,374.75	-429.88	2,196.11	3,140.98



# Tennessee Trails Association

## General Fund by Quarter

### with 2024 Budget

General Fund by Quarter - Jan - Dec 2024

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	2024 Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Donations</b>						
Donations General	250.00	10.00			260.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	250.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	260.00	2,000.00
<b>Memberships</b>						
Family	1,715.00	910.00			2,625.00	5,600.00
Individual	3,550.00	2,275.00			5,825.00	11,000.00
Lifetime - Individual	25.00				25.00	25.00
Lifetime - Family					0.00	
Student	0.00				0.00	30.00
Supporting - Family	140.00	105.00			245.00	385.00
Supporting Individual	250.00	150.00			400.00	1,200.00
<b>Total Memberships</b>	5,680.00	3,440.00	0.00	0.00	9,120.00	18,240.00
<b>Other Income</b>						
Bank & CD Interest	38.48	2,870.99			2,909.47	4,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	38.48	2,870.99	0.00	0.00	2,909.47	4,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	5,968.48	6,320.99	0.00	0.00	12,289.47	24,240.00
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>						
Reviews, Financial & Legal	0.00				0.00	1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	177.74				177.74	120.00
Chapter Allocations	3,044.49	445.00			3,489.49	3,700.00
<b>Insurance</b>						
D&O Liability Insurance	0.00	598.00			598.00	650.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	1,070.00			1,070.00	1,050.00
<b>Total Insurance</b>	0.00	1,668.00	0.00	0.00	1,668.00	1,700.00
<b>Newsletter Editing</b>	375.00				375.00	1,500.00
<b>Merchant Charges</b>	219.80	123.02			342.82	650.00
<b>PO Box &amp; Mailing Supplies</b>	0.00	232.00			232.00	260.00
<b>State &amp; Federal Filing Fees</b>	20.46				20.46	100.00
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	3,462.49	2,468.02	0.00	0.00	5,930.51	9,030.00
<b>Program Expenses</b>						
Awards					0.00	200.00
General Fund - Outreach	0.00				0.00	3,000.00
Website & Supporting Software	99.00	711.99			810.99	5,998.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	99.00	711.99	0.00	0.00	810.99	9,198.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	3,561.49	3,180.01	0.00	0.00	6,741.50	18,228.00
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	2,406.99	3,140.98	0.00	0.00	5,547.97	6,012.00

Evans Means Grant Fund - by Quarter 2024

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Donations - Donor Directed					
Annual meeting Income					0.00
Donations, Board Directed	485.00	295.00			780.00
Total Donations	485.00	295.00	0.00	0.00	780.00
Total Income	485.00	295.00	0.00	0.00	780.00
Total Income	485.00	295.00	0.00	0.00	780.00
Expense					
Program Expenses					
Evan Means Grants Given	1,976.80	3,500.00			5,476.80
Total Program Expenses	1,976.80	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,476.80
Total Expense	1,976.80	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,476.80
Net Surplus/Deficit	-1,491.80	-3,205.00	0.00	0.00	-4,696.80
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Total Funds 31st Mar 2024 30,679.70

Plus 1st Qtr 2024 Income 295.00

Less 1st Qtr 2024 Grants Given -3,500.00

Total Funds 30th Jun 2024 27,474.70

Cash in Hand - In Bank - checking 7,474.70

Cash in Hand - In Bank - money market 20,000.00

27,474.70

# Tennessee Trails Association Net Worth

Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.  
Statement of Net Worth  
2nd Qtr 2024

	General	Evan Means	Grand
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Grant Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash in Checking Account	8,448.14	7,474.70	15,922.84
Cash in Money Market	15,158.51	20,000.00	35,158.51
Cash in Edward Jones CD acct	98,024.96	0.00	98,024.96
Cash in Regions CD account	30,659.51	0.00	30,659.51
Cash in Stripe Account	263.26	0.00	263.26
Cash in PayPal Account	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>152,554.38</b>	<b>27,474.70</b>	<b>180,029.08</b>
<b>NET WORTH:</b>			
Net Worth	<u>152,554.38</u>	<u>27,474.70</u>	<u>180,029.08</u>

0.00

	2nd Qtr 2024	2nd Qtr 2024	2nd Qtr 2024
	General	Evan Means	Grand
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Grant Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Worth 31st Mar 2024	145,735.21	30,679.70	176,414.91
Revenues for All Accounts	6,320.99	295.00	6,615.99
Expenditures for All Accounts	-3,180.01	-3,500.00	-6,680.01
Change in Annual Meeting Funds	<u>3,678.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,678.19</u>
Net Worth 30th Jun 2024	<u>152,554.38</u>	<u>27,474.70</u>	<u>180,029.08</u>

# Tennessee Trails Association

## Communications Committee Report

August 6, 2024

### Committee Members:

- Doug Burroughs
- Patty Deen
- Mark Hubbard
- Will Latham
- Marti Owensby

### Projects in Progress

#### 1. **Member Communication Update:**

- a. The Communications Committee has selected Mailchimp as TTA's newsletter/email communication platform.
- b. The plan is to begin using Mailchimp for the TTA newsletter for the October issue (sent out in September).

### Future Projects

1. **New Newsletter Editor:** The new TTA Newsletter Editor will be trained and put into place by the beginning of 2025. In addition we will be setting up a back-up system for the Newsletter Editor.
2. **Miscellaneous Website Fixes/Improvements:** Various fixes and improvements to the website.
3. **Additional Uses of Mailchimp:** The Committee will discuss additional ways to use Mailchimp to improve Association communication.
4. **Website Maintenance:** Finalize Website Maintenance responsibilities.
5. **Documentation:** Continue to work on Documentation for Website and Communication Committee.

## TTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – August 2024

*Submitted by Marti Owensby, Membership Director*

*Committee Members: Jenny Fitzgerald (Sumner Trails), Cheryl Heckler (Plateau), Will Latham (Director - East Region), Sara Pollard (Director – Middle Region), Vacant (Director – West Region)*

### **Membership Report July 2024**

Attached is the Membership report. You will see that as of July 2024, we have a total membership of 732 for a 10% or 70 membership increase since July of 2023. Over the last six years we have seen a total membership increase of 39%, up from 537 to 732.

### **Membership Committee activities completed since last Board meeting:**

Continued to address incoming emails with regard to expiring and new members, aided in questions / problem resolution with regard to the membership, created and sent the monthly membership reports and distributed the monthly newsletter as provided by the Communications Committee.

The Membership Committee met and reviewed the Chapter Survey and discussed what the committee might do to support the chapters in attracting and retaining members. It was determined that a ZOOM meeting with the chapter chairs would be scheduled to share ideas on what this committee can do to help.

### **Upcoming Membership Committee Activities:**

Plan and schedule a meeting to include the Chapter Chairs and the Regional Directors.

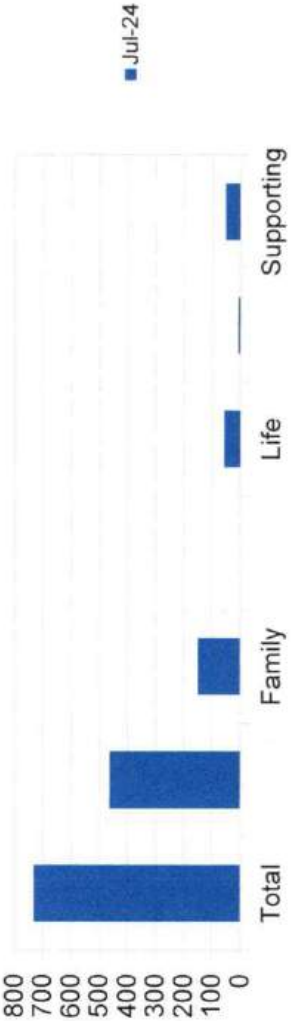
As always, we welcome input from the Board.

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TTA Membership Report for August 6, 2024 Board Meeting

TTA Membership for July 2024

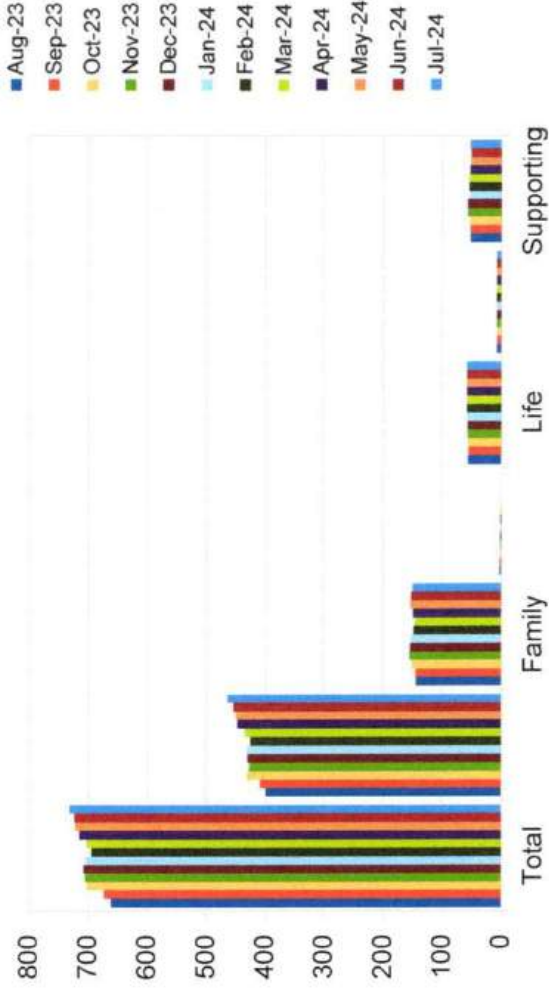
Date	Family			
	Total	Ind	Family Student	Life Supporting
Jul-24	732	464	151	0
				52



TTA Membership for past 12 months

Date	Family			
	Total	Ind	Family Student	Life Supporting
Aug-23	662	399	145	3
Sep-23	674	409	146	3
Oct-23	703	431	152	2
Nov-23	706	427	156	2
Dec-23	708	430	155	2
Jan-24	705	431	153	2
Feb-24	695	425	149	1
Mar-24	703	435	147	1
Apr-24	715	447	150	0
May-24	722	450	155	0
Jun-24	723	454	153	0
Jul-24	732	464	151	0

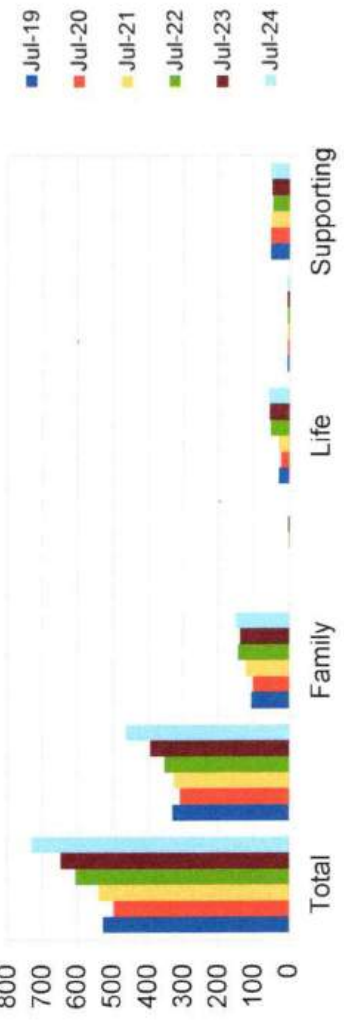
Note: Ind. up 65; Family up 6; Student down 3; Lifetime up 2; Family Life and Supporting no change; Total up 70



TTA Membership for July in the past 6 years

Date	Family			
	Total	Ind	Family Student	Life Supporting
Jul-19	527	331	107	0
Jul-20	497	310	103	0
Jul-21	542	328	123	1
Jul-22	606	354	144	2
Jul-23	650	395	139	4
Jul-24	732	464	151	0

Note: Ind. up 133; Family up 44; Student no change; Lifetime up 29; Family Lifetime up 1; Supporting down 2; Total up 205



The Evan Means Grant Committee met on July 8, 2024, starting at 6:00 p.m. to review the merits of two grant requests:

1. The first request was from the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park (NBFSP). As stated in their grant request, their goal is to purchase new trail tools for volunteers who will assist the rangers with volunteer projects on the trails currently. At the present time, they rely on the volunteers to bring their own tools to complete these projects. They have requested funds for loppers and hand saws for ranger AND volunteer use only. NBFSP has 25 miles of hiking trails. The trails are “blown off,” but cleaning and clearing the trails annually has not been completed currently. They have stated that with these tools, they would be able to clear the hiking trails of tree branches and any small trees growing on the trails. According to their estimate from Forestry Suppliers, the grant would enable them to purchase five (5) hand saws and fourteen (14) 32” bypass loppers. Shipping would cost \$57.75. The grant request is \$980.00. They have also included the plans for publicity should the grant be approved. Tennessee Trails Association would be acknowledged with each volunteer event held. They mentioned that in 2023, they had logged 1,594 volunteer hours.

2. The EMG Committee also fielded a request from Lookout Mountain Conservancy (LMC) in Lookout Mountain, TN. The Lookout Mountain Conservancy is one of six “accredited land trusts” in Tennessee. LMC is requesting an Evan Means Grant of \$1,101 to purchase four (4) uprooters (\$245/each) plus shipping. LMC will receive a discount of \$35 because of the large order.

As stated in the grant request, LMC is subject to overgrowth from privet, kudzu, honeysuckle and other woody plants prevalent in southeast Tennessee. If you are not familiar with the benefits of an uprooter, Libby Francis has suggested that you take the time to view

<https://www.theuprooter.com>.

LMC will start this project in September 2024 with completion near the end of November 2024. If they are successful in their project to rid the LMC of these invasive species, they feel that this will protect the hiking trails for the future.

The focus for this project is the trail system within Rockmont Park. This location serves as the beginning of the recently completed River to Clouds Route, a 34-mile trail network connecting the Chattanooga Riverfront to Cloudland Canyon State Park. They feel that the uprooter tools will be able to protect their most used trails which would benefit both new and returning hikers to this location.

Jane Coffey

Chairman – Evan Means Grant Committee

## **Evan Means Grants Program**

1. Grantee\_Name: Friends of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, a 501 (c)(3) entity
2. Description of the Proposal: The Friends of NBFSP would like to assist our state park by purchasing new trail tools for volunteers to use when they come to the park for volunteer projects. At the moment our park has limited tools for volunteers to use and rely on volunteers bringing their own tools if they have them. We are asking for funding to purchase loopers and hand saws for ranger and volunteer use only on the trails in the park.

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park has 25 miles of hiking trails. At least twice a year trails are blown off but cleaning/clearing the trail corridor each year is very time consuming for ranger staff. With the addition to loopers and hand saws we will be able to lead volunteer groups to help with this task. This will allow trails to be clear of tree branches coming across trails and small trees growing on the trail. The grant would provide for 14 loopers and 5 hand saws. The use of tools would begin once they are purchased. Tools will be locked in the Friends shed for trail use only so it will not get mixed with maintenance tools.

In 2023 we had 1,594 volunteer hours logged and as of June 17, 2024 we have 575 hours logged. As we increase in people attending our volunteer events, we need to have the tools for the volunteers to use when they come to our park.

3. Budget: A total of 14 loopers (\$46.25 each) and 5 hand saws (54.59 each) will be \$922.25 and \$57.57 shipping for a grand total of \$980.00. If we are not allotted the full amount we will purchase as many tools as we can with the allotted funds. Tools will be purchased at Forestry-Suppliers.com
4. Recognition of TTA involvement: For every volunteer event we have that we use the tools, we will recognize the TTA on Facebook promotions of the event and during the safety briefing on the day of the volunteer events.

Submitted by:  
Lisa Petz, Vice President  
Friends of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park  
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**Grantee Name:**

Lookout Mountain Conservancy

**A brief narrative description of the project and how it fits within the range of the organization's total activities:**

Maintaining the accessibility and conducting thoughtful care of our land is extremely important to our work at Lookout Mountain Conservancy (LMC). As one of six accredited land trusts in Tennessee, we have a clear commitment to not only protect our public lands, but also to ensure their consistent accessibility. The addition of new Uprooter tools will ensure that our staff and volunteers can continue to remove invasive species along our trail systems with the quickness that our natural environment requires. Our location in Southeast Tennessee puts our trails at constant risk of overgrowth from privet, honeysuckle, kudzu, and other woody plants whose removal is made much easier and less disruptive to the surrounding terrain with Uprooter tools. As our mission is rooted in community-centered conservation, having the tools needed to empower and mobilize more volunteers is essential to realizing our goals.

The completion of this project will result in increased accessibility of our trail systems for the fall and winter months and better prepare us for invasive species removal in the future. As an expression of our gratitude, we will include recognition of TTA's support on our website, in our newsletter, and on our social media channels. A press release will also be published on our website.

**A description of how the project will benefit hikers and the usage level at the location:**

The focus of this project is on our trail systems at our Rockmont Park location. This area is the northernmost location of our properties and includes several trails with access to climbing boulders that are used daily by both locals and visitors. Our most recent data from a 2018 tourism impact study shows that our Guild-Hardy Trail hosts 78,000 hikers and bikers annually ([Bailey, et. al.](#)). Additionally, this location serves as the beginning of the recently completed River to Clouds Route, a 34-mile trail network connecting the Chattanooga Riverfront to Cloudland Canyon State Park. As it hosts our most utilized trails, Rockmont Park requires consistent upkeep to ensure the trails are visible and accessible year-round. With new Uprooter tools, our team and volunteers will be able to protect our trails more efficiently, greatly benefitting our return and new hikers. Without being able to access these tools, the maintenance of our trails will require much more time and effort, diminishing the amount of trail protection our team can provide before our busier seasons as warmer months approach. Proper maintenance and protection before the summer begins is essential to the safety and enjoyment of our hikers as they utilize our public lands.



**Project's estimated start and completion dates:**

We anticipate our project to begin on September 20th, 2024, with an estimated completion by November 26th, 2024. This project's main goal is to prepare our trails in the fall months so that we remove invasive species prior to their seeding period in the spring and summer. As trail maintenance is ongoing, the purchase of these Uprooter tools will allow us to maintain our lands as necessary across the coming months and years, ensuring the longevity of our trails.

**Budget:**

We are requesting a total amount of \$1,101.00 for this project. This includes the cost of 4 Uprooters (\$245.00 each) and shipping cost (\$156.00) and reflects a large order discount which removes \$35 from the total.

**Total Cost:**

This project's total cost will amount to \$2,581.00. This cost accounts for the purchase and shipment of new Uprooters (\$1,101.00), labor of our interns (\$11/hour avg., \$880 total), and additional material costs such as mulch, work gloves, and loppers (\$600 total). Our intern program is a partnership between LMC and The Howard School, where we provide workforce development and leadership training for students in high school and beyond. As trail maintenance is a regular part of their positions, this project will primarily rely on their labor, as well as the labor of community volunteers, to be completed.

**Total man-hours:**

While the removal of invasive species is an ongoing effort, we anticipate this project to protect our trails in the fall months will require 80 hours of labor. The primary work will be led by our hired staff and interns, as mentioned previously.

**Volunteer hours used:**

During September and October we anticipate several volunteer project days that will assist us in executing our invasive removal process and trail maintenance needs. Our event with the highest attendance will be United Way's Day of Caring on September 20, 2024, during which we will partner with a large volunteer workforce from Unum. For our 2024 trail improvement work, we expect to utilize 45 hours of volunteer time to realize our goal.



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Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request of Sep. 22, 2008, regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that a determination letter was issued in May 1992, that recognized you as exempt from Federal income tax, and discloses that you are currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records also indicate you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Cindy Westcott  
Manager, EO Determinations

**TTA and CTC Liaison report**  
**August 2024**

A big *Thank you!* goes to the TTA chapters and members who have supported the food drive this spring for the monthly CTC Volunteer Event weekends. With your efforts we were able to fill the pantry with non perishables which will go a long way to provide nourishment for these hard working volunteers. If you would like to contribute to CTC or the food drive please visit [cumberlandtrail.org](http://cumberlandtrail.org)

Completing the Cumberland Trail-“The right thing to do”  
Watch this video of two long time supporters to the Cumberland Trail:  
<https://youtu.be/20vcLh51GsA?si=HliPs-seVFcQ1cCf>

We will be offering some hikes on the Cumberland Trail at the upcoming TTA annual meeting this fall. Come see why we love hiking these trails!

This quarter Cumberland Trail Conference has been working to finish the eleven mile Upper Piney segment of the Cumberland Trail.

We now are about 500 feet from its completion which will connect to the Laurel Snow Segment. Soon the TN State Parks will complete its inspection and trailheads before opening for public use. CTC will announce a preview of this trail to volunteers who have enjoyed working on it. Sign up for updates with the CT newsletter. [cumberlandtrail.org](http://cumberlandtrail.org)

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TTA/CTC liaison

The nominating committee would like to present the following for the At Large Directors and Regional Directors

At Large Directors 3-year term

June Callahan

Jan Lyons

Steve Turner

East TN Regional Rep 3-year term

Will Latham

West TN Regional Rep 3-year term

Nina Heckler

Duane Fritch and Libby Francis have served for 6 years and are not eligible to serve on the BOD for one year