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Carolina Mountain Club eNews



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Bonesteel Films' new film about early CMC pioneer George Masa, "A Life Reimagined: The George Masa Story" is now finished and director and CMC member Paul Bonesteel is planning to host a special "sneak peek" screening of the feature length film for Carolina Mountain Club members in September or October. In addition to telling the complex story of Masa's life CMC members make several appearances here on our trails and in the mountains of Japan. Look for details in future emails and the September newsletter.

Cat Gap Loop Workday



SATURDAY

August

16

9 AM - 3 PM



BRING

WATER

LUNCH

BOOTS

LONG PANTS

SAFETY GLASSES

GLOVES

<https://tinyurl.com/CMC-CatGapLoop>

Meet at 9:00 am at Fish Hatchery Parking Lot (1401 Fish Hatchery Rd., Pisgah Forest, NC 28768) or at 8:00 am behind Waffle House (798 Brevard Rd., Asheville, NC 28806) and caravan to Fish Hatchery.

WE WILL PROVIDE HARD HATS AND TOOLS

Register for Cat Gap Loop!

Call for Award Nominations

Each year, a CMC Awards Committee, led by the Past President, reviews nominations for two special awards given by the club. Tom Weaver is the 2025 Committee

Chairperson. The committee includes members who were previous year's winners & from both hiking and trail maintenance.

The Award of Appreciation can go to any member who, during the year prior to the Annual Meeting, has rendered such exceptional service to the operation of Carolina Mountain Club that its goals were significantly advanced.

The Award of Distinction can go to a member who, during his/her membership over 10 years has made consistent and cumulative extraordinary contributions to the operation of the Club and to the achievement of its goals.

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on the **BLUE RIDGE**

Podcast interviews Les Love

Les Love is the president of the Carolina Mountain Club, the oldest and largest hiking and trail maintenance organization in the Southeastern United States. In this episode, Les reflects on the aftermath of Hurricane Helene—from watching trees fall in his own yard to the club's challenges in helping to reopen trails. He shares how the Carolina Mountain Club supports first-time volunteers, explains what a typical trail workday looks like, and explores the legacy of the club.



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Councilor Elections

Would you like to give back to our western NC trail community, connect people to the outdoors, and help preserve and protect your favorite trails?

Carolina Mountain Club (CMC) is looking for dynamic and motivated leaders to fill several club officer (Councilor) positions in our upcoming November 2025 election. Several club-wide council positions are up for election this year for two-year terms beginning in January 2026. The club needs councilors to provide the critical leadership for our important work in maintaining our status as the best hiking club in WNC.

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Upcoming Training

CMC members are welcome to sign up for informative classes offered by Haywood Parks and Rec and taught by our own CMC member Steve Kuni.

**August 21st - 10am - 4pm - Staying Found: Hiker Navigation
Allens Creek Park (\$10)**

To learn more and enroll, click below.

[Enroll](#)

LAND NAVIGATION: STAYING FOUND



AUGUST 21ST
10 AM- 4 PM
ALLENS CREEK PARK



DON'T BE LUNCH—LEARN TO FIND YOUR WAY...
BEFORE THE BEAR FINDS YOU!



Save the Date!

Click on date to register

August 16 – Cat Gap Loop - 3rd Quarter Trail Workday

September 27 – Max Patch (National Public Lands Day)

October 18-19 – Remote Overnight - Work Crew

Volunteer Opportunities

The Club is currently seeking both section maintainers and members for our weekly trail crews.

Section Maintainers "adopt" a portion of trail and are responsible for tasks such as quarterly walk-throughs, routine maintenance (including tread work, trimming, and clearing water diversions), and reporting any downed trees or other trail obstructions.

Weekly crew members join scheduled group outings to help with a variety of trail maintenance projects. It's a great way to learn trail skills, meet other volunteers, and make a meaningful impact.

Like to join a weekly crew or become a section maintainer? Like more information? Click the **Volunteer** link below.

[Donate](#)[Volunteer](#)[Hike](#)

Carolina Mountain Club is the oldest and largest hiking and trail maintenance organization in the Southeastern United States. As a member-run volunteer organization, we embody the spirit of community and shared passion for the outdoors, welcoming everyone who wishes to participate in its activities.

Leading over 200 hikes per year, the club maintains more than 440 miles of trails in Western North Carolina, including 94 miles of the Appalachian Trail and 150 miles of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

Questions or feedback on the CMC eNewsletter and content can be directed to Alessia Farley at carolinamountainclub2015@gmail.com



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