

Path Volunteer Report October 2014

I met Josh Kloehn and 5 young men with NCCC Thursday for orientation, potato soup and home-made bread. Will Burke joined us Thru. evening. The demo-trail at base camp was used as a learning tool for what to look for on the AT.

Friday we worked on the new relo. Josh had to leave us at noon. Jeff Brown and Steve Yonts met to discuss plans and check out sections for work. Herb McDonald worked on his section cleaning water-bars. Jeff and Tom Dillon joined us for dinner that Janet Gibbons helped prepare. Barbara Council joined us later.

After a large breakfast shared by all in camp Saturday, it was more work on the relo, which was completed as much as Jeff wanted done. We were please to have the following members on the Trail:

Jeff Brown	2 days
Herb McDonald	2
Will Burk	2
Kay Laffon	1
Charlotte Lafon	1
2 HS students	1
Paul Haag	1
Karl Kunkel	1
James Baum	1
Steve Yonts	1
Tom Dillon	1
Ed Martin	1
3 young adults	1
Barbara Council	1
Drew Jones	1
Janet Gibbons	3
Sylvia Swain	5
5 NCCC	5

There was a total of 24 workers on the relo. We had a wonderful Pot-Luck dinner, which we shared with the crew leaders from American Hikers (their crew had not arrived). We were joined by our two PATH hikers Donnalee and Trudy. A big thank-you to everyone that donated to our Pot-Luck, sorry you could not stay.

After dinner the Mooresville HS Students were presented with PATH patches and plaques, the NCCC were presented with PATH patches.

Sunday morning after a breakfast of Slow Cooked Oats with fruit, Morning Glory Muffins and Scones, we (minus one that was sick) were off to work from FS 86 North. We cut back Mountain Laurel and Rhododendron. We found a down tree near the ridge that is leaning across the trail. Because one of the trees involved is under stress, I would not allow the NCCC cut the tree (we had hand saws) it was not blocking the trail. Jim, I will share pictures later of our work and the tree. Donnalee and Trudy reported that they used the privy at Chatfield and said it was not full. We did not check out the steps.

Janet Gibbons fixed us soup and left overs for dinner, she had to leave that evening. Monday after a breakfast casserole and biscuits we were down to 3 NCCC (2 sick) we set off to work in Davis Valley 617 North. We cleaned out 48 water bars and created 26 water drains and cleared one down tree just beyond the 'camp site'.

I left after dinner Monday evening, leaving them with a lot of deserts, ice cream, peanut butter, jelly, bread and left overs. It was a joy to work with the great group of hard workers.

Sylvia