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A Moment in the Smokies: The Steve Kemp Writer's Residency

Great Smoky Mountain Association has exciting news! We're launching the first ever writer's residency to be offered in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Funded by GSMA, the Steve Kemp Writer's Residency is designed to connect writers with the Smokies in meaningful ways to inspire some of their best work. The program is named for 30-year GSMA veteran Steve Kemp, who retired in September 2017 after directing the publication of hundreds of books, magazines, brochures and newsletters that continue to support the preservation of the national park.

Applications for the first Steve Kemp Writer's Residency will be accepted through January 15, 2019. One writer will be selected to live in Great Smoky Mountains National Park from March 3 to April 13, 2019.

"The writer's residency is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for one lucky writer to spend six blissful weeks immersed in the Smokies to focus on their craft," said Great Smoky Mountains Association Chief Executive Officer Laurel Rematore. "The chosen writer will follow in the footsteps of-and spend real time with-Steve Kemp in an effort to create written works that move visitors to a greater appreciation of and stewardship for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In exchange for their stay in the park, the writer will generate experiences to help promote visitor understanding of the need to preserve and care for this national treasure."

With his long-standing contributions to both GSMA and Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Steve Kemp is the perfect inspiration for the writer's residency. Kemp's first story on managing wildlife in national parks was published in 1983 and won the Montana Audubon Society Journalism Award. He has remained on the same path, more or less, ever since.

Counted among his writing credentials are a variety of periodicals and journals including *Outside*, *Outdoor Life*, *National Parks*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *Discovery Travel Adventures*, *Blue Ridge Country*, *Smokies Guide* and *Smokies Life*. His books include *Trees of the Smokies*, *Great Smoky Mountains: Simply Beautiful*, *Great Smoky Mountains: A Visual Journey*, *We're Going to the Mountains*, *Great Smoky Mountains: Natural Wonder, National Park*, and, perhaps most notably, *Who Pooped in the Park?*

Click [HERE](#) full residency details and instructions for submitting applications.

Since its inception in 1953, Great Smoky Mountains Association has supported the preservation of Great Smoky Mountains National Park by promoting greater public understanding and appreciation through education, interpretation and research. A nonprofit organization with more than 30,000 supporting members, GSMA has provided more than \$44 million to the park, with an additional \$1.3 million planned in 2019.



Steve Kemp, Interpretive Products and Services Director at Great Smoky Mountains Association from 1987 to 2017.



RESTRICTED PARKING AT INGLES

The photo says it all....

Ingles on Brevard Road across from Asheville Outlets has signs like this one posted on its perimeter walls. Therefore, this will no longer be used as a meeting place for CMC hikes. For now, the Toys-R-Us (aka Toys Aren't Us) almost next door will be the default meeting place for MOST, but not all, winter quarter hikes which had been using Ingles parking.



As always, the leader chooses the meeting spot(s), so it's a very good idea to check the Hike Schedule and Breaking News on the website before heading out to a hike.

Save Our Ashes

MountainTrue and ATC will be out saving ash trees from emerald ash borer beetles again in 2019. If you would like to help inventory sections of the Appalachian Trail or other trails for high concentrations

of ash trees, email Rhys Burns at forestkeeper@mountaintrue.org

Trail Profiles and Maps, From Clingmans Dome to Mount Mitchell and Beyond

Great news! The Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail has agreed to be the online location for purchasing Walt Weber's Edition 3. Just go to the link below or go to the Friends website at mountainstoseatrail.org and click on SHOP at the top of the webpage. Thank you, Kate Dixon (Executive Director) and Betsy Brown (Outreach Manager) for setting this up.

Here's the link: <https://shop.mountainstoseatrail.org/products/wg9mhysrbk5z5qx1o45x61zkjpdg3p>

As shared in the November eNews, books may be purchased for \$19.95 at Highland Books in Brevard, the Ranger Station and the Cradle of Forestry, both on U.S. 276 in Pisgah National Forest. They may also be purchased at the Folk Art Center, Mast General Stores including Asheville, REI, Black Dome, Frugal Backpacker, Malaprops, Foot Rx, and Jus Running in Asheville. CMC members can also purchase books directly from several club members. If interested in finding out who has books to sell in person, contact Les Love at lesrlove55@gmail.com.



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