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TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

INC.

P.O. Box 41446
Nashville, Tennessee 37204
www.TennesseeTrails.org

August 1, 2008

Dear Hiking Trail Friends at <merchant's name>,

Want to have an impact on the lives of 200 college students and help create Tennessee's Millennium Legacy Trail – the Cumberland Trail – in the process? I am writing to request a donation of merchandise or services to auction during Tennessee Trails Association's (TTA) Annual Meeting weekend, October 24-26, 2008, at the Indian Creek Youth Camp in Liberty TN.

Will you please help with a donation of merchandise or services for the auction?

Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) volunteer organization established in 1968 to build, maintain, and promote a statewide system of hiking trails and to lead hikes for the public. TTA has 13 active local chapters throughout the state. Current chapters are located in Big South Fork, Clarksville, Columbia-Franklin, Cookeville, Cove Lake, Crossville, Jackson, Knoxville (Norris/Oak Ridge), Murfreesboro, Nashville, Memphis "Northwest"(UT at Martin), and "Highland Rim"(Tullahoma).

Auction proceeds will help fund the Cumberland Trail Conference's Spring BreakAway program for one week in February and four in March in 2009. TTA is the parent organization of the Cumberland Trail Conference, and will assist in hosting college students from more than 15 colleges and universities across the nation over the five-week BreakAway period (i.e. about 200 students total). These students choose to spend their spring break building the Cumberland Trail, centerpiece of the Cumberland Trail State Park. Once it is completed, the park and trail will form a greenway of over 300 miles from Chattanooga to Cumberland Gap. BreakAway is a trail and bridge building program combined with environmental education, history, culture, and music. Along with the rewards come the responsibilities – there are expenses to house and feed our volunteer students, as well as the trail leaders who train and work along side of them during the five weeks of BreakAway.

YOU can be part of creating the Cumberland Trail and benefit the hiking community by helping with an item/service donation for the TTA auction.

Please complete the enclosed Donation Item Form so that we may acknowledge your gift for tax purposes. Also, donors will be recognized throughout the course of the weekend - during the auction itself – and, if there is a program guide as part of the registration packet, you will be listed. Finally, all donors are recognized in a special "Thank You" column that will appear in our December 2008 newsletter, *Tennessee Trails*.

Tennessee Trails Association, Inc. greatly appreciates your consideration and looks forward to your support in this very worthwhile effort. A local Tennessee Trails volunteer will be in touch with you and make arrangements to pick up your donation. During this same time, you will be provided a tax deductible receipt for your record keeping purposes.

Sincere thanks,

Libby Francis
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Auction Coordinator

Local Volunteers Name
Local Volunteers Name (Area Code w/Phone #)
Local Volunteer

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Tennessee Trails Association Auction Item Receipt October 2008

Contributor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Donation Value: \$ _____

Received by Tennessee Trails Association, Inc.
Tax Exempt I.D. # 23-7352045
Address: P.O. Box 41446 Nashville, TN 37204

*Local Volunteer's
Name / Signature:*

Date:

No Goods or Services were given in return for this contribution.

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