

# Georgia Appalachian Trail Club

## Prospective Member Application

I would like to participate in the activities of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, Inc. (GATC). My goal is to fulfill the membership requirements (printed on the second page of this application) and become an active member of the GATC. I have read and agree to abide by the club rules and the hiker's code (printed on the reverse of this application). I also agree to waive and release the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, Inc., its officers, trip leaders and members from all liability relating to my participation in the Club's activities.

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**Date**

*Please Print or type.*

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**Signature**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone**(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about the GATC?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hiking/Outdoor experience** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Physical Condition** (Please check one)

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_

Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this application and check made payable to the GATC for \$15.00(junior) or \$30.00(single) or \$40.00 (joint) to:

**Marcy Motes**

**GATC Membership Director**

**P.O. Box 160058**

**Atlanta, GA 30316**

**Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, Inc.**

## **Membership Requirements**

Membership is open to everyone who shares the Club's commitment to the Appalachian Trail and is interested in the club's activities. There are two types of membership: active membership for those 18 years of age or older and junior membership for those 14-17 years of age. To become a member of the GATC you must first participate in the Club's activities as a prospective member. To qualify for membership, you must participate in three GATC-sponsored activities within a twelve month period. Of the three activities one (1) must be a trail maintenance trip, one (1) must be a prospective member orientation meeting, and the other activity may be your choice. A Club hike would be an excellent selection.

## **Club Rules**

All members and guests shall recognize the authority of trip leaders and abide by any additional rules the leaders set up for their outing or activity. A trip may be canceled or modified at the discretion of the trip leader.

Trip leaders and co-leaders must be members of the club.

Firearms are prohibited on all Club outings. Pets are prohibited on group activities. The use of radios on Club outings is discouraged. In general, all members and guests of the GATC should conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as not to detract from the enjoyment of the outing for other people.

All members and guests will leave a clean trail and an uncluttered camp.

No member will make any statement as being official GATC policy unless that member is authorized by the Board of Directors to do so, or unless that policy has been published at the direction of the Board of Directors.

Non-members may participate in Club activities as guests of active members or after applying to the Membership Director. If a guest attends with a member, it shall be the duty of that member to register the guest with the trip leader and inform the guest of the Club rules including the Hiker's Code. Spouses of active members may be extended guest privileges without limitation.

Any participant in a club activity under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Members and guests shall share equally with the driver in gasoline expenses when traveling as passengers to and from Club activities. It shall be the responsibility of all members and guests to provide for his/her transportation to and from GATC activities

## **Hiker's Code**

My recreational standards shall be such that while hiking, either with the Club or independently, I shall strive to enhance the pleasure of others who walk the Trail with me and leave no sign of my passing for those who follow.

I shall conduct myself in such a manner as to bring no inconvenience or embarrassment to my fellow hikers or no discredit to the good reputation of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club.

I shall obey all Club rules as well as the regulations of the Forest Service and the National Park Service in areas where they apply.

I shall use discretion in my hiking and camping activities so as to minimize my impact on the environment and protect nature's beauty and wildlife from damage and destruction.