



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS AT KANUGA,

Thank you for your interest in hiking the trails at Kanuga! If you share our passion for conservation and the natural world, we invite you to become a member of the Kanuga Trails Conservancy. Join us in the enjoyment and protection of the 1,400 acres of land that have been entrusted to Kanuga.

Modeled after the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, which maintains the 2,179-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine, the Kanuga Trails Conservancy (KTC) maintains and improves the trails on and around Kanuga's Conference and Retreat Center.

As a member of the KTC, you and your immediate family will have permission to hike and fish on Kanuga's property. Membership fees will help us better maintain the trails, mark them more clearly and even develop new trail systems throughout the property. The program will also allow us to know who is using the property, which makes this an even safer place for guests, families and our community.

We ask that all KTC members follow the guidelines put forth by the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. As a member, you'll receive a useful Leave No Trace reference you can bring with you on your hikes.

The goal of this program is to make our trail system and fishing areas safer and more enjoyable, while empowering the community to help us in this endeavor. This year we will use membership proceeds to purchase new signage for the trails, tools necessary for proper maintenance, and materials for building and updating bridges and boardwalks across the property.

If you are interested in becoming a member of KTC, please complete the enclosed application. Also, please review the enclosed guidelines and requirements that will help us keep Kanuga beautiful.

Happy trails,

**Clint DeWitt**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS MANAGER**

## KANUGA TRAILS CONSERVANCY REQUIREMENTS

- In order to keep our guests safe, we are requiring all KTC members to have at least some past connection to Kanuga. You must know someone on the current Kanuga staff who can recommend you as a member of the Kanuga community.
- All KTC members must agree to the guidelines enclosed, and follow *Leave No Trace* ethics when on Kanuga property.
- Each member needs to have filled out a risk waiver (enclosed) recognizing that hiking and fishing can carry inherent risks that are beyond our control.
- Membership dues of \$125
- Members acknowledge that trails are used by a variety of users, and agree to give first priority of use to conference, camp or school activities.
- Membership in the KTC grants permission for hiking and fishing only. Any other use of the Kanuga property must be approved separately.