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Experience The Magic of Nature

What a difference a day makes! Irma certainly made my days different, but I am grateful for having only experienced minor inconveniences. I hope you fared equally as well.

However, as you can imagine, our Florida Trail did not fare so well. Oh, it’s still there! You just can’t see it in places where it’s covered with downed trees and debris. The Florida Trail staff (Alex, Jeff, Adam, Kelly, and Van) has already been hard at work assessing the damage and what needs to be done. Please follow their advice and processes when planning your chapter work hikes this season. It’s very important that we document, document, document the damage before you clean it up. Just like your home insurance…you can’t fix the broken window until the adjustor sees it. Work with your regional FT representative so we can accurately report trail restoration expenses due to Irma. This money will be applied to more chainsaw certifications for volunteers.

What can you do to help? Participate in a FTA staff-led volunteer work week, spend a day with your chapter cleaning up the Florida Trail, promote such events to your friends and encourage them to join FTA, and donate a little extra to the cause! We need certified sawyers to train more volunteers to safely use chainsaws to clear out the Ocala National Forest. We need to bring in some SCA crew leaders to augment our staff-led work weeks. We need a new truck for the Trail crew. Yes, the USFS supports the Trail financially, but both Harvey and Irma have hit the Trail community hard, and more dollars are needed to get the FT back in shape. Go to the FTA website and click the “Donate” button. Whatever you can give will be appreciated by those who hike the Florida Trail.

So, as work hike season begins, stay safe and hydrated. Know that your efforts are enjoyed by the many people who hike The Florida Trail for one of a thousand reasons.

Thank you.

Leslie Wheeler
FTA President

Make a Difference!
Volunteer for a day on the Florida Trail
Long range planning, large scale infrastructure projects and new trail development—so much to look forward to on the Florida Trail this season! While volunteers are gearing up for the trail maintenance season this fall and accomplishing critical infrastructure work, Forest Service staff and land managers state-wide are looking ahead to develop a new 5-Year Strategic Plan, streamline infrastructure development projects, and improve public information and kiosks state-wide.

Below you will find a brief update of a few current projects. For more details you can always visit the FNST webpage at www.fs.usda.gov/FNST or visit www.floridatrail.org to learn more about volunteer activities and events.

2018 Strategic Plan Development
With the 2012 – 2017 FNST Strategic Plan coming to a close, the Forest Service and FNST Coalition partners, including the Florida Trail Association, are working to develop a new 5-Year Strategic Plan for the Florida National Scenic Trail.

A draft will be shared at the January FNST Coalition meeting. Check out our Forest Service website for more information as it becomes available and keep your eyes out for E-Blaze announcements soliciting public contribution through on-line comment forms. We look forward to hearing your long term vision for the Florida Trail!

Alaqua Creek Bridge Construction
Construction of this 70 foot pedestrian bridge on Eglin Air Force Base will begin in October 2017, providing safe passage over Alaqua Creek.

New Trail Osceola and Orange Counties
The Forest Service has signed certification agreements with Osceola County, and is currently circulating a similar agreement with Orange County for signature, which will provide a more protected route for the FNST between Three Lakes WMA and Tosohatchee WMA on the eastern corridor. This route is currently a 30 miles road walk through Deseret Ranch, one of the longest road walks in the FNST corridor.

New Trail Hernando County
New trail connections between units of the Withlacoochee State Forest, which would bring hikers through the FWC units of Chinsegut and Perry Oldenburg, have been proposed. A new agreement with FWC is being developed and new trail construction is anticipated this season.
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Footprint Summer 2017
Practicing Leave No Trace principles is one of the most important skills a hiker can have. Doing so will minimize your environmental impact, and leave Florida's public lands as pristine as possible. Usage of Florida Trail increases every year—and while we are thrilled to introduce more people to the trail, this unfortunately means we will more impact on the land.

The seven Leave No Trace principles provide guidance to enjoy our natural world in a sustainable way that avoids human-created impacts. Here’s a fresh look at the seven principles, which have been adapted to the unique conditions on the Florida Trail.

**Plan Ahead and Prepare**
- **Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you’ll visit.** Check out the Notice to Hikers page on our website (http://www.floridatrail.org/florida-national-scenic-trail/fnst/closures-and-notices/) before heading out on your hike to make yourself aware of any trail closures, dangerous conditions, fire bans and other important information.
- **Prepare for extreme weather.** Many parts of the Florida Trail can experience sudden flooding after heavy rains. Always check ahead regarding river levels along the Kissimmee, Econlockhatchee, Suwannee, Aucilla, Sopchoppy, and Blackwater Rivers, and Econfina and Juniper Creeks. In addition to river valleys, swamps become more treacherous after heavy rains or in a wet year. Check with the rangers at Oasis Ranger Station before hiking in Big Cypress National Preserve, and with the USFS to determine how deep the water is in Bradwell Bay.

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**
- **Minimize the impact of your footsteps.** One careless step can start a trend of trail widening.

**Dispose of Waste Properly**
- **Pack it in, pack it out.** Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter. Even organic waste like fruit peels and cores can take months to decompose.
- **Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp and trails.** Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- **To wash yourself or your dishes, carry waste water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap.** Scatter strained dishwater.
- **Avoid leaving unattended stashes of food for hikers.** Food stashes can attract animals that could quickly be deemed a nuisance. Share your generosity in person-- it’s not simply the food that hikers appreciate, it’s the connection with the members of the hiking community.

**Leave What You Find**
- **Preserve the past-- examine, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts.**
- **Leave natural objects as you find them.** Rocks, plants, bones and other finds on the trail are best left to be shared and experienced by as many hikers as possible, rather than brought home as a souvenir.
- **Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.** When you get home from a hike, make sure all seeds and plant matter are removed from clothing.
- **Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.**

**Minimize Campfire Impacts**
- **Use a lightweight stove for cooking.**
Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires. Do not build new fire rings.

Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand. Campfires burn wood that would otherwise provide wildlife habitat and replenish the soil.

Do not try to burn trash, including foil, plastic, glass, cans, tea bags, food, or anything with food on it. These items do not burn thoroughly. They attract animals, create an eyesore, and release toxic fumes.

Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

Respect Wildlife

On the Florida Trail, you will see wildlife, especially when you hike alone. Few trails offer as diverse a range of species you might encounter, from the regal and highly endangered Florida panther to the tiny and likewise endangered Santa Rosa beach mouse. Wildlife actively uses the trail corridor: remember that you are traversing their habitat.

Walk softly.

Never feed or approach any wild animal, as desensitization to humans may result in harm to a human and may result in an animal’s death.

Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach animals.

Store food rations and trash securely. Animals can learn to be dependent on humans. Dropped, spilled, or improperly stored food also attracts rodents to shelters. Even a few noodles or pieces of granola are a large meal for mice. Clean up spills completely and pack out all food scraps.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

Avoid loud voices and noises. Let nature’s sounds prevail.

It’s easy to think your impact will be small, but just as lots of negative impacts can quickly add up, so can positive ones. If you see trash on the trail, pick it up. If you see the trail widening, walk through the center. Once you familiarize yourself with Leave No Trace principles, you’ll always be able to find ways to leave the environment in better condition than you found it and educate others to do the same.

Every year our volunteers repair and minimize the damage to the trail. You can join us by getting involved in your local volunteer chapter. Check out FloridaTrail.org for more information about volunteer opportunities in your area!
While a few tough and dedicated volunteers have continued to tackle trail work on the FNST during the heat of the summer, the majority of our members have been enjoying cooler and less buggy pursuits. In the Panhandle, we’ve been refurbishing kiosks, planning reroutes, and working to improve access at our trailheads and road crossings. I’m amazed at how quickly my first Florida summer has passed, and I’m already looking forward to a long and productive trail maintenance season over the coming fall, winter, and spring.

In anticipation of the cooler months, I’ve been coordinating with the Panhandle Region’s Trail Coordinators and Section Leaders to plan several staff-supported Volunteer Work Parties. These multi-day events allow us to focus our combined efforts on a particular section of the Florida Trail, and are an ideal introduction to trail work for FTA members who haven’t participated in this important aspect of our organization’s mission. Each of these VWPs will provide free camping and delicious meals, as well as all the tools, instruction, and leadership necessary for a fun and rewarding trail maintenance experience. They’re also a great opportunity to explore and help maintain parts of the Florida Trail outside your own Chapter’s territory.

Our first staff-supported VWP of the season will be hosted by the Apalachee Chapter in the Apalachicola National Forest on October 20-22. We’ll base out of the scenic Camel Lake Recreation Area, a perfect spot to access the western portions of the largest National Forest in Florida. Volunteers will be tackling some of the more remote sections of the FNST within this area, working to clear trail that meanders through beautiful sandhills, pine flatwoods, and titi swamps.

The Choctawhatchee Trail Hogs have remained active this summer, doing some tremendous work in difficult conditions to restore a crossing of Blount Creek in the Eglin Reservation.
The Apalachicola National Forest contains some of the most rugged and remote sections of the FNST. Here we see Apalachee Chapter volunteers hard at work at a maintenance event last year.

The second regional staff-supported Volunteer Work Party is scheduled for December 1-3. The Panhandle Chapter will host this VWP at Pine Log State Forest’s Sand Pond campground, and we’ll be working to maintain trail and repair several bridges located along Econfina Creek. Working with Framing Our Community, we’ve identified several problems with the well-known Fender and Two-Penny bridges, and volunteers will have the opportunity to learn more about bridge construction and maintenance as we go in to renovate these structures and ensure trail users continue to enjoy safe and accessible crossings over Econfina Creek.

Looking a bit further into the future, we have several VWPs planned for early in 2018. The Western Gate Chapter will host a follow-up to last year’s Weaver Creek project, tackling some trail maintenance along the northern sections of this portion of the Eglin Reservation. Next up, the Choctawhatchee Trail Hogs will lead an event at the recently completed Choctawhatchee River Section of the Nokuse Preserve. Finally, the season will wrap up with another infrastructure project at Econfina, as the Panhandle Chapter works to construct steps to combat erosion at a steep head
The Two-Penny Bridge over Econfina Creek will undergo significant maintenance at a Panhandle Chapter VWP scheduled for this coming December.
crossing. More information on these projects will be available in the coming months.

An important goal of our staff-supported VWP is to assist local trail maintainers with the logistics necessary to effectively host and equip a large number of volunteers. Happily, we’ll soon have additional resources to help meet this goal, as the FTA has partnered with the USFS to acquire new covered utility trailers for each of our regions. Featuring photographs that highlight the unique natural environments and dedicated volunteers from around the state, these eye-catching trailers will be a great asset as we host Volunteer Work Parties and other outreach events. Your regional representatives will be rolling up with one of these trailers to an event near you!

Signups for the Volunteer Work Parties will soon be going live on the Florida Trail Association website. There are a lot of exciting opportunities available throughout the state! Spread the word and get involved. We hope to see you out there!

The FTA’s Regional Representatives will soon be utilizing these fantastic new utility trailers to help support volunteer trail maintenance and outreach events throughout the state.

This spring, volunteers will be working to construct steps and other erosion-control features along a steep head crossing in the Econfina Creek area.
Jeanene Dole is determined to preserve the natural environment wherever she sets roots. There is a Greek proverb she often reflects on: “Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.” Jeanene is humbly committed to sustaining and creating something larger than herself for others to enjoy. This sentiment blazed her path towards doing trail maintenance with the FTA and continues to fuel her passion in conservation work as she currently administers prescribed burns throughout the state of Idaho with the U.S. Forest Service.

Born in California and raised in Massachusetts, Jeanene was drawn to Florida’s nature and eventually made her way to this verdant landscape to study at the University of Central Florida. With her brother Stephen, she started volunteering with the Central Florida Chapter after graduating from UCF. Jeanene was grateful to find a welcoming community that shares her enthusiasm for environmental conservation and outdoor recreation. Jeanene’s experience with the FTA bridged her path to working for the USFS.

It’s an honor to know the FTA has inspired an individual as dedicated and influential as Jeanene. Part of our mission is providing meaningful volunteer work and a platform for our volunteers to network, form valuable connections and build their community. Jeanene’s story is a part of the FTA volunteer narrative.

How did you first get involved with the Florida Trail Association?

I was looking for a way to do some trail work specifically on the Florida Trail. I also wanted to meet people with similar interests and wanted to find out more about the area. My brother, Stephen, and I found the Central Florida Chapter and joined their Meetup group. We were impressed with how organized the chapter is and how welcoming they were to us.

Stephen and I were excited to take the Wilderness First Aid and Chainsaw certification courses offered through the
A prescribed burn lights up Big Cypress Preserve
FTA, but found out we needed to perform a certain amount of volunteer hours first in order to take those courses. Since we joined the chapter in the summertime, the trail maintenance season hadn’t yet begun in order for us to start off volunteering as we had planned. Instead, the chapter went ahead and set us up with Doug Kucklick, the Central Florida Chapter’s Public Relations Coordinator and Activity Leader. We went with Doug on trail maintenance hikes where he showed us sections of trail that he was in charge of and proud of. We worked with Doug on maintaining these sections and learned a lot firsthand in the field with him. He’s also the orchid specialist for the chapter and pointed them out to us on the hikes. Our first exposure with the chapter got us hooked in wanting to do more with the rest of the organization. We started attending chapter meetings, participating in the work parties and took the first aid and chainsaw classes a few months down the line. Doing trail work each Wednesday became a great mid-week activity. It was also a great opportunity to meet people and get an idea of what there is to do in the area outside of the trail. We would also go kayaking, picnicking and visiting different springs with the chapter members. It was a good way for us to network and we took full advantage of the experience.

What is one your favorite memories working with the Central Florida Chapter?
One of my favorite memories working with the chapter was when we were maintaining a section in Little Big Econ State Forest. We had just finished a full day of trail work and Rachel Augspurg, being the motivated and hardworking crew leader that she is, had just asked if some of us were interested in doing more trail work before the close of the day. As we were starting to tackle another section of the trail, a young couple with a child were hiking out and passed us. They thanked us for doing the work we were doing caring for the trail and were so enthusiastic about their hike. That was a representative moment for me and why I was out there doing this type of work. Even though I knew there was a chance I wasn’t going to be in Florida in the long term, my motive was to create and protect something for other people to enjoy, especially future generations. I want to improve the environment and leave a good mark on the world.

How did volunteering with the FTA set you and your brother up for what you are doing now?
Our experience doing trail maintenance with the FTA was a catalyst for how we both ended up in the positions we’re in now. I’m working for the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho and my brother is a part of the National Park Service and is currently stationed in Zion National Park in Utah. Since receiving my Wilderness First Aid and Chainsaw training with the FTA, I’ve gone on to receive an EMT certification. All of these certifications have been vital for my USFS position. It felt like a natural transition for me to progress from doing trail work to prescribed burns. Doing trail maintenance in Florida physically prepared me for the hot and humid conditions of prescribed fire. In my first season of fire in Wyoming, I felt well-adapted to the physical demands of the job.

When I returned to Florida, I administered controlled burns with the National Park Service in Big Cypress Preserve from October 2016 to April 2017. Big Cypress burns the most acreage out of any national park system, so that was important exposure for me to this field of work. I since have done prescribed fires in South Dakota, Colorado, Nevada and currently, Idaho. I moved to Cascade, Idaho in May and will be here until October. I plan to return to Florida for a visit at the end of the fire season. I’m looking forward to volunteering again with the chapter in the winter and picking back up where I left off.

Can you explain prescribed burning and how it’s beneficial to the environment?
A controlled or prescribed burn, also known as hazard reduction burning, is a forest management technique in maintaining natural ecological balance. Controlled burns are conducted during cooler months to reduce fuel buildup and decrease the
likelihood of serious, hotter fires. Some plant species like pines are dependent on fire for their growth and seed dispersal. Burning can also help to release essential soil minerals which enhances forest growth and renewal. In Florida, prescribed burns are vital for fuel reduction to keep up with the aggressive plant growth. Forests need to burn every 2 to 3 years in Florida whereas in Idaho, it’s every 20 years.

Prescribed fires are important in conservation and maintaining biodiversity. In Big Cypress, prescribed burns were important in protecting species like the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker or we simply call them, RCWs. The fires are administered outside of the RCWs’ nesting season in order to control the height of the understory and clear more foraging space for the birds to nest. We scraped detritus matter out from around the trees they typically would nest in and burned the material surrounding the tree, but not the trees themselves.

Understanding fire behavior is a constant learning process. We take photos of plots before and after burns and return in different intervals to measure successions. This helps us record and determine what species are growing back, how to gauge the success of the burn and how aggressively we want to burn the area or not.

What are some challenges with doing controlled burns?
The physicality of the work. You’re moving around all day in the sun and in extreme heat while having to wear full coverage, fire protective clothing. Being of smaller stature, it can also be challenging for me to carry a heavy load of around 30-45 pounds for hours. As I stated earlier, I felt more prepared for being in the heat and humidity through my exposure doing trail work in Florida.

How do you approach some of those challenges?
I maintain a healthy diet and work out every day to stay fit. I don’t want to lose what I have worked so hard towards. I can’t afford to lose my physical strength and conditioning. The things I do in my leisure time are very close to what I do for work. I’ll go hiking, trail running and do anything outdoors to keep myself moving. I went into prescribed fire with a strong desire to do something physical while I am still able-bodied. I try to keep this in mind to help me push through the challenges of my job.

What are other parallels between your experience volunteering with the FTA and the work you are currently doing?
From both experiences, I’ve become more aware of how to work in a team and how to read and anticipate the needs of the people around me. Controlled burns and trail maintenance are similar in that you learn to recognize the pace of the people working around you to determine the progress of the burn or trail maintenance project. In both fields, crew members and I work alongside each other in a similar method of “leap frogging” past each other to tackle the next maintenance section until the whole area is complete.

The social environment in the fire community is also similar to the FTA community. Like my experience volunteering with the FTA, I regularly meet a wide array of people with different backgrounds and important, unique qualities that they bring to the table.

What inspires you?
Being outside. It’s where I feel most at home. I have an unspeakable, innate desire to be in nature. It’s where I find the most solace and comfort. Reflection is best done in a natural environment when you’re separated from the noise and distraction of day-to-day life. When I’m exhausted at the end of the day after work, I’ll often go up to the top of the ridge to get alone time. I’ll journal or write poetry. It’s in the breaks between work that I’ll have the greatest clarity and feel hypersensitive and aware of what’s going on around me. This is what keeps me hooked.
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VOLUNTEER Work Parties

It is trail time folks, and the north region is once again hosting a plethora of action packed, fun filled, hard work, good time, and meaningful volunteer events. From the prairies of the Ocala National Forest to the banks of the Suwannee River, we have many events to whet the trail work appetite of any volunteer. No experience is necessary for any of these projects and there’s a job for every person who wants to work. For all of these Staff Supported Volunteer Work Parties there will be meals, camping, tools, safety equipment, and training provided by the FTA staff as well as the host chapters.

October 5th -11th - Stephen Foster State Park, White Springs
Kick off the trail season with FTA’s first Staff Sponsored Volunteer Work Party in one of the state’s most beautiful and historic places. Join us as we work on the trail along the Suwannee River around the town of White Springs.

October 27th - November 2nd Ocala National Forest
Beginning at Rodman Dam on the northern end of the Ocala National Forest the work crew will head south along the trail through rolling sandhills and sections of oak scrub. This is a well-used and well-loved section of the Florida Trail and the basecamp at the OHV Center, complete with pavilion, hot showers, and electricity makes for a very plush experience. Bring your RV to this event, but no hookups.

November 2nd - 9th - 5th Annual Osceola Maintenance Marathon
If you are looking for one of the best campsites in Florida, look no further than the Group Landing on Ocean Pond. The crew will enjoy their own private beach for the week while we work hard on the trail on the Osceola National Forest. Twenty one miles of pine flatwoods with occasional hardwood and cypress stands create a beautiful tapestry of greens that have a unique way of captivating hikers. The trail crosses the Olustee Battlefield, one of the most significant Civil War sites in Florida. Volunteers will have the opportunity to visit the memorials and the museum adjacent to the trail. This is one of the favorite work parties of the season. Bring your boat and your fishing gear for post-work pre-dinner fun!

November 10th – 15th – Juniper Wilderness, Ocala National Forest
This is the first wilderness project of the season and work will start from Pat’s Island, the setting for the seminal Florida book The Yearling, and work south into the wilderness as far as time will allow. The crew will once again camp at the OHV center on the Ocala National Forest and the work will be done entirely with hand tools as federal law dictates. Come and enjoy some peace and quiet on the trail while enjoying the camaraderie of good friends.

November 30th – December 7th Holton Creek, Suwannee River
Holton Creek is one of the most remote portions of the Suwannee River section of the Florida Trail. Our camp is a part of the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail, a paddling trail. We will work on the trail from Gibson Park, the boundary between the North Florida and Panhandle regions, headed.
east towards highway 129. This section of river is gorgeous and contains some of the largest cypress trees in the state as well as beautiful shaded riverbanks over brilliant white sand beaches. Bring your boat for evening paddles on the Suwannee. No RVs at this location but car camping is okay. Hot water showers and potable water are on site.

January 12th – 20th
Juniper Wilderness, Ocala National Forest
This is the most historic volunteer work party in the region. The Black Bear Chapter has been hosting at Owl Pine Camp for the past 30 years and the same volunteers have been travelling back to Florida from all over the country for many years just to attend this event. Hot showers, excellent meals, great evening campfires, and beautiful days spent out in the wilderness. The wintertime weather cannot be beat so come on out and join in on one of our most fun events of the year.

To register for any of these projects please visit http://www.floridatrail.org/volunteer/volunteeropportunities/

Registration is simple, free, and is the only way to get yourself involved with any of FTA’s Staff Supported Volunteer Work Parties.

There is nothing like the Florida Trail and there is no better way to enjoy it than with the good company of our volunteers and staff. Hope to see you out there!
When you join the state-wide Florida Trail Association you automatically become a member of your local chapter based upon your zip code. However, members may attend the activities of any chapter and may transfer to any chapter they wish simply by informing the FTA Office.

Florida Trail activities are organized by our local chapters and are led by authorized volunteer activity leaders. Many of our activities are open to the general public so you can get to know us before you join. Activities can be found online at www.floridatrail.org. Click on “About Us” then click on the “Upcoming Events” button on the left. Local activities are usually also listed on the chapter websites, Facebook pages and Meetups. Click on “About Us” then “Our Chapters” for links to local chapter sites.

Participants in activities must sign an Assumption of Risk form and agree to accept personal responsibility for their safety and the safety of accompanying minors. Always contact the activity leader in advance for more information, to let them know you are attending, to find out any special requirements or equipment for the activity, and to check for any last minute changes.

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☐ I do not want my address shared with FTA-affiliated organizations

*Includes spouse and children under 18.

Employer/Occupation ___________________________ Daytime Phone Number ___________________________
Spouse Name ___________________________ Email ___________________________
Spouse Occupation ___________________________ Ship membership package to ☐ Me ☐ New Member

Number of children ___________________________ The Footprint magazine? ☐ Digital ☐ Printed

I learned about the Florida Trail from ___________________________

MY GIFT TO THE TRAIL

I am making a gift to the Florida Trail Association and want my gift designated to:
☐ Annual Fund ☐ Endowment Fund ☐ Trail Protection Fund ☐ Map Fund

My gift is In Memory of ___________________________ In Honor of ___________________________

FUND AMOUNT

SEND FORM AND PAYMENT TO: FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION
5415 SW 13th St., Gainesville, FL 32608

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL ___________________________

GIFT TOTAL ___________________________

GRAND TOTAL ___________________________

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
CHECK: Make checks payable to “Florida Trail Association”.
CREDIT CARD: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number: ___________________________ Exp. Date: ___________________________
Signature: ___________________________ Security Code (3 or 4 digits): ___________________________

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