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## Pleasant Street Construction by Dave Oyler, Project Manager

As this article is being written (July 7), the Montour Trail Council is completing the final preparations before giving notice to proceed with construction between the Library Viaduct and Pleasant Street. In January the MTC was awarded an unusual out-of-cycle DCNR grant of \$160,000 for Pleasant Street construction, with an additional \$101,800 to be added to the grant soon. In April DCNR gave the MTC the go ahead to solicit construction requests for proposals (RFP). The RFP had been prepared in 2015 and needed only minor changes. The RFP was advertised on April 19 with a bid opening date of May 27. Five firms submitted bids, with the low qualified bid of \$353,938.50 submitted by MSB Excavating. At the June Board meeting, the MTC board voted to enter into a contract with MSB Excavating. The contract was signed on July 5. The MTC expects to give MSB Excavating notice to proceed in mid to late July

The project will require excavation of 11,700 cubic yards of soil and rock, about 2,700 cubic yards to be moved on site to create the new trail grades and the removal of 9,000 cubic yards from the site. Two rain gardens and a 9-foot deep, 65-foot long infiltration trench filled with gravel and five 3-foot diameter pipes will be constructed to handle run off water and insure that the trail does not contribute to flooding during high water run off periods.

What does the project mean for the Montour Trail? For starts it means that the completed continuous off road Montour Trail will soon extend another 0.2 mile and trail users will never again need to detour on Route 88 through Library. And it means that the steep rocky temporary trail from the Library Viaduct to Pleasant Street will be replaced by smooth asphalt at a gentler 4 percent grade. For Trail Council volunteers it means that we can soon move on to devote more time to three other projects currently underway to complete off road trail through South Park Township and connect the rest of the Montour Trail to the Allegheny County light rail transit system and the South Park Connector trail.

Unfortunately there is a minor down side to the construction. During construction, the trail will be closed at the east end of the Library Viaduct and east bound trail users will have to exit the trail at the LindenBrooke Apartments and take Knights Drive, Royal Drive, Route 88 and Brownsville Road to reach the next off-road section at Stewart Road. That's a familiar route for many Montour Trail users, but happily, its days are numbered. By late fall the new trail section should be completed and open.

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Left: Looking toward Pleasant Street from the top of the hump. When construction is completed this location will be 16 feet lower and no longer be the high point.

Right; The "hump" between the Library Viaduct and Pleasant Street, looking east from the Library Viaduct side of the hump. After construction the camera location will be 8 feet higher, the high point of the trail section and the trail will slope downhill from there at a uniform 4 percent grade to Pleasant Street.





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## Heart of the Season

It's the heart of the season: the peak of activity for outdoor activities, including the Montour and other trails. Bicycle riders can go longer with fewer interruptions, due to the two new trail bridges in the middle of Washington County. Even for walkers and runners, the connections have in effect opened up new sections of trail, with whole new areas to see and explore. Getting out on the trail now offers a lot more choices. It's a greatly expanded range of experience that draws ever more people as the season progresses.

It's the heart of volunteer activity along the trail as well, and it really shows. The trail is in great shape: surface smooth and even; shoulders mowed and tree limbs trimmed back; new map /information signs and interpretive signs are up; water fountains bubbling, trailside benches and shelters offering an inviting rest. Of course, these and the many other physical features of the trail are only the visible part of the much larger volunteer effort to sustain and grow the Montour Trail organization, making the physical trail possible. As many of you know very well, even a relatively straightforward work party takes more time to organize, set up and mobilize people, materials, and equipment than does the session itself.

Last month many of you helped with our spring membership drive, the first one done trail-wide for a number of years. On June 4, National Trails Day, several of the Friends Groups set up trailside tables and talked with the folks passing by. The day was a success with signing up new members and getting donations, but was even more valuable for all those conversations. We can never do enough to explain that it is people who care that are the heart of the Montour, people who nurture it and present it to the public for their enjoyment. It seems that lots of our users still think that the trail is owned and operated by some branch of government. Kudos to all of you who are frequently out there on the trail and work tirelessly to gently educate our users. It's volunteers who do it all.

Actually this widely held misunderstanding represents a great opportunity for us. Once people find out that no, it's not run by the government but by folks just like them, it's immediately obvious that they can become involved; that they can contribute, perhaps by doing something they like to do anyway; that they can make a difference. This is the "Aha" moment that we all seek to bring to those people who may be new or may have used the Montour for years: That they can actually do something to help and feel good about it. And that their efforts will help to ensure that it'll be there for their kids and grandkids. Once people know about the wide range of activities and skills it takes to operate and maintain the trail, they will see things they can do to help out. It's good that we continue to bring this message forth, letting people know of the opportunities.

This is the high season for trail events, too. Our only evening event, Peters Friends' Twilight Trail Walk, anchors the middle of both the trail and the calendar. Friday, July 29 should be a good time for fun and fireflies! With the springtime National Tunnel race behind us, preparations are in motion for the Half Marathon and Tour the Montour events coming up in September. Help is always welcome with the planning stages, but will be even more important on the day of those events. Again, this is a great chance for us to talk to groups of people who may not interact much with the Montour organization outside of these kinds of formal running or bicycling events.

And finally: Hey, get out and just relax a little bit! Take a stroll on a section where you don't often go, sit on a bench and listen to all the different birds, take a bike ride starting from a different trailhead and cross over one of the new bridges. Taste the sweet summer fruits of all that has been done over the years to bring this about. To everyone who has been, is now, and will be part of this thing: you are the heart of the Montour Trail.

Have a great Summer!

*Ned Williams*

## Friends' Meetings and Work Parties

### MTC Board Meeting:

Every third Monday of the month - 6:00 p.m. at 304 Hickman St., Suite 3, Bridgeville, PA. Turn right off of the Bridgeville exit of I-79. Turn left at the next light, go straight at next light and make left turn onto Hickman St. just after the Post Office. Call the Montour Trail Office for more information or to get on the agenda.

### Airport Area Friends: (MP 0 to MP 12.6 and the 6.3 mile

**Airport Connector)** The Airport Area Friends of the Trail meet every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Forest Grove Fire Hall, 2044 Ewings Mill Road, Robinson Township, PA 15108. New volunteers are always welcomed. Contact Phyllis McChesney at 412-264-6303 for more information. Numerous Saturday "work parties" are held during the season. Please call 412-262-3748 to lend a hand at the work parties.

### Fort Cherry Friends: (MP 12.6 to MP 20.7)

Friends of the Trail meeting: Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonald Trail Station, 160 S. McDonald Street, McDonald, PA 15057 (adjacent to the Panhandle Trail). Work and cleanup parties will be scheduled as needed. For more information contact Tim Thomassy, 724-926-4617 or Chuck Hughey, 724-926-9436.

### Cecil Friends: (MP 20.7 to MP 28.5)

Friends of the Trail meeting, every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. From May-August, meetings are held at the Kurnick Access area along the trail off Cecil Henderson Road; other months (with the exception of November and December) meet at the MTC Offices. Work and cleanup parties are scheduled as needed. Call 412-496-4308 for more information, or email [densimwx@comcast.net](mailto:densimwx@comcast.net)

### Peters Township Friends: (MP 28.5 to 30.4, Library Jct to near MP 35 and part of the Bethel Branch)

Friends of the Trail Meeting, first non-holiday Monday of the month at Peters Township Community Recreation Center and varying locations during warmer weather at 7:00 p.m. Work and cleanup parties on the first Wednesday and third Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. For more information, please call Jim Robbins at 724-941-6132. For monthly meetings contact Mark Imgrund at 724-941-6351 or by e-mail at [markimgrund@gmail.com](mailto:markimgrund@gmail.com)

### Bethel Park Friends: (The 2.75 mile Bethel Branch and a short piece of main line trail around MP 35).

Friends of the Trail meeting, every first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel Park Municipal Building Council Chambers. Anyone interested in the Bethel Park Trail segment is encouraged to come. Work and cleanup party, every second and fourth Saturday of the month - 8:30 a.m. Call Bob O'Connell at 412-833-6259 for location and information.

### South Hills Friends: (MP 35.4 to 46.3)

Meeting second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at South Park Township Community Room, located behind the Township Building at 2675 Brownsville Road, South Park, 15129. Work and cleanup parties scheduled and advertised as needed. For more information, contact David Oyler at 412-831-9288, [davidoyler@verizon.net](mailto:davidoyler@verizon.net), or Paul McKeown at 412-835-6692, [mckeownp@comcast.net](mailto:mckeownp@comcast.net)

### The Montour Railroad Historical Society:

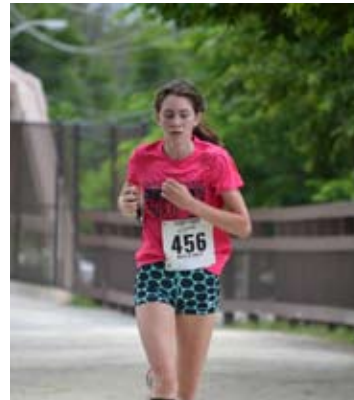
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## J. R. Taylor Race Results

photos by Jill Mihoces



The J. R. Taylor Memorial 5K run and 2-mile walk made a successful return to the Montour Trail in Bethel Park on June 4, with 191 registered participants. The event took place for nine years but was not held in 2015.



Bethel Park High School graduate Josh Kammeraad (left), now a graduate student at the University of Michigan, defended his 2014 title with a winning time of 19:19. Sixteen-year-old Megan Nagy, (below left) in her first competitive run since participating in the state track and field championships the previous week for Oakland Catholic High School, took the women's championship in 21:15. Jim Kaufman and Ali Miziniak were the masters winners.

Pat Taylor, J. R.'s mother, was our honored guest at the starting line, encouraging the runners and walkers along with Montour Trail Council president

Ned Williams and Allegheny County Councilwoman Sue Means.

Special thanks to the sponsors who made this event profitable for the Bethel Friends of the Montour Trail: Century Steel Erectors, Brentwood Bank, Fleet Feet Sports, First Niagara Bank, KOB Solutions, and Al's Café.

## Bi-monthly Photo Contest Winner:



## Lookin' For Love

This round of the MTC photo contest had, possibly, some of the best submissions yet, making the judges task even harder. But the technical quality of Dan McKosky's photo of a lovelorn 17 year cicada put it at the top of the heap. Congratulations, Dan! To see all the submissions for yourself, go to the Montour Trail website at [www.montourtrail.org](http://www.montourtrail.org) and click on the "View the entries" link on the homepage. Then go to the most recent month's entries by clicking on the months closest to the word "**Categories**" in bold near the top of the page. Submissions are now being accepted for the next contest. So get out those cameras and cell phones and start shooting! (One entry per person, per contest, PLEASE.)



## Tour the Montour –FOURTEEN

The Fourteenth Annual Tour the Montour will be taking place on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Mark your calendars, save the date, and come on out for Western Pennsylvania's best autumn trail ride around – the Fed Ex Ground Tour the Montour Trail Ride.

The Tour offers a variety of ride distances ranging from the family-friendly 6 mile ride to the hard-core Metric Century (62 miles). The King and Queen of the Mountain will again call riders to challenge themselves against Hassam Road, gravity and the clock. At an average 8% grade, the man and woman with the fastest times up the 7/10s of a mile hill will truly be the "King" and "Queen" of the Mountain, and in addition to bragging rights, will receive a trendy trophy and an Aerotech Design special bicycling jersey for their effort. So whether you're in it for bragging rights, the trophy, and the jersey, or just in it to push yourself or defy your family and friends, the "Mountain" is calling your name.

Lunch will again be sponsored at the Brothers Grimm Restaurant at Mile 3 on your way back to Mile 0. As expected, there will be yummy and substantial fare on the lunch menu to keep our carnivorous and vegetarian riders nourished and satisfied regardless of ride distance. As always, we'll have some unique and useful raffle prizes to give away - all registered participants are eligible based on their ride bib number.

As with prior years, the ride will be starting at Mile "0" in Coraopolis. Trail mile "0" is located at Route 51 and Montour Road, just off of I-79 and the Coraopolis Bridge that connects to Neville Island. The parking area for the event will be near the entrance to Mile "0". If you are using your GPS, the address is 2316 State Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108 which will lead you to the entrance to the parking area. Look for our parking volunteers on the morning of ride day to guide you into the parking area.

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. with staggered start times for each ride distance. The Metric Century riders depart at 8:15 a.m., the long distance (44 mile) riders leave at 8:30 a.m., the middle distance riders (15 and 24 miles) leave at 8:45 a.m., and the Family Riders (6 miles) leave at 9:00 a.m.. Pre-register before September 9, 2016 and you are guaranteed one of our world famous, limited edition Tour the Montour Ride T-shirts. This year's design has already been locked and heartily approved by the ride committee – prepare yourself for a different and fun aesthetic for our year # 14.. **Remember, only pre-registered riders are guaranteed a T-shirt .**

We have such excellent sponsors. Thanks to the generosity of Pro Bikes, we will be raffling off a 2016 Giant Escape 3 Bicycle – sized for the winner. The Tandem Connection has generously donated a 2016 Fuji Absolute 1.1 Disc Bicycle – sized for the winner. And our friends at Seven Springs have donated a two-night stay, including breakfast. Tickets for all three prizes are available now from any Tour committee member and will also be on sale at packet pickup and at the ride.

We will be providing a pre-event Packet Pickup on Thursday, September 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the REI Settlers Ridge Store – some riders find the Thursday evening option saves a little extra time and excitement on the morning of the ride. Packets will still be available the morning of the ride; the Thursday evening availability is just an option, so feel free to stop by if you would prefer to collect your ride bag prior to the event.

Trail patrol and SAG assistance will be available along the course. Rest stops will be stationed at miles 7.5 (Enlow Ballfield), 11.5 (Boggs Rd), 21.5 (Galati Rd) and the 31 mile turnaround. Fruit, snacks, and beverages will be provided at each rest stop to keep the riders going. Please note that **helmets are mandatory** for all riders. For the safety of the other participants, headphones will not be permitted on the ride. Entry fees are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for the Family Rate (up to 4 members), and all kids under 12 are only \$5 until September 9. Late and ride day registration is \$35 for individuals, \$55 for the Family Rate, and kids under 12 are still only \$5. Registration forms and more information are available at [www.montourtrail.org](http://www.montourtrail.org), by calling 412-257-3011, by email at [thetour@montourtrail.org](mailto:thetour@montourtrail.org), or you can register online at [www.Race360.com](http://www.Race360.com) (event 15908). A form is also available on the back page of the newsletter for your convenience. All proceeds from the ride and our raffles benefit the maintenance and expansion of the Montour Trail.

We hope to see everyone come out to celebrate our 14th Fed Ex Ground Tour the Montour Trail Ride on Saturday, September 24 - we've ordered up a spectacular day of biking, good food and great times with friends and family .

## Flowers at Kurnick

The Cecil Friends once again thank Bedners Greenhouse for their donation of flowers this year for the Kurnick Trailhead. The concrete divider that separates the parking area from the trail area serves as a planter.. This year's donation consists of yellow and orange marigolds, dianthus and small zinnias.

A similar divider at Tandem Connection divides the trail from the parking area and the Friends are trying to make that to a perennial garden with cone flowers and black-eyed Susans.



## Bethel Branch Loses Its Shade to FirstEnergy Tree Cutters

by Peter Kohnke

Users of the 2.75-mile Bethel Branch this spring have found that a large number of the trees alongside this portion of the Montour Trail, which provided pleasant surroundings and considerable shade, have disappeared. Neither the Montour Trail Council nor its Bethel Park Friends group is responsible for this change. Rather, it is the result of activity by FirstEnergy, owner of the power line that runs beside the trail.

The Bethel Branch exists because the MTC negotiated a recreational easement on land owned formerly by West Penn Power and now by FirstEnergy. This past winter, FirstEnergy indicated its intention to remove trees and vegetation in a 65-foot-wide corridor centered on the poles of their power line adjacent to the trail.

The Bethel Friends expected the cutting to be similar to what West Penn Power had done every few years when it operated the power line. Instead, they found FirstEnergy considerably more insistent on complying with "industry standards," which included removing anything below the power line that has grown to within 25 feet of the lowest wire. Even some honeysuckle plants and small apple trees, which would seem to have no chance of interfering with the power line, were taken.

Objections by the Bethel Friends and local landowners led to an extensive news article in the South Hills *Almanac* newspaper. The company did abandon its original scorched-earth plan to replace the whole 65-foot-wide swath with a ground cover mixture featuring crown vetch. A handful of ornamental trees and some forsythia and honeysuckle were saved, and the Bethel Friends have obtained FirstEnergy's permission to plant additional forsythia.

The trail has survived two months of heavy truck traffic associated with the removal work in generally good condition, and users who enjoy panoramic views of adjoining neighborhoods will discover newly open sight lines. But the shade that kept much of the Bethel Branch cool through the summer months is gone.

## Meet Our Newest Patrols

From left to right below: The Ohara Family, Aaron, Pam and Emily from Oakdale. Aaron is a commercial pilot; Robert Filby, PhD. from Steubenville, Ohio is a retired business executive; Pat Jarret, a soon-to-be retired psychiatrist; and Kevin Kisow a recent grad of IUP. We still need a few more men and women who are interested in becoming Trail Patrols to volunteer. If you are interested, contact Jesse Forquer, Director of Montour Trail Security, at [jjforquer@Comcast.net](mailto:jjforquer@Comcast.net).



## Airport Area – All Vehicle Access Gates Moved off the Trail

By Dennis Pfeiffer

On Saturday June 18, 2016 the Airport Area Friends moved the last\* gate in the Airport Area that was in the center of the trail to the side at California Hollow Road (Trail mile 7.9). Many of us volunteers are avid cyclists and we recognized early that it's much easier for trail users to just stay straight on the trail through well placed bollards than around a gate. We have over the years developed a very safe standard by placing three reflective bollards 40 inches apart (the ADA minimum is 36 inches) that are only 30 inches high. (See photo of completed California Hollow Road project.)

I believe the Airport Area Friends started the "process" in 2006 in conjunction with the Municipal Authority of Robinson Township installing a water line paralleling the trail for 2.5 miles. The "process" started with the moving the ten foot long vehicle access gates from the center of the trail to the side at Hassam Road (mile 1.4) and at Snyder's Metal building (mile 0.5).

Those two moves were relatively easy ones, but we then tackled some very comprehensive difficult projects over the years to make the trail much more user friendly. At the Boggs & Cliff Mine Road trailheads we not only offset the gates, but totally separated the trail from the parking area.



We have now moved 14 vehicle gates off the trail, making for a smooth straight ahead ride, run or walk. Thanks to all of the Airport Area Friend's hard work over the years that made these improvements possible.

**Note: Please do stop at all road crossings.**

\* The "last gate" is to be qualified by stating the two gates at Cliff Mine Road will not be offset due to space limitations and safety concerns.



## MONTOUR RAILROAD HISTORY

**Library Junction****By Bryan Seip - Montour Railroad Historical Society**

Library Junction is located between Sugar Camp and Brush Run Roads in Peters Township at Trail Mile 34. The Library Branch was built in 1918 to serve Montour Mine #10 in Library. In 1929, the branch was extended three miles to an interchange point with the B&O RR at Snowden in South Park.



*Loaded hoppers have been pushed up the hill from Mine #10 onto the siding. The train crew is now using a cross-over switch to run around the cars and couple onto the front of the train. Gene P. Schaeffer photo.*

Library Junction was built as a wye track. A railroad wye is actually configured as a triangle. The branch line resembles the letter "Y", with the main line closing the top. The wye allowed rail traffic on the Library Branch to move in either direction to or from Mifflin to the east or the Champion Preparation Plant and Montour Junction to the west.

The current paved section of the Arrowhead Trail follows the original Montour main line which continued into Bethel Park. The limestone section of the trail curving behind the horse farm was the railroad's Library Branch, with Montour Mine #10 and its adjacent maintenance shops located in Library at the bottom of the hill. The main Montour Trail follows the railroad's Library Branch to connect with additional trail right-of-way in South Park as the trail heads east to Clairton.

Trains heading toward Mifflin or Snowden were considered to be eastbound. Trains going toward Montour Junction were westbound. Thus, the west switch of the wye track was closest to Sugar Camp Road and the west leg of the wye was the track closest to the horse farm. The east wye switch was the one closest to Brush Run Road, with the east wye leg along the hillside. The switch connecting the two legs behind the horse farm was called the inside switch.

The wye track arrangement was also used to turn locomotives or entire trains for better operation. In the steam days, locomotives operated better when run in the forward direction. Diesel locomotives run equally in forward or reverse, but it was better to have the engineer facing forward instead of looking over his shoulder on the opposite side of the tracks.

Trains serving some businesses in Bethel Park such as Brookside Lumber or Keifer Supply did not have anywhere to turn their engines for forward operation. Often trains returning west would be shoved caboose first several miles to Library Junction. The train would be shoved along the east leg of the wye all the way past the inside switch. The switch would then be lined for the west leg and the train would pull out onto the main line headed west but with the locomotive now in the lead. This was the railroad version of that 3-point turn you learned when driving a car.

There was also a siding track which paralleled the east leg of the wye, with a capacity of 40 cars. The siding switch was on the east wye leg near the main line and the siding ran almost to the Church Hill Road overpass. It was used for temporary storage of loaded hopper cars coming up the hill from Mine #10 before they were taken east to Mifflin or west to the Champion Preparation Plant. Empty hoppers would also be left on the siding for crews to deliver down the hill to the mine. There was a set of cross-over switches just past the inside switch to allow train crews to access either leg of the wye from the siding track or to allow the locomotive to run around its train of cars if needed.

There were railroad telephone booths located near the east main switch and at the inside switch to allow the conductor to contact the Montour dispatcher, before radio communication came into use in the early 1970's. The conductor would need to receive a train order from the dispatcher for permission to use the branch line or to return onto the main line tracks.

During the final years of service on the Library Branch, operations dictated that cars be shoved ahead of the locomotive due to deteriorating ties and roadbed conditions. Cars headed down the hill to Mine #10 would be shoved ahead of the engine and cars coming up the hill from the mine were also shoved from behind to help eliminate derailments. Due to the steep grade and poor track, loaded trains would often be brought up the hill in two or three sections which would be stored on the siding until the train could be put back together at the top of the hill.

Although the Library Branch was taken out of service in mid-1978, and main line operations in Bethel Park ended in 1976, the junction and the wye track were used until operations to Brookside Lumber ended in December, 1980.



*A train from Brookside Lumber backs through the east leg of the wye track. It will then pull out on the west leg of the wye with the locomotive leading the train. The storage siding can be seen to the right of the train. Gene P. Schaeffer photo.*

*You can contact the Montour Railroad Yahoo group at [http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/montour\\_rr/](http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/montour_rr/) There are currently 352 members from across the country. You are encouraged to join. There is a wealth of information about the Montour Railroad at this location and you can pose questions of its membership, from whom you are sure to get an answer. There is also much information at <http://www.montourrr.com>*

## Welcome New Members

*The Montour Trail Council welcomes these new members and thanks them for their support. We would also like to thank all our members who have recently renewed their membership and to remind all that a growing membership is one of the criteria foundations look for when we apply for grants.*

### New Members

Luz & Kathy Armenini  
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Cecil Friends host trail users at the shelter at the Kurnick Trailhead on National Trails Day. Refreshments were available to users while the Friends answered questions and recruited new members. The Airport, Peters and South Hills Friends also participated.

**I want to support the Montour Trail Council!**

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**MONTOUR TRAIL COUNCIL**  
Suite #3 2nd Floor  
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Bridgeville, PA 15017

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## **14th Annual Fed Ex Ground Tour the Montour Trail Ride September 24, 2016**

### ***Proceeds Benefit the Montour Trail***

#### **ENTRY FEES**

##### **Adult**

Postmarked by September 9th \$30

Postmarked after September 9th \$35

##### **Family Rate \*\***

Postmarked by September 9th \$50

Postmarked after September 9th \$55

##### **Children Under 12**

Postmarked by September 9th \$5

Postmarked after September 9th \$5

Discount for Montour Trail Members (\$5)

**\*\*The Family Rate applies to the 6 and 12-mile courses only. Limit of 4 family members per family rate. Children under 12 pay \$5 when accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

#### **Montour Trail Membership Levels**

Student / Senior \$15

Individual \$25

Family \$35

Supporting \$50

Sustaining \$100

Benefactor \$250

Leader's Circle \$500+

Feel free to include an additional donation to the Montour Trail Council if you like. Make checks payable to: Montour Trail Council

(Please do not send cash.) Mail to:

Tour the Montour  
Montour Trail Council  
304 Hickman Street - Suite 3  
Bridgeville PA 15017

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entry Fee:

Single \$35 per person \_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family (limit 4 members) \_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children Under 12 \$5 \_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Montour Trail Membership/Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 Discount for Trail Members (\$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Total Entry Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Distance (miles): 6 15 24 44 62

King/Queen of the Mountain Challenge: YES NO

T-Shirt Size:

Youth S Youth M Youth L S M L XL XXL

Waiver: : in consideration for the acceptance of this entry, I waive for myself, my heirs and assigns, all rights and claims for damages which I might have against the Montour Trail Ride, to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016; the Montour Trail Council, other sponsoring organizations, business, or individuals as a result of any and all injuries suffered by myself in that event. I also release any photos that may involve myself. (Must be signed by guardian if under the age of 18)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, parent or guardian must sign below:

Signature of parent or guardian

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_