Buckeye Trail Association

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership in the Buckeye Trail Association is one way to help maintain the Buckeye Trail. The Association is a nonprofit, volunteer organization responsible for all aspects of the Ohio’s Buckeye Trail. In addition, your membership entitles you to a quarterly publication and information about many special events and activities throughout the year.

To join, fill in the information below or visit http://www.buckeyetrail.org/membership.php

Name ________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
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Phone ________________________________
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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

☐ STUDENT (full-time) ............... $15.00 per year
☐ INDIVIDUAL ..................... $30.00 per year
☐ HOUSEHOLD .................... $35.00 per year
☐ ORGANIZATION ................ $50.00 per year
☐ SUSTAINING .................... $50.00 per year
☐ BUSINESS ...................... $50.00 per year
☐ LIFE – INDIVIDUAL .......... $500.00 one time
☐ LIFE – HOUSEHOLD .......... $600.00 one time

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Shawnee, Ohio 43782

The General Fund helps to pay for trail building tools and equipment.

BTA Academic Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the BTA Academic Scholarship Fund is to encourage and assist an applicant pursuing or continuing a career related to the outdoors, such as forestry, outdoor education, natural resource management, conservation or environmental studies.

The BTA Academic Scholarship Fund is open to any BTA member or student whose parent or guardian is a BTA member. The applicant must be a student who has applied for admission to a post-secondary education program at least two years in length in one of the areas described above.

The amount of the BTA Academic Scholarship is currently $500. Applications must be received no later than April 1. Recipients are announced at the BTA Annual Meeting held the fourth weekend in April.
**BTA General Fund**

The General Fund provides for the day-to-day operation of the Buckeye Trail Association. It is used to maintain the Buckeye Trail, to make repairs to the Trail, and to provide improvements where appropriate.

Primarily funded by membership dues and contributions, the General Fund provides money for trail building tools, brochures, mailings, phone and Web site costs, and other routine needs.

Of all the BTA funds, the General Fund places the least amount of restrictions on the uses of the monies therein, which allows the Board to function with flexibility when making decisions on how to expend limited resources on the Buckeye Trail’s greatest needs.

**BTA Trail Preservation Fund**

The Buckeye Trail Association established the Memorial Trail Fund (Trail Preservation Fund) in 1978 as a means of generating funds to protect endangered areas of the trail. The goal of the fund is to preserve the Trail through purchasing land and easements. The fund is dedicated to the memory of Grandma Gatewood, Emily Gregor and the pioneers of the Buckeye Trail Association.

As Ohio becomes increasing urbanized, what once were rural farmlands are now commuter routes. Township and county roads support more and more traffic every year. When these roads were incorporated into the Buckeye Trail they were little traveled and friendly to hikers. As traffic increases it becomes more important to move our trail off road.

The Trail Preservation Fund provides for land acquisition and trail protection to relocate the Buckeye Trail from local roadways to a sustainable foot path.

**BTA Barn Fund**

Located on the shore of Tappan Lake, the BTA Century Barn is an English style, three bay ground barn with louvered ventilation. In 2003, the BTA partnered with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District and leased the barn for 30 years. Since then, the barn has been undergoing gradual renovations, and is now ready for use as the headquarters of the BTA.

Thanks to more than 1,500 volunteer hours, some of the notable renovations include a new roof, pine flooring in designated areas, restrooms and showers available for summertime use, a kitchen, dormitory-style sleeping rooms, exterior paint, an expanded parking area, a new sidewalk and drainage tiles.

Additionally, along with its use as the headquarters for the BTA, the restored barn is now available for use by the community, for a donation.

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**TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION**

Yes, I want to help!

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**PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK**

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**OR VISIT**

http://www.buckeyetrail.org/btafunds.php  
to contribute by credit card or PayPal  
via secure Internet transaction

**Follow the Blue Blazes**

The Buckeye Trail Association holds federal tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

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**The Trail Preservation Fund seeks to ensure access to natural features along the Buckeye Trail.**

**The BTA Barn, a work in progress with help from dedicated volunteers and the Barn Fund.**

**The General Fund helps to pay for Trail Crew projects such as these.**