

OUR MISSION:

**TO DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, PRESERVE, PROMOTE,
& PROTECT THE RUGGED, NATURAL BEAUTY OF
THE OZARK TRAIL.**



9,581 HOURS VOLUNTEERED



816 VOLUNTEERS



156 INDIVIDUAL WORK DAYS



430 MILES
MAINTAINED ANNUALLY



VALUE OF TIME CONTRIBUTED
\$273,441.74

2021 Highlights

- OT/OHT connection work continues
- Voted Terrain Magazine Readers' Choice for Best Hiking/Running Trail
- Co-hosted the 2021 Trail Skills College
- Held multiple week-long maintenance events
- Began work on the Great American Outdoors Act project to address deferred maintenance
- Significant increase in OTA membership, to 500+ members
- USFS Volunteer & Service Region 9 Award



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Construction & Maintenance

- Volunteer for an Event
- Adopt-a-Trail
- Sign-up Group for Event

Business Sponsorship

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Event Sponsorship

- Merchandise or Gifts In-Kind
- Financial Contributions

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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Volunteer of the Year



Liatris Studer

Coming from Topeka Kansas, Liatris makes multiple trips to do maintenance on her adopted section and participates in work events throughout the year. She is an-all around dedicated volunteer which is evident through participation as a crew leader, USFS Certified sawyer and adopter. Her devotion to the trail is evident by her support as a Life member.



Maintainers of the Year

George Lipscomb & Joe Buessink

George and Joe display a willingness to roll up their sleeves, dive into the dirty work and make significant efforts to make the OT the best it can be. These guys epitomize the bedrock volunteer spirit responsible for maintaining and building new trails, including efforts to connect the OT and OHT.



Adopter of the Year



Dan Childress

When you love the solitude of the woods and one of the most remote sections of the OT is just down the road, then you adopt a portion of the Blair Creek section. Dan and Carol, his wife, faithfully visit their section deep in the Roger Pryor Backcountry as well as extending out providing maintenance on other portions that are nearby.



Backbone Award

Jeff Goetter

From keeping meeting minutes to volunteer records to cooking for OTA Volunteers, Jeff is dependable and knowledgeable about all things OTA and the OT. He has played a vital role in the organization for nearly 20 years as one of the very first OTA members.

His professionalism along with his knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, the OTA's by-laws and the history of the OTA are invaluable.



Partner of the Year



Ozark Trail Section Hikers & Backpackers

Four years and 11k members later, the OTSHABers, have made a significant impact on the OTA. This group of hikers and backpackers have filled a niche in the hiking community while supporting the OT through outreach, networking, and much more. Our hard hats are off to Andi Lowry, founder of this all encompassing group of individuals who cherish a trail that fosters new friendships and fun.

