

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-0047

2003

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE		D Employer identification number 52-6046689
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. BOX 807		E Telephone number 304-535-6331
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425		F Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations.
 H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
 H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates: _____
 H(c) Are all affiliates included? N/A Yes No (If "No," attach a list)
 H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No

G Website: N/A

J Organization type (check only one) 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

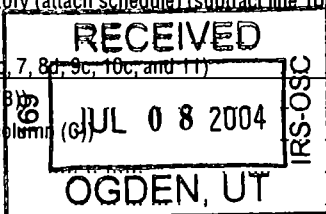
L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **4,550,368.**

M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received. a Direct public support b Indirect public support c Government contributions (grants) d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <u>2,137,451.</u> noncash \$ <u>78,511.</u>)	1a	877,014.			
		1b	18,273.		
		1c	1,320,675.		
		1d			2,215,962.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2			413,145.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3			1,118,033.
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4			
	5 Dividends and interest from securities	5			112,915.
	6 a Gross rents	6a			
	b Less rental expenses	6b			
	c Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7 Other investment income (describe _____)	7				
8 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	(A) Securities	626,076.	8a	(B) Other	
		605,072.	8b		
		21,004.	8c		
d Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8d			21,004.	
9 Special events and activities (attach schedule) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>					
a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a) b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9a				
	9b				
	9c				
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances b Less cost of goods sold c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10a				
	10b				
	10c				
11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11			64,237.	
12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12			3,945,296.	
13 Program services (from line 44, column (B)) 14 Management and general (from line 44, column (G)) 15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D)) 16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	13			3,334,507.	
	14			256,670.	
	15			225,963.	
	16				
	17			3,817,140.	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18			128,156.	
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19			8,345,378.	
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20		SEE STATEMENT 2	<609,116.>	
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)	21			7,864,418.	

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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses

All organizations must complete column (A) Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22 Grants and allocations (attach schedule) cash \$ 27,050. noncash \$	22 27,050.	27,050.	STATEMENT 6	
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25 Compensation of officers, directors, etc	25 84,052.	73,125.	5,884.	5,043.
26 Other salaries and wages	26 1,369,297.	1,184,406.	93,852.	91,039.
27 Pension plan contributions	27			
28 Other employee benefits	28 151,802.	132,276.	9,652.	9,874.
29 Payroll taxes	29			
30 Professional fundraising fees	30			
31 Accounting fees	31			
32 Legal fees	32			
33 Supplies	33 58,959.	52,947.	4,325.	1,687.
34 Telephone	34			
35 Postage and shipping	35 378,449.	340,712.	2,391.	35,346.
36 Occupancy	36			
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38 Printing and publications	38 200,925.	185,866.	199.	14,860.
39 Travel	39 135,155.	112,567.	12,332.	10,256.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40 34,096.	24,994.	6,100.	3,002.
41 Interest	41			
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42			
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a _____	43a			
b _____	43b			
c _____	43c			
d _____	43d			
e SEE STATEMENT 3	43e 1,377,355.	1,200,564.	121,935.	54,856.
44 Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43) Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15	44 3,817,140.	3,334,507.	256,670.	225,963.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____,

(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE STATEMENT 4

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)

a SEE STATEMENT 5				
		(Grants and allocations \$ _____)		3,334,507.
b				
		(Grants and allocations \$ _____)		
c				
		(Grants and allocations \$ _____)		
d				
		(Grants and allocations \$ _____)		
e Other program services (attach schedule)		(Grants and allocations \$ _____)		
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)				3,334,507.

Part IV Balance Sheets

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	44,763.	45	45,056.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	666,101.	46	1,256,586.
	47 a Accounts receivable	47a 469,782.		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b 14,022.	648,741.	47c 455,760.
	48 a Pledges receivable	48a		48c
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b		49
	49 Grants receivable			50
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees			50
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable	51a		51c
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b		51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use		288,167.	52 281,508.
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			53
	54 Investments - securities	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		54
	55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis	55a 3,064,717.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	55b	3,149,959.	55c 3,064,717.
56 Investments - other	SEE STATEMENT 7	4,030,268.	56 4,706,952.	
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment basis	57a 1,164,814.			
b Less: accumulated depreciation STMT 8	57b 849,203.	360,907.	57c 315,611.	
58 Other assets (describe ▶ OTHER ASSETS)		269,619.	58 205,854.	
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)		9,458,525.	59 10,332,044.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	327,271.	60	696,035.
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue	202,329.	62	101,876.
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63	
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable	81,300.	64b	1,104,250.
65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ ANNUITIES PAYABLE)		502,247.	65 565,465.	
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)		1,113,147.	66 2,467,626.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	2,755,094.	67	3,299,454.
	68 Temporarily restricted	3,206,238.	68	1,869,407.
	69 Permanently restricted	2,384,046.	69	2,695,557.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
	73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19, column (B) must equal line 21)		8,345,378.	73 7,864,418.
	74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)		9,458,525.	74 10,332,044.

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

Part VI Other Information

76 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS?
78 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?
78 b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year?
80 a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?
80 b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization
81 a Enter direct or indirect political expenditures See line 81 instructions
81 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
82 a Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?
82 b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III)
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?
83 b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?
84 b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?
85 b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
85 c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members
85 d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures
85 e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices
85 f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)
85 g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?
85 h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?
86 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12
86 b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities
87 501(c)(12) organizations Enter a Gross income from members or shareholders
87 b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)
88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911
89 b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year?
89 c Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
89 d Enter Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
90 b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2003
91 The books are in care of

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92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See page 33 of the instructions)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a SALES OF EDUCATIONAL					
b MATERIALS, TRAIL MAPS,					
c & OTHER MERCHANDISE, NET					413,145.
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					1,118,033.
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
96 Dividends and interest from securities			14	112,915.	
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	21,004.	
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue:					
a OTHER REVENUES					63,428.
b HOSTEL INCOME			03	<200.>	
c PUBLICATIONS ROYALTIES			15	1,009.	
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		134,728.	1,594,606.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					1,729,334.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See page 34 of the instructions)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
▼	SEE STATEMENT 12

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See page 34 of the instructions)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See page 34 of the instructions)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true,
all information on which preparer has any knowledge

6/29/04 Date **David N. Hartwell, Esq. Dir.** Type or print name and title

Preparer's SSN or PTIN

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

OMB No 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

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Supplementary Information--(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Name of the organization **APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE** Employer identification number **52 6046689**

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
BRIAN B. KING ----- HARPERS FERRY, WV	DIR-PUB AFFAI 40/WEEK	57,901.	1,158.	
ROBERT PROUDMAN ----- HARPERS FERRY, WV	DIR-TRAIL MNT 40/WEEK	52,019.	2,601.	

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶	0			

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms) If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
EU SERVICES ----- ROCKVILLE, MD	PRINTING & MAILING SERVICE	244,671.
QUEBECOR WORLD ----- CHARLOTTE, NC	PRINTING SERVICES	63,781.
BERRY, DUNN, MCNEIL & PARKER ----- PORTLAND, ME	CONSULTING SERVICES	59,307.
HBP ----- HAGERSTOWN, MD	PRINTING & GRAPHICS	84,387.
PURCHASE POWER ----- LOUISVILLE, KY	POSTAGE SERVICES	58,242.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	0	

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions)

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ \$ <u>4,434</u> . (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities	1	X
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.) SEE STATEMENT 13		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	X
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	X
3 a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments) SEE STATEMENT 14	3a	X
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b	X
4 Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4	X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **ONE** applicable box)

- 5** A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6** A school Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V)
- 7** A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
- 8** A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)
- 9** A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state **▶** _____
- 10** An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11a** An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11b** A community trust Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 12** An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc , functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 13** An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2) (See section 509(a)(3))

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 5 of the instructions)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14** An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 6 of the instructions)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.
 Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	1,721,202.	2,520,669.	2,816,017.	2,484,642.	9,542,530.
16 Membership fees received	1,167,934.	1,185,711.	975,519.	879,502.	4,208,666.
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	930,057.	818,609.	978,406.	889,223.	3,616,295.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	114,307.	117,027.	158,394.	152,234.	541,962.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets	86,894.	73,408.	SEE STATEMENT 15 80,607.	70,157.	311,066.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	4,020,394.	4,715,424.	5,008,943.	4,475,758.	18,220,519.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	3,090,337.	3,896,815.	4,030,537.	3,586,535.	14,604,224.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	40,204.	47,154.	50,089.	44,758.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					26a N/A
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					26b N/A
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e)					26c N/A
d Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____					26d N/A
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					26e N/A
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					26f N/A %
27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year. (2002) 0. (2001) 0. (2000) 0. (1999) 0.					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year. (2002) 0. (2001) 0. (2000) 391,245. (1999) 477,851.					
c Add Amounts from column (e) for lines 15 9,542,530. 16 4,208,666. 17 3,616,295. 20 _____ 21 _____					27c 17,367,491.
d Add Line 27a total 0. and line 27b total 869,096.					27d 869,096.
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)					27e 16,498,395.
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test. Enter amount on line 23, column (e)					27f 18,220,519.
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27g 90.5484%
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27h 2.9745%

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15

NONE

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)		
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32	Does the organization maintain the following		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)	32d	
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33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)	33h	
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34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4.05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check a if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check b if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred)		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
		N/A	
36 Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)		36	
37 Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		37	
38 Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)		38	
39 Other exempt purpose expenditures		39	
40 Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)		40	
41 Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table -			
If the amount on line 40 is -	The lobbying nontaxable amount is -		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 40		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	} 41	
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
42 Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)		42	
43 Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36		43	
44 Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38		44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				N/A
	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					0.
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					0.
47 Total lobbying expenditures					0.
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					0.
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					0.
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					0.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 12 of the instructions)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of

- a Volunteers
- b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)
- c Media advertisements
- d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
- e Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body
- h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)

Yes	No	Amount
	X	
X		
	X	
	X	
	X	
	X	
X		4,434.
	X	
		4,434.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

SEE STATEMENT 16

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Asset No	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Amount Of Depreciation
1	BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS	VARIES		.000	16	561,196.			561,196.	310,608.		0.
2	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	VARIES		.000	16	566,020.			566,020.	413,159.		0.
3	LAND	VARIES				20,000.			20,000.			0.
	* TOTAL 990 PAGE 2 DEPR					1147216.		0.	1147216.	723,767.	0.	0.

FORM 990	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
ANNUITY ACTUARIAL ADJUSTMENT	<42,114.>		
NET UNREALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS	632,515.		
DONATED USE OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS	56,342.		
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	<1,255,859.>		
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 20	<609,116.>		

FORM 990

OTHER EXPENSES

STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING
PERSONNEL				
DEVELOPMENT	24,226.	17,864.	3,015.	3,347.
CONTRACTED SERVICES	537,645.	475,102.	34,132.	28,411.
PROMOTIONAL	11,105.	9,055.	0.	2,050.
GRANTS	247,825.	247,825.	0.	0.
ORGANIZATION				
INFRASTRUCTURE	204,487.	148,181.	46,918.	9,388.
LICENSES AND FEES	32,751.	29,127.	459.	3,165.
OTHER EXPENSES	319,316.	273,410.	37,411.	8,495.
TOTAL TO FM 990, LN 43	1,377,355.	1,200,564.	121,935.	54,856.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE STATEMENT 4
PART III

EXPLANATION

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO PROMOTE, CONSTRUCT AND MANAGE (AND TO ASSIGN AND DELEGATE MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAINTAINING ORGANIZATIONS) A CONNECTED TRAIL, WITH RELATED TRAILS, CALLED THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, AND TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE TRAIL AND ITS ADJACENT LANDS AND TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, RELATED TRAILS AND ADJACENT LANDS. THIS TRAIL RUNS OVER THE SUMMITS OF THE MOUNTAINS AND THROUGH THE WILD LANDS OF THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD AND ADJOINING THE STATES FROM MAINE TO GEORGIA, SO AS TO RENDER ACCESSIBLE FOR HIKING, BACKPACKING AND OTHER FORMS OF PRIMITIVE TRAVEL AND LIVING, AND TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR CONSERVING AND DEVELOPING WITHIN THIS REGION, THE PRIMEVAL ENVIRONMENT AS A NATURAL RESOURCE.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICE ONE

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION - TO COORDINATE VOLUNTEER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE TRAIL THROUGH MEMBER CLUBS AND TO PROTECT THE TRAIL FROM OUTSIDE NEGATIVE IMPACT. THE ORGANIZATION SERVES A MEMBERSHIP OF ABOUT 31,460 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, APPROXIMATELY 33 COMPANIES, AND 31 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS. THE ORGANIZATION MANAGES MORE THAN 2,174 MILES OF TRAIL AND APPROXIMATELY 250,000 ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND IN FOURTEEN STATES.

	GRANTS	EXPENSES
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TO FORM 990, PART III, LINE A	<hr/>	3,334,507.
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FORM 990 OTHER INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 7

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	AMOUNT
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES	MARKET VALUE	4,427,314.
OTHER INVESTMENTS	MARKET VALUE	279,638.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 56, COLUMN B		4,706,952.

FORM 990 DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT STATEMENT 8

DESCRIPTION	COST OR OTHER BASIS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE
BUILDINGS & IMPROVEMENTS	561,196.	310,608.	250,588.
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	566,020.	413,159.	152,861.
LAND	20,000.	0.	20,000.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LN 57	1,147,216.	723,767.	423,449.

FORM 990	OTHER EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED ON FORM 990	STATEMENT	9
DESCRIPTION			AMOUNT
FULFILLMENT COSTS INCLUDED IN REVENUE ON 990, RPTD SEPARATELY ON FIN STMTS			493,176.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV-B			493,176.

FORM 990	OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED ON FORM 990	STATEMENT 10
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
FULFILLMENT COSTS INCLUDED IN REVENUE ON 990, REPORTED SEPARATELY ON F/S	<493,176.>	
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV-A	<493,176.>	

FORM 990

PART V - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,
TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

STATEMENT 11

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
BRIAN T. FITZGERALD HARPERS FERRY, WV	CHAIR MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
CARL C. DEMROW HARPERS FERRY, WV	VICE CHAIR MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
THYRA C. SPERRY HARPERS FERRY, WV	VICE CHAIR MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
MARIANNE J. SKEEN HARPERS FERRY, WV	VICE CHAIR MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
PARTHENA M. MARTIN HARPERS FERRY, WV	SECRETARY MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
KENNARD HONICK HARPERS FERRY, WV	TREASURER MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
ARTHUR P. FOLEY HARPERS FERRY, WV	ASSISTANT SECRETARY MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
DAVID N. STARTZELL HARPERS FERRY, WV	EXEC DIRECTOR 40	84,052.	4,203.	0.
PAMELA AHLEN HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
KEVIN METHENY HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
BRUCE GRANT HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.

WILLIAM G. O'BRIEN HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
STEPHEN J. PARADIS HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
ANN H. SHERWOOD HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
WALTER E. DANIELS HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
CHARLES A. GRAF HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
SANDRA L. MARRA HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL D. PATCH HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
BARBARA L. WIEMANN HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM STEINMETZ HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
BOB ALMAND HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
PHYLLIS HENRY HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
ROBERT P. KYLE HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM S. ROGERS HARPERS FERRY, WV	BOARD OF MANAGERS MINIMAL	0.	0.	0.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

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MCKINNEY V. TAYLOR
HARPERS FERRY, WV

BOARD OF MANAGERS
MINIMAL

0. 0. 0.

STEVEN A. WILSON
HARPERS FERRY, WV

BOARD OF MANAGERS
MINIMAL

0. 0. 0.

TOTALS INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART V

84,052. 4,203. 0.

FORM 990

PART VIII - RELATIONSHIP OF ACTIVITIES TO
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF EXEMPT PURPOSES

STATEMENT 12

LINE	EXPLANATION OF RELATIONSHIP OF ACTIVITIES
93	SALE OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO MEMBERS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE TRAIL TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE MAINTENANCE, PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE TRAIL.
94	MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE COLLECTED FROM MEMBERS AND ARE MAINLY CONTRIBUTIONS. THESE DUES SUPPORT THE CONFERENCE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS.
103A	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES ARE PROVIDED BY PROGRAM WORKSHOPS AND OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

SCHEDULE A

STATEMENT REGARDING ACTIVITIES WITH
SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS, TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS,
CREATORS, KEY EMPLOYEES, ETC.,
PART III, LINE 2

STATEMENT 13

SEE PART V, FORM 990

SCHEDULE A EXPLANATION OF QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS STATEMENT 14
PART III, LINE 3

THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONTERENCE (ATC) MAKES GRANTS, OR ON RARE OCCASIONS, LOANS TO ONLY TWO CATEGORIES OF ORGANIZATIONS. THE FIRST ARE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS OF VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED BY ASSIGNMENT, DELEGATION, OR OTHER FORMAL RELATIONSHIP IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL AND/OR MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS THROUGH WHICH THE TRAIL IS ROUTED (ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY PURSUING ATC'S OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES.) THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE MEMBERS UNDER ATC'S BYLAWS AND RECEIVE GRANTS FOR TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, BACKCOUNTRY SHELTER MATERIALS, AND SUCH PUBLIC-EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS RIDGERUNNERS (WHO PATROL HIGH-USE AREAS OF THE TRAIL TO ASSIST AND INFORM HIKERS OF WAYS TO BEST CARE FOR THESE PUBLIC RESOURCES). THE SECOND CATEGORY OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALLIED, LOCAL NATURAL-RESOURCE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSIST ATC'S LAND-TRUST PROGRAM IN PRESERVING, CONSERVING OR MANAGING TRAIL LANDS OR ADJACENT LANDS FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT AND USE.

NO GRANTS ARE MADE EXCEPT IN FURTHERANCE OF APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AS DETERMINED, REVIEWED, AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS. LOANS HAVE ONLY BEEN MADE TO AFFILIATED MAINTAINING-MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS TO COVER INITIAL COSTS OF HOSTING BIENNIAL GENERAL-MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND ARE GENERALLY REPAID IN THE YEAR OF THE MEETING.

SCHEDULE A	OTHER INCOME			STATEMENT 15
DESCRIPTION	2002 AMOUNT	2001 AMOUNT	2000 AMOUNT	1999 AMOUNT
HOSTEL GROSS RECEIPTS	51,023.	42,915.	37,928.	34,771.
MISC	35,871.	30,493.	42,679.	35,386.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE A, LINE 22	86,894.	73,408.	80,607.	70,157.

SCHEDULE A

STATEMENT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES - PART VI-B

STATEMENT 16

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE STAFF MEMBERS APPEAR BEFORE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO TESTIFY AND SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ROLES REGARDING THE APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.

Appalachian Trail Conference
 Schedule of Events
 December 31, 2003

2003 Grants to Clubs

Appalachian Mountain Club c/o Andrew Norkin	P.O. Box 298 Gorham, NH 03581	To rebuild platforms at Speck Pond Shelter	\$3,675.00	(A)
AMC - Connecticut Chapter Al Puches, Treasurer	32 Highland Avenue Redding, CT 06896	To construct a composting privy at Sages Ravine Campsite	\$750.00	(B)
Cumberland Valley A.T. Club Don Badorf, Treasurer	362 N. Locust Point Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-8200	To purchase new mower	\$1,000.00	(C)
Dartmouth Outing Club Attn: Julie Clemons	P.O. Box 9 Hanover, NH 03755	To purchase a metal job box to cache tools	\$540.00	(D)
Georgia A.T. Club Ernest Loden, Treasurer	675 Melanie Court Canton, GA 30115	To install 2 moldering privies on Springer Mountain and Blood Mountain	\$1,000.00	(E)
Mountain Club of Maryland Joyce Fletcher, Treasurer	3302 Rueckert Avenue Baltimore, MD 21214	To construct a double-bin composting privy at Cove Mountain Shelter and complete the privy at Darlington Shelter	\$2,250.00	(F)
Mt. Rogers A.T. Club c/o Harold Croxton	830 Marion Circle Abingdon, VA 24211	To purchase 2 Stihl brushcutters (\$700) and to purchase the tin for the Old Orchard Shelter roof (\$325)	\$1,025.00	(G)
Natural Bridge A.T. Club David Helms, Treasurer	145 Belmont Place Richmond, VA 24502	To replace a privy at Bobblets Gap Shelter	\$1,500.00	(H)
Piedmont A.T. Hikers Tony Roberts, Treasurer	1305 Valleymeade Road Greensboro, NC 27410	To purchase tools and a Grifoist & accessories (\$2,200.00)	\$3,354.00	(I)
Roanoke A.T. Club Stephame Kent, Treasurer	1015 Peck Street, NW Roanoke, VA 24017	To replace a privy with a moldering privy at Davis Path Selter (1,154.00) To purchase lumber for a moldering privy base (200.00)	\$800.00	(J)
Smoky Mountains Hiking Club George Ritter, Treasurer	102 Harper Lane Oak Ridge, TN 37830	To purchase lumber/hardware to upgrade the bridge over Dismal Branch (400.00), For first-aid/CPR training (\$200.00) To replace the Sassafras Gap Shelter (2,000.00) To pay salary and per diem expenses for a crew leader working with college students on spring break (\$1,200.00)	\$3,200.00	(K)
Tidewater A.T. Club Ed Martin, Treasurer	1045 Pickwick Road Virginia Beach, VA 23455	For purchase of maintenance tools	\$1,000.00	(L)
Wilmington Trail Club Attn: Michael Kintner	1205 Longmeadow Road Boothwyn, PA 19061-1726	To purchase Stihl brushcutter and accessories	\$300.00	(M)
Carolina Mountain Club Becky Smucker, Treasurer	6 Brook Drive Asheville, NC 28805	For galvanized roofing to replace a shelter roof.	\$150.00	(N)
Outdoor Club at Virginia Tech Lindsey Holladay, Treasurer	P.O. Box 538 Blacksburg, VA 24063	To convert two existing pit toilets to moldering toilets	\$506.00	(O)
TOTAL:			\$21,050.00	

2003 Grants for Outreach

Boiling Springs High School Barbara J. Ferrrell	4 Forge Road Boiling Springs, PA 17007	Outdoor education course	\$1,500.00	②
Rice Elementary School Dean Clepper, President	177 Woods Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17050	Project for second graders	\$250.00	①
Green Mountain Club Robert L. Lincoln, Jr.	4711 Waterbury-Stowe Road Waterbury Center, Vt 05677	To support GMC's group outreach program	\$1,500.00	③
Piedmont App. Trail Hikers Parthena Martin	150 West Newman Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517	To support the Tilson's Mill oral-history project	\$2,750.00	④
Total:			\$6,000.00	

Total Grants to Clubs, Grants for Outreach, Program Grants: \$6,000.00

The Appalachian Trail Conference is registered in the following states:

Alabama
Arizona
California
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Massachusetts
Maryland
Maine
North Carolina
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin
West Virginia

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Bylaws of The Appalachian Trail Conference

Article 1. Offices

The principal office of the Conference shall be at Harpers Ferry in the State of West Virginia.

Article 2. Members

Sec. 1. Categories. There shall be five categories of membership:

A. Life Member: An individual or couple who has paid the lifetime membership fee provided for hereafter.

B. Individual Member: Individuals who are in good standing.

C. Maintaining Organization: A club or organization (including its subdivisions) that has been assigned by the Conference sections of the Appalachian Trail for maintenance or management.

D. Community Organization: A club or organization that is not assigned sections of the Appalachian Trail but is interested in the purposes of the Conference and has paid the fee prescribed in Article 9.

E. Corporate Member: Any organization not specified in C and D above that desires to make a financial contribution to the Conference in accordance with Article 9.

Sec. 2. Honorary Member. Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Managers at a regular meeting of the Conference on an individual who has made a distinguished contribution to the Appalachian Trail project.

Article 3. Regions

For the purpose of composition of the Board of Managers, the Conference shall be divided into three Regions as follows:

1. New England Region— to include the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut;

2. Mid-Atlantic Region— to include the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the states of West Virginia, and Virginia north of Rockfish Gap; and

3. Southern Region— to include the states of Virginia and West Virginia south of Rockfish Gap, and the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Article 4. Meeting of Members

Sec. 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Conference shall be held at times and places determined by the Board of Managers, provided that a regular meeting shall be held not later than the end of the third calendar year from the year in which the previous regular meeting was held nor earlier than twenty months after the previous meeting. A regular meeting is defined as one at which the members of the Conference attend to the business of the Conference, including the election of the Board of Managers and the consideration of motions and resolutions relevant to the corporate affairs of the Conference.

Sec. 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Managers to be held at times and places as may be determined by the Board of Managers.

Sec. 3. Notice. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered either personally or by postal or electronic mail to each member entitled to vote at such meeting not less than two months before the date of such meeting. Notice in the principal publication of the Conference is deemed a proper and qualifying means of notification. In case of a special meeting, the purpose for which the meeting was called shall

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be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the member at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Conference with postage thereon paid. Any member may waive notice of any meeting.

Sec. 4. Representation. Each Life Member, Individual Member, Community Organization, Corporate Member, and Honorary Member shall have one vote, which must be cast in person. Each Maintaining Organization shall be represented by its President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Should any of these officers be unable to attend, such officer may be represented by a duly designated alternate authorized in writing by the organization's president. In addition, each Maintaining Organization shall be allowed one official representative for every ten miles (or major fraction thereof) of the Appalachian Trail assigned to it by the Conference. For the purposes of voting, the decision of the Chair as to the extent of mileage maintained by an organization shall be accepted. Each official representative of a Maintaining Organization shall have one vote, which must be cast in person.

Sec. 5. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of one hundred members in good standing. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Article 5. Board of Managers

Sec. 1. General Powers and Duties. The affairs of the Conference shall be managed by a Board of Managers, which shall represent the interest of all the members and, in consultation with the maintaining organizations and relevant agencies, shall have the power to develop policies of the Conference regarding the protection, management, and appropriate use of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Sec. 2. Qualifications and Tenure. The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the Conference, six people from each of the three Regions, two other persons at large, and the chairs *emeriti*. Each such person shall be a member of the Appalachian Trail Conference with a demonstrated interest in the Appalachian Trail and, if representing a region, (a) a member of a Maintaining Organization, the maintenance section of which is in that Region, or (b) a resident of a state in that Region. Members-at-large need not be either residents of a Trail state or members of a Maintaining Organization. No member of the Board of Managers may be reelected to the position that he or she then holds at a time when he or she has been holding that position for six consecutive years; however, a member may be elected at any time to another position on the Board of Managers in spite of ineligibility to be elected to that same position or may be elected again after a respite of one election term to a position he or she had previously held, except that members-at-large may not be elected to a position of regional representation at the conclusion of three consecutive terms as a member-at-large, or *vice versa*.

Sec. 3. Election of the Board of Managers. The Board of Managers shall be elected by the members of the Conference present at each regular meeting. For the purpose of making nominations for membership on the Board of Managers, a nominating committee shall be appointed by the Chair and announced in the principal publication of the Conference at least six (6) months prior to each regular meeting. The slate proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be published in the principal publication of the Conference at least sixty days prior to the regular meeting. Additional nominations may be made up to thirty days prior to the regular meeting by petition bearing the signatures of at least fifty members of the Conference.

Sec. 4. Regular Meetings. The Board of Managers shall meet at least twice per year and immediately after each regular meeting of the Conference.

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Sec. 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee at such times and places as it deems appropriate or necessary.

Sec. 6. Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Managers shall be given at least two weeks previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by postal or electronic mail or other means to each member of the Board of Managers to the address shown in the records of the Conference.

Sec. 7. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Managers, provided that, if less than a majority of the Board of Managers is present at said meeting, a majority of the Board of Managers members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. Each member of the Board of Managers present shall have one vote.

Sec. 8. Removal. An officer of the Conference or member of the Board of Managers may be removed from office for cause by a majority vote of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 9. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board of Managers shall be filled by vote of the Executive Committee from nominations made by the Vice Chairs. Any position to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of members of the Board of Managers shall be filled, as provided in Section 3 of this Article, by the members of the Conference. A person elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office.

Sec. 10. Compensation. Members of the Board of Managers as such shall not receive any stated compensation for their services but, by resolution of the Board of Managers, may be reimbursed for their expenses of attendance at meetings of the Board of Managers and other proper expenditures as may be incurred in connection with the performance of Conference business.

Sec. 11. Executive Committee. In the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Managers, the affairs of the Conference shall be under the control of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, the three regional Vice Chairs, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and three other members, one each from the three regions, who shall be elected in caucus by the six Board of Managers members from each region at the time of the regular meetings of the Conference. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry out policies previously established by the Board of Managers. Five members shall constitute a quorum. They may vote either at a meeting or by postal or electronic mail on written propositions submitted to them or by telephone, confirmed by postal or electronic mail or by other agreed-upon means sufficient to establish a record of the decision. Between regular meetings of the Conference, vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee in an election duly called by the Chair, which voting may be by postal or electronic mail.

Sec. 12. Other Committees. Except as hereafter specified, other committees may be designated by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Board of Managers present at a meeting at which a quorum is present or by the Chair. The Nominating Committee to evaluate and recommend candidates for election to the Board of Managers shall be composed of six Conference members, two from each of the three regions of the Conference, including a committee chair, who shall be selected by the Chair of the Conference in joint consultation with the three Vice Chairs. The names of those selected shall be presented to the Board of Managers for its approval in sufficient time to permit compliance with the requirements of Section 3.

Article 6. Officers

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Sec. 1. Officers. The officers of the Conference shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair from each of the three regions specified in Article 3, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary, and an Executive Director.

Sec. 2. Election, Qualifications, and Terms of Office. The officers of the Conference, with the exception of the Executive Director, shall be members of the Conference who have been members of the Board of Managers and shall be elected at each regular meeting of the Conference. Any vacancy occurring in any elective office between regular meetings of the Conference shall be filled by the Executive Committee from the members of the Board of Managers or the Chair *Emeriti*. The officer elected to fill such vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Managers. In the event the Executive Director is temporarily unable to fulfill the duties of that office, the Executive Committee shall appoint an Acting Executive Director for the duration of the disability.

Sec. 3. Duties of Officers. It shall be the duty of the Chair to preside at all meetings of the Conference and of the Board of Managers and generally to carry out the purpose for which the Conference was organized. The Vice Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to such offices. The Chair shall assign duties to the Assistant Secretary. The Executive Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Conference and shall have direct line authority over its employees. The Executive Director is responsible to the Board of Managers for the administration of the Conference and for carrying out the policies established by the Board of Managers.

Sec. 4. Chair *Emeritus*. All past Chairs will be automatically appointed Chair *Emeritus* upon the termination of their terms as Chair. The duties of each Chair *Emeritus* may be designated by the Board of Managers or by the Chair.

Sec. 5. Disability of the Chair. At the time of the regular meeting, the new Executive Committee shall meet and elect one of the Vice Chairs to serve as First Vice Chair. In the event the Chair is not able to perform the duties of that office, the First Vice Chair will act as the Chair for the duration of the disability.

Article 7. Contracts, Checks, Deposits, Funds

Sec. 1. Contracts. The Board of Managers may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Conference to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Conference, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Sec. 2. Checks, drafts, etc. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Conference shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Conference and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Managers.

Sec. 3. Deposits. All funds of the Conference shall be deposited to the credit of the Conference in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Treasurer may select in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Managers.

Sec. 4. Gifts. The Board of Managers may accept on behalf of the Conference any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes or for any special purpose of the Conference.

Article 8. Books and Records

The Conference shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members and the Board of Managers and shall keep, at

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the registered or principal office, a record giving the names and addresses of the members. All books and records of the Conference may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at an agreed-upon time.

Article 9. Finances

Sec. 1. Dues. Individual Members shall pay a yearly membership fee at a rate to be fixed by the Board of Managers. This fee is due upon acceptance to membership and at the expiration of twelve calendar months each year thereafter. Life members shall pay a one-time membership fee to be determined by the Board of Managers. Honorary Members shall not be assessed dues. There shall be no fixed membership fee for Maintaining Organizations, although they are encouraged to support the work of the Conference through voluntary contributions on a yearly basis. Community Organizations shall pay a yearly membership fee at a rate to be fixed by the Board of Managers. The corporate membership dues shall be set by the Board of Managers.

Sec. 2. Expenses. The expenses of the Conference shall be met by dues from members and by voluntary contributions from Maintaining Organizations and others interested in its purposes and by other sources approved by the Board of Managers that support the purposes of the Conference.

Sec. 3. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Conference shall be for the twelve months ending on December 31.

Sec. 4. Budget. Prior to the start of each fiscal year, the Board of Managers shall adopt a budget for the following fiscal year. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director, in consultation with the Treasurer and other interested persons, to provide the Board of Managers with budget recommendations. The Board of Managers may revise the budget as necessary during the fiscal year.

Sec. 5. Audit. At the close of each fiscal year, an independent audit of the finances of the Conference shall be performed by a Certified Public Accountant. The auditor shall be designated annually by the Board of Managers.

Article 10. Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Conference, its remaining assets, if any, shall be distributed to one or more organizations having similar objectives and purposes in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now in force or afterward amended. Such distribution shall be determined by the Board of Managers.

Article 11. Amendments to Bylaws

The Bylaws, upon proper motion by a member and second by a member of the Conference, may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Conference present and voting at any regular meeting of the members when a quorum is present or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Managers. Such vote may be taken at any meeting of the Board of Managers. When changes to the Bylaws are made by the Board of Managers, such changes shall be published in an appropriate Conference-wide publication along with an explanation of the reason for such changes.

As amended May 9, 2003, by the Board of Managers

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Note: Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time - Only submit original (no copies needed)

Note: Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE	Employer identification number 52-6046689
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. P.O. BOX 807	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the **whole** group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-month, for **990-T corporation**) extension of time until **AUGUST 16, 2004** to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year **2003** or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ _____

b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ _____

c **Balance Due.** Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ **N/A**

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ▶ *Denise R Hott* Title ▶ *CPA* Date ▶ *5/3/04*
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