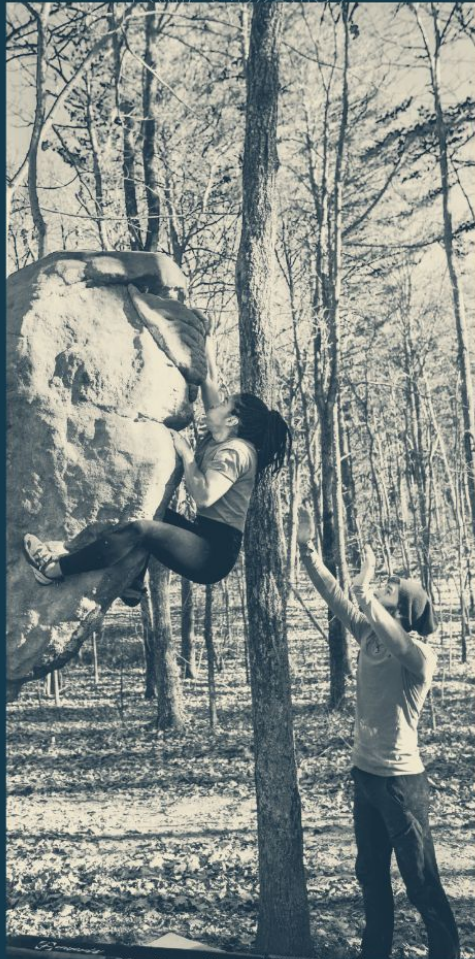




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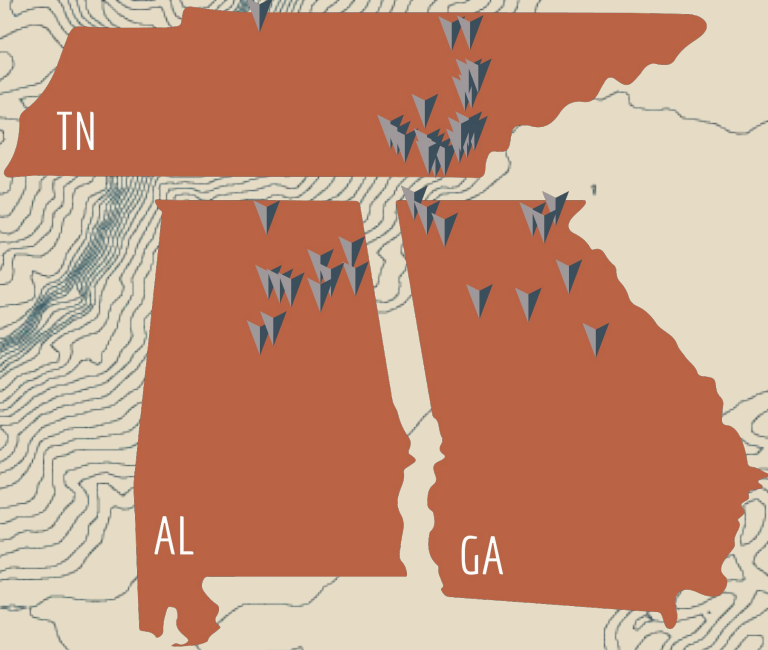


ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Southeastern Climbers Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving climbing areas in the southeast for future generations.



SCC members and volunteers are climbers from Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Arkansas and elsewhere who have joined forces to preserve access to climbing areas in the region.



Letter From Our Executive Director

Hey y'all,

This year has been one for the record books, and that seems only fitting as the SCC celebrated 30 years of climbing conservation and advocacy in 2023. What began in a shoe box in 1993 has grown into a tri-state organization that serves thousands of climbers and now more than 50 climbing areas.

At Sunset Rock, 30 years ago, closures were rampant across the southeast and climbers were being shut out of countless areas. That's when a small group of climbers banded together to sweat it out in long labor intensive work days to show the park service that we deserve to be here, just to climb. That hard work paid off and sparked a chain of events that has led to truly remarkable accomplishments.

This year alone - we closed on the purchase of the Citadel Boulders, opened up access to several climbing areas including Walden's Ridge Park, made incredible progress at Woodcock, held the most attended Trail Daze of Summer, and raised the bar on our membership base.

I can't help but think about each of you that have helped us in the past 30 years. What started as an all volunteer organization has remained largely that. We remain a coalition of dedicated climbers who continue to rise to the challenge and rally together to protect even more access to climbing. From the very trail we are walking on, to the access and ability to climb at these crags we hold so dearly, individual climbers working together to protect access for future generations remains the heartbeat of the SCC. I have such an appreciation for all of the folks who have given so much of their blood sweat and tears to preserving access to climbing for future generations.

At our 30th celebration, we spoke about legacy and what it means to leave your mark on the climbing community. Every time a climber decides to make a positive action or a positive change, that is the coalition at work. It's the southern grit and determination from each of you that makes up the strength of this organization.

Every time climbers take even the smallest of actions, it has such a large impact and influence. And I've got news for that group of climbers that started in a shoe box 30 years ago, we have no plans of slowing down any time soon.

So I encourage all of you as we mark this time in history and celebrate the 30th anniversary together, take it in, start up a conversation with a person you don't know and hear about their stories, and dream about what this coalition can do, stronger than ever, over the next 30 years.

See y'all at the crag,

Meagan Evans



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Access & Advocacy



SCC's Latest Acquisition - Citadel Boulders - Fort Payne, AL

SCC and Access Fund announced the purchase of the Citadel Boulders on December 1, 2023. The acquisition includes 58 acres of undeveloped land surrounding an incredible boulder field. It is more than two decades in the making and another landmark victory for climbing and conservation in the Southeast. The Citadel Boulders contain more than 150 unique problems over dozens of distinct sandstone boulders.

There has been incredibly positive community support both locally and nationally. We have hosted our first of many trail days that will work to remove graffiti, trash, and install infrastructure to ready the preserve for visitors in early 2024. Community members across generations are elated to finally see the project come together.

Thank you to our partners for their support



Protect America's Climbing

Access & Advocacy

Citadel Project Underway

While initial funding has secured the Citadel Boulders, SCC needs the help of local climbers, brands, and conservationists to raise nearly \$140,000 over the next three years to pay off the conservation loans to complete the purchase.

Total Raised
\$175,850



Goal
\$315,850

Community members across generations are elated to finally see the project come together. Climbers have already begun working on restoring the property, and the SCC has begun planning critical infrastructure.

- ❖ 4 Trail Days
- ❖ 48 Volunteers
- ❖ 1,475 sq ft of graffiti removed
- ❖ 2,640 ft of trail cleared



Community Support

The Fort Payne community has shown incredible support for the project and the SCC stands ready to work with the community at large. Community members have reached out to the SCC with the local history of the property, sharing memories and stories. The SCC is eager to honor its long history as an incredible Fort Payne park. We have also seen national support for the project including mention in two major climbing news outlets.



Access & Advocacy

Progress at Woodcock Continues



It has been two and a half years since we first celebrated the acquisition of Woodcock Cove and we've been making massive progress towards our fundraising and project goals ever since. As we near the end of our loan period, we are looking back at what we've accomplished and look forward to finishing up the trails next season.

Loan Repayment

Through incredible support from our community and thanks to the Lyndhurst Foundation, we are ready for our final fundraising push in 2024.

**Remaining loan amount
\$9,147.66**

Stewardship

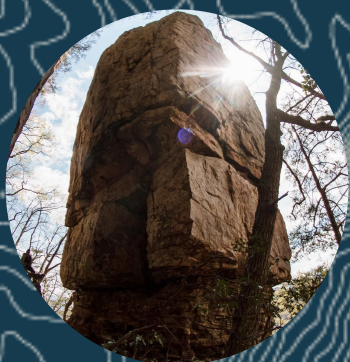
SCC, with help from Access Fund, On the Road and Off, PETZL, REI, and volunteers, has made significant headway and progress at Woodcock.

**34 Trail days
416 Volunteers
1,897 Volunteer hours
2 Access Fund Conservation Teams**

Visitation

Woodcock has seen tremendous community support and has seen roughly 3000 unique visitors in the first year it was open to the public.

3,000 unique visitors



Access & Advocacy

Progress at Woodcock Continues

The total cost of opening a new climbing area goes beyond the cost of the land itself. Sustainable crags need parking, trails, signage to know where to go, as well as long term care and maintenance – just to name a few things. The overall project cost for opening Woodcock Cove was nearly \$245,000. We have raised \$217,798 for the project and loan repayment. We have made great progress and are looking ahead at the work that remains.

Lyndhurst Foundation awarded SCC with a grant of \$25,000 to help us make a massive leap towards the finish line of paying off Woodcock Cove. With the contributions raised through our Conservation Legacy Program, our matching donors, crowdsource donations, as well as BYOB, we've made great progress!



Total Raised
\$159,283



Remaining
\$9,147

Projects Remaining & Looking Forward

- Finish the proposed trail between the Dispensary and Still House
- Link up Stillhouse descent to the cliff line trail
- Stabilize belay areas at the dispensary pillar and other popular climbs
- Finish descent to the Red Baron Wall
- Continue to host volunteer trail days throughout the year, & bring in expert trail crew
- Thanks to Athletic Brewing Company's Two for the Trails Grant Program - we'll bring in the Access Fund Conservation Team for 3 weeks in 2024 to work on these crux sections of the trail.

Thank you to the community

The progress at Woodcock is a strong example of the work ethic and determination shown by our climbing coalition. All of this progress is only possible thanks to our generous volunteers, contributors, and members. We look forward to finishing strong on this project and the long-term care of this incredible crag. We thank you all for your dedication and commitment to this incredible place.

Access & Advocacy

Access Wins in the Region

Buck's Pocket

SCC and the Alabama State Parks Department announced a new partnership to recognize and support rock climbing at Buck's Pocket State Park in 2023.

This partnership will support the Alabama State Parks Trail Crew in establishing new trails leading to the cliffline that will aid climbers in reaching the base of the cliff and will provide new points of interest for hikers and other park users alike. As part of the SCC's North Alabama Climbing Initiative, this project has also been supported by the Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Grant Program.



Jake's Woods

The Conservation Fund and Jones County announced the protection of the historic, 28-acre Jake's Woods property in Clinton, Georgia, which will become a new county park open to the public starting in 2024. SCC is proud to work alongside The Conservation Fund, Jones County, Access Fund and our other partners to honor the history and natural beauty of Jake's Woods. Future generations can enjoy exploring the incredible granite boulders and the climbing opportunities that exist there.

This bouldering area and public park is a huge win for the small but mighty climbing community growing in Macon, Georgia. SCC looks forward to calling volunteers to action to help beautify the boulder field.



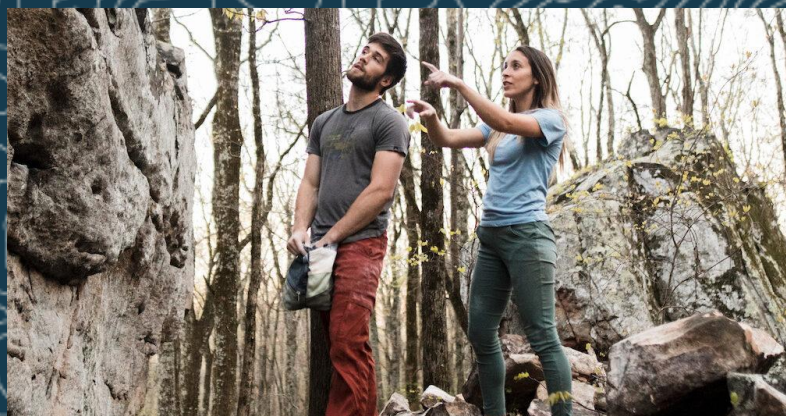
Access & Advocacy

Access Wins in the Region

Walden's Ridge Park

After 7 years of hard work alongside the park partners, Walden's Ridge Park finally opened to the public on September 30, 2023. Thank you to Hamilton County Tennessee Parks & Recreation Department, Hamilton County Mayor's Office, The Land Trust for Tennessee, SORBA, IMBA Trail Solutions, North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy, and all the SCC volunteers who came out to trail days!

The new 200-acre park, located in Chattanooga, TN, features over 10 miles of trails, including mountain biking, hiking, trail running, and bouldering. Climbers can look forward to exploring the park and its 24+ unique boulders ranging in difficulty level.



Rainbow Mountain Preserve

After local volunteer, Logan Kennedy brought Rainbow Mountain to the SCC - we worked quickly with the City of Madison and the Land Trust of North Alabama to embark on a new partnership to allow for climbing at the preserve as well as offer stewardship support to help clean up the graffiti there. Huntsville climbers have enjoyed after-work sessions and exploring the climbing opportunities that exist within the preserve.

Access & Advocacy

Voice for Climbers in the TAG region

This year, SCC made sure climbers had a voice on several comment periods for varying land managers ranging from the municipal to federal levels. SCC engaged in public comment periods writing several letters, attended tri-state coalition meetings, and attended outdoor recreation and state-to-state coalition meetings to ensure that climbers have a seat at the table and are considered as these groups identify recreational opportunities within the region.



Tallulah Gorge

SCC, Access Fund, and American Alpine Club – ATL are working collaboratively to improve the climbing experience at Tallulah Gorge State Park and create a policy, through partnership, that is in line with modern climbing management and easier for park staff to implement, as well as more positive to climbers. This year, we initiated a task force and continued capturing data on climbing access at Tallulah Gorge. We want to give a huge thank you to Tallulah Adventures for hosting SCC for a free community showing of Reel Rock 17 and for partnering with us throughout the year.

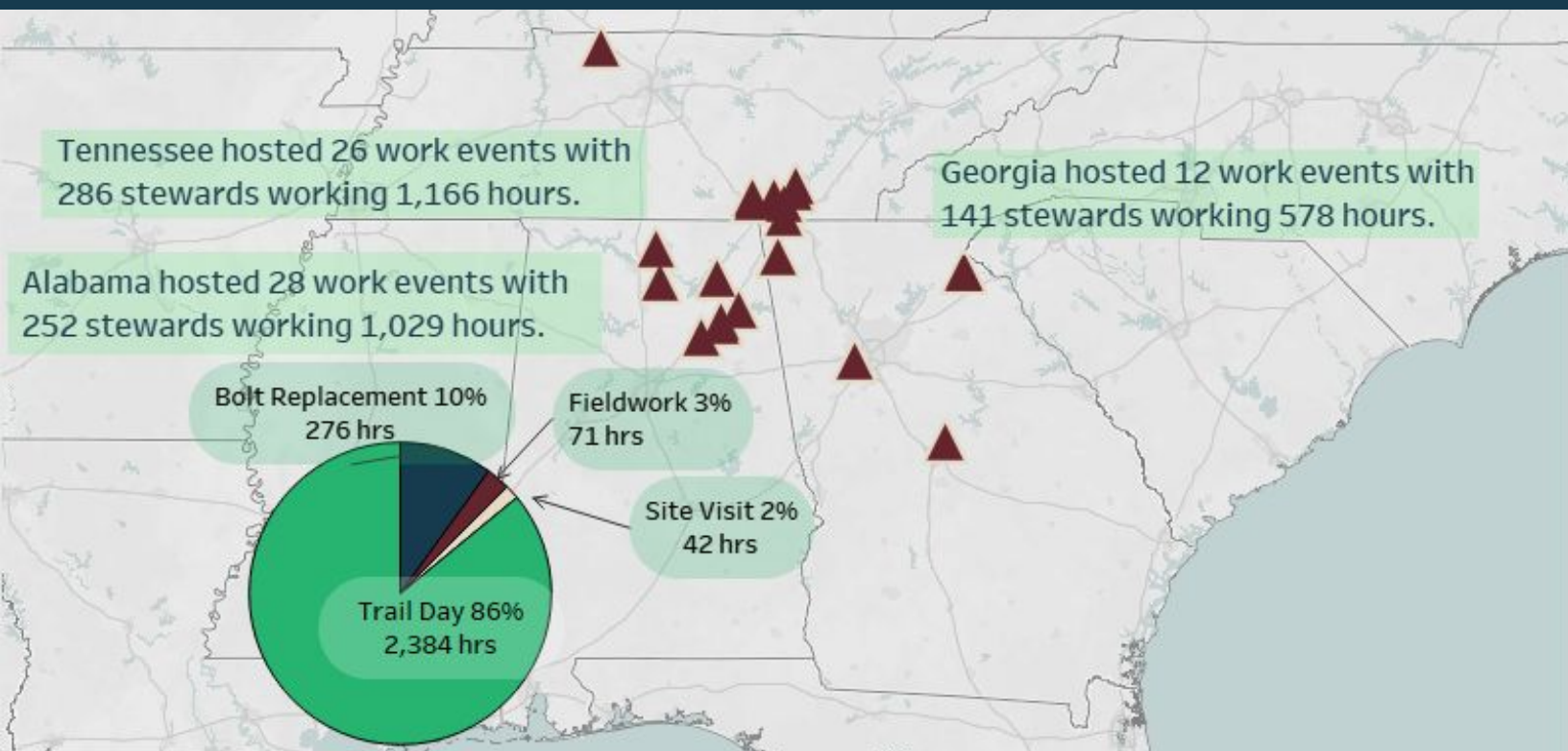


Stewardship



SCC saw huge success in 2023 getting folks psyched about stewardship. We hosted our inaugural Trail Skills Workshop and the largest Trail Daze of Summer to date. That momentum carried throughout the fall and winter seasons as we tackled our first Citadel Trail Days and continued to focus on improving SCC-owned properties. In addition to our many boots-on-the-ground projects, SCC has become laser-focused on educational initiatives that motivate the collective community to think about stewardship going beyond trail days. Stewardship plays a role every time a climber visits the crag. The small actions that climbers take that lead to big influence and positive impact, are a big stewardship focus for the SCC in 2023 and 2024.

679 stewards attended 66 work events and worked 2,773 hours across 24 locations



Stewardship

Trail Daze of Summer - Inspiring Stewardship

For our 5th anniversary of Trail Daze of Summer, we hosted **11 Trail Days**, with **238 volunteers**. Volunteers put in a total of **814 stewardship hours** between June and August. We owe so much of that engagement and growth to On the Road and Off for seeing the need and coming up with a targeted program to fill that need.

To harness our amazing volunteer power, we need more skilled volunteer leaders to make our projects effective and high quality. On the Road and Off rose to the challenge again and helped us host our very first Trail Skills Workshop.

For the pilot version of this concept, we reached out to our key volunteers, Area Reps, and former Trail Daze rockstars to offer some trail skills training. We hosted two workshop days – one at Woodcock Cove and the other at Hospital Boulders. The program focused on developing critical skills to help build more trail leaders in our region.



11

Trail Days

814

Stewardship Hours

238

Volunteers



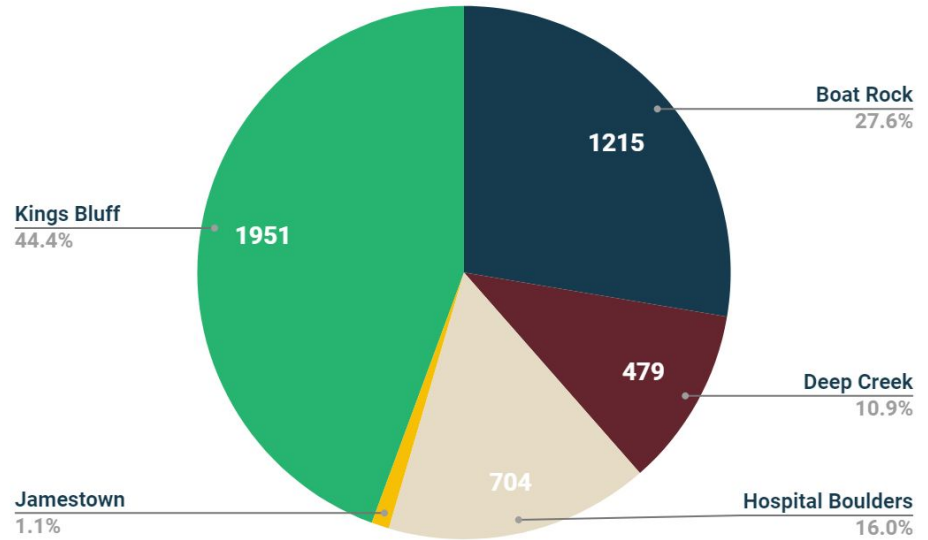
Stewardship

Prioritizing our Properties

While purchasing threatened climbing areas will always be a critical part of our mission, what's equally important is the preservation of our current climbing resources. In 2023, we focused on improving SCC-owned trailhead property, as we continued to see high visitation at many of our crags.

We chipped away at maintenance work on our properties including building a retaining wall at Hospital Boulders, tackling erosion control work on the Yellow Bluff approach trail, and improving property maps, signage, and parking.

Gate Code Requests



Boat Rock

Boat Rock has seen a significant increase in visitorship and as a result, we have been hard at work to address graffiti needs as well as seek out additional funding for property improvements. We want to extend a special thanks to the volunteers who got in and did the dirty work of cleaning the pit toilet at the property.



Stewardship

Prioritizing our Properties

King's Bluff

Over a six-month period of time, SCC has been working on a revitalization effort at our Kings Bluff property in Clarksville, TN. What began as graffiti removal and trash clean-up, led to major infrastructure improvements, erosion control work, new signage, and more. We'd like to thank the 57 volunteers who put in a combined total of 276 hours on this project. We'd also like to thank our partners at Athletic Brewing Company for funding a majority of this effort and to the new Friends of King's Bluff group for their continued efforts.

57

Volunteers

276

Stewardship Hours

30

Bolts Replaced



Drane Lyttle, left, and family along with SCC Staff



While the work is never done, and we have many more projects to tackle at King Bluff, we were able to celebrate the recent efforts with a special event on June 17th, 2023. Kings Bluff was donated to SCC by Drane Lyttle and family in 2002 and one of her wishes was to have a bench installed on the bluff to honor her father and grandfather who gave them the property and would be so pleased with the donation. We welcomed the family to the bluff to enjoy their new bench and celebrate this new era of Kings Bluff. The preservation of Kings Bluff is thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and community members.

Stewardship

Regional Work

Campbellton Creek Nature Preserve

Our progress in opening a second climbing area in South Fulton, GA is well underway. We partnered with Southeastern Trust for Parks and Land (STPL) as part of our Rising Climbing Stewards Program (RCS). Our RCS Program engages groups in a presentation and hands-on activity that teaches elements of the Climber's Pact and climbing area etiquette, followed by a trail day at a local climbing area.

This park provided a natural outdoor experience for residents of South Fulton. The boulders that are protected here provide a unique opportunity to preserve an often exclusive experience. There are fresh, never-before-climbed boulders, ripe for the picking. The SCC and STPL agreed to preserve this opportunity and introduce young Atlanta youth into the climbing community and to provide the opportunity for them to etch their names in history with their own first-ascents (FAs).



Alabama Climbing Initiative Continues

The Northern Alabama Climbing Initiative is a regional climbing stewardship project that addresses the growth of climbing in the greater Huntsville and Gadsden areas. The goal of the project is to create more sustainable and resilient climbing resources through site improvement work, increased access, and local community partnerships. In 2023, we were thrilled to check off several maintenance projects as well as officially open climbing access at Buck's Pocket State Park, Rainbow Mountain, and Noccalula Falls! This initiative was supported by the Access Fund Climbing Conservation Grant Program.



Stewardship

Anchor Maintenance

The SCC supplies bolts and anchors to be distributed at no cost to SCC members to maintain *established* climbing routes in Tennessee, Alabama & Georgia. Guiding policies to implement the distribution of bolts and anchors are in place.

20
Field Days

144
Bad Bolts

7
Craggs

268
Replacements

Fixed Hardware Committee

The committee monitors Bad Bolt Reports, responds to inquiries sent to SCC for aging fixed hardware needs, and puts on clinics for community members interested in learning how to replace aging hardware. This year, the group worked to put together an online resource so our community can get connected and involved. They also made a group on social media to better get connected with individuals who are interested in hardware replacement. The total number of replacements listed includes everything that goes into replacing aging hardware - from the lead bolt to the quick links, the rings, or the mussy hooks that go on the anchor.



Black Diamond Golden Carabiner Event

Black Diamond hosted the Golden Carabiner event here in Chattanooga TN to raise money for fixed hardware replacement. They gave away a mountain of swag for those lucky competitors who found a golden carabiner and raised **\$1,600** with ticket sales to the event. Huge thank you to Black Diamond for their continued support and for helping us tackle the aging hardware replacement needs of the southeast.



Community



This year the SCC celebrated 30 years of climbing conservation together, hosted member-only events, found community throughout the summer months, and hosted our biggest competitions to date. We have a lot to be grateful for and are so incredibly proud as we reflect back on what our community accomplished together this year. Collectively all of our actions make up a larger positive impact that will benefit future generations of southeastern climbers.



251
Volunteers



42
Community Events



\$110,634
Funds Raised

Community

Outdoor Bouldering Comps

SCC continues to thrive and grow thanks to our volunteers, vendor partners, members, and every climber who steps up to help be a good steward of our crags. This year through the tradition of our outdoor bouldering competitions, we were able to raise more than \$40,000 for climbing conservation and stewardship.

Series Sponsor:



Float The Boat

As one of the oldest outdoor bouldering competitions in the southeast, this year's competition didn't disappoint. Competitors enjoyed perfect temperatures and even some silly new categories that remind us of the real magic of granite slab climbing in the heart of Atlanta. We are so grateful for the volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible once again.

Title Sponsors



The Sickness

In addition to hosting our annual pre-competition trail day, we hosted our annual meeting in the barn at the Hospital Boulders. We reviewed the previous year of SCC. The competition saw great attendance and we are grateful for our partnership with the City of Gadsden who provided shuttles for us this year. This is a special event and we are so grateful to all the sponsors and volunteers!

Title Sponsors



\$25,761

Funds Raised

\$9,929

Funds Raised

Community

30th Anniversary

The Southeastern Climbers Coalition celebrated our 30th anniversary with a weekend full of community events.

We kicked off the weekend at Stone Fort where we held a climbing-a-thon and community festival. Saturday morning we showed a sneak peek of Walden's Ridge Park which is now open to the public.



The culmination of the weekend was our Anniversary Gala which celebrated the past, present, and future of the coalition. We heard from Keynote speaker Matt Gant as he energized us all to think about our own legacy we will leave on the climbing community. The whole weekend was a perfect capstone of the last thirty years and a launchpad for what comes next.



We want to again take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, and community members who showed up to rally and give a damn!

\$42,845 Funds Raised

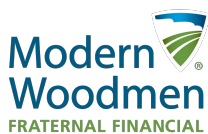


Award Winners

- Golden Glove Award - Todd Clark and TJ Maurer of On The Road And Off
- JEDI Award - Dominique Davis
- Hometown Hero Alabama - Logan Kennedy
- Hometown Hero Georgia - Will Carney
- Hometown Hero Tennessee - Zachary Lesch-Huie
- Legacy Award - Chad Wykle
- Legacy Award - David Wilson
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Cody Roney



Thank you to our Gold Sponsors:



Community

Beta & Brews

SCC hosted a series over the summer called Beta & Brews - an opportunity to get together with the community to share beta, inspiration and talk about the ongoings of the climbing community in the southeast. We hosted these events over the course of 4 months in several cities to stay connected over the summer when temperatures rise.



Chattanooga
Birmingham
Huntsville
Atlanta
Nashville

Members Only Boulder Brawl

This year we hosted an event at Horse Pens 40 EXCLUSIVELY for SCC members. This was a state against state throwdown (AL vs TN vs GA) team competition to see who could climb the most problems in terrible conditions. We had more than 100 competitors come out and endure the brutal temperatures and signed up nearly 70 new members as a result of the event. Alabama won by hundreds of points, but GA, TN, and even FL put up a great fight. The winning team went home with the trophy and we will battle again next year to see who brings it home. This event is designed to keep psyche high in the summer and encourage folks to become members! We signed up nearly 70 new members as a result of this event. Thanks to Gnarly Nutrition, Causemedic, Yerba Mate, and Rhino Skincare for sponsoring the event - boy did we need it!



Community

Education Through Empowerment

At the beginning of every climbing season, the SCC works to educate the community about critical ethics, etiquette, and best practices when climbing at our outdoor crags. This year, the SCC Education Committee has launched a new communications campaign called the “Empowerment” campaign that seeks to bridge a current mentorship gap in climbing, educate on outdoor best practices to new climbers, and foster a sense of belonging through mindful actions and meaningful behaviors that promote sustainable use of climbing areas.

To that end, several digital and print assets help support the campaign, generously provided by an anonymous donor, utilizing an array of marketing and communications channels. Print materials include a collection of items to hand out at tabling and community events such as a bookmark for guidebooks and a brochure that will engage climbers with a climbing pact of ethics and best practices. We have also written talking points for our Community Ambassadors related to the key messages of the campaign.

These materials support our annual Know Before You Go series now complete with videos on our social channels created in partnership with Spunky Adventures and Jenn Curtis Photography.

Small actions, big influence

As a
southeastern
climber,
I pledge to:



Consider others



Have minimal
impact



Respect access
guidelines



Stay on
established
trails



Be a positive
example



Community

BYOB - Buy Your Own Boulderfield

Each year SCC hosts our annual BYOB fundraiser to help purchase and protect climbing areas in the southeast for future generations. This year we returned the event to Burlaep Print and Press, hosted a vendor village, played lots of climbing games, and enjoyed a night of dancing and celebrating all that SCC has accomplished. We were able to raise over \$10,000 at the event and couldn't have done it without our dedicated volunteers, vendors, and sponsors!

\$12,277
Funds Raised

Title Sponsors

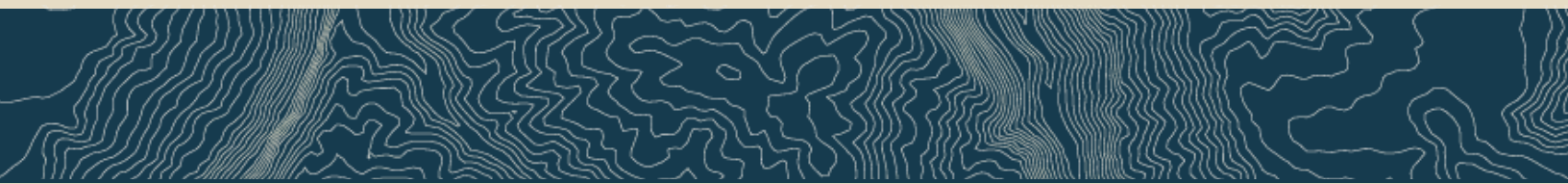


ROCK/CREEK



Film Nights Across the Region

SCC had the opportunity to host several incredible films alongside great partners in the southeast. Lookout Wild Film Festival worked with Rock Creek to bring Reel Rock to Chattanooga once again. Mountain Hardwear hosted the No Man's Land Film Festival with us in Atlanta, GA. Tension Climbing brought their very own Egodeath to premier at Horse Pens Triple Crown. Each brought stoke-worthy films and got our communities excited about the upcoming season as well as provided a fundraising opportunity for SCC.



Partnerships and Contributors



Conservation Legacy

The Conservation Legacy Program is built on the foundation that the Southeastern Climbers Coalition saves special places, places specifically for rock climbers. Conservation Legacy donors will know their donation goes toward preserving those special places into perpetuity. Thank you to each of our donors who are protecting climbing areas for future generations. Thanks to our partnership with local legends at Ground Up Sales, donors receive gifts from Rab, Scarpa, and Petzl.



CLIMBING PROTECTOR

\$1,500 +

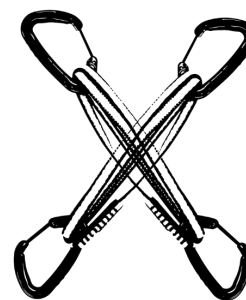
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\$1,000

Hugh Smith
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Kenneth Hyman
Julie Reed
Alex Karpowich



ROUTE WARRIOR

\$500

Alfred Perreca
Niki & Steven Powell
Drew Meyer
Lawrence Henderson
Logan Kennedy
Alfred Perreca

Partnerships and Contributors

Grants Awarded

This year was a record breaking year for SCC grant awards and we are so grateful to all of the funders who support our mission.

Lyndhurst Foundation - Support for Woodcock and Citadel

Riverview Foundation - Support for Citadel

Georgia Alabama Land Trust - Support for Citadel

Alabama Power - Tool Trailer in Alabama to support Rising Climbing Stewards

Athletic Brewing - Support for Woodcock Cove Conservation Team

Access Fund Conservation - Support at Woodcock



\$215,550

Grants Awarded

Thank you to these partners and donors who go above and beyond and support the work directly through their financial commitments and contributions.

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Nolan Fulton

Johnny O'Brien

Park Family

O'Donnells

Paul Morley

Lawrence Tognetti

William Parilla

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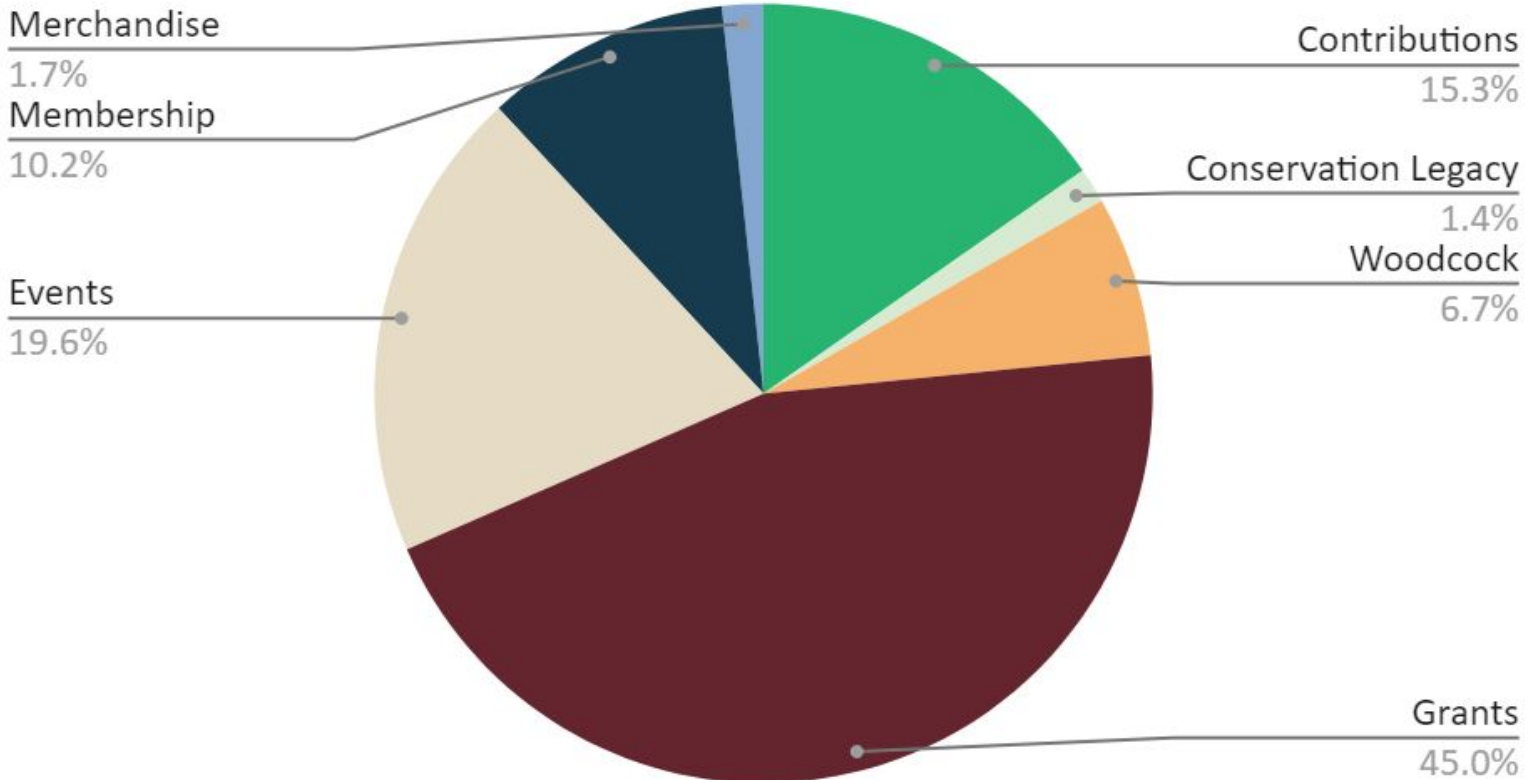
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Financial Report

Income



\$502,068.30

Income

Note from our Treasurer

The SCC had a record-breaking year in fundraising and is in a strong position financially. We have raised more than half the cost of the Citadel Boulders project, and are just under \$10,000 from paying down our Woodcock Loan.

In my time as treasurer, I set a goal to have up-to-date and clear financials and we have accomplished just that. As my term as treasurer comes to an end, I look forward to continuing to help the SCC prosper both as a strong supporter and board member of the SCC. I am also looking forward to onboarding our new treasurer who has a strong background in non-profit accounting. The next Treasurer should be in good shape to continue on the path of the SCC becoming an accredited land trust and further accreditation would allow for larger grant requests and would raise the standard of excellence for the organization.

The SCC is healthier than ever, has raised more grant funds than ever, and has more ongoing projects than ever. Now is the time to support and get involved.

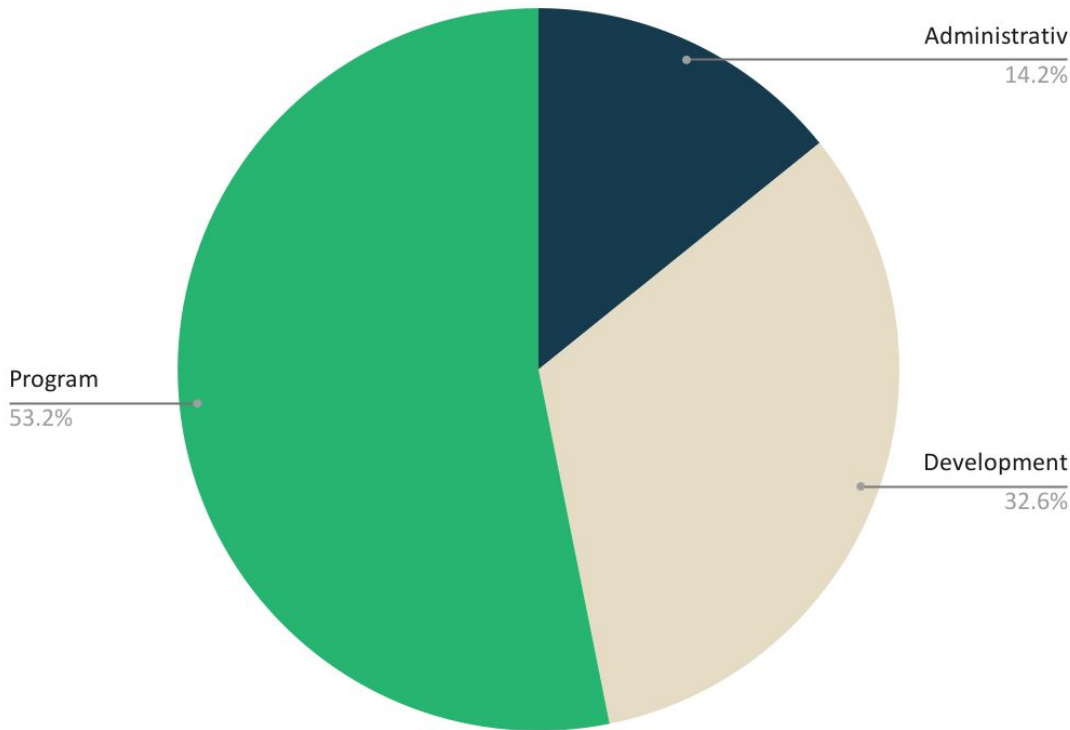
- John Wiygul, SCC Treasurer

Financial Report

Note from our Treasurer

The income statement once again does not reflect the payments made to the Woodcock Loan because those are reflected on our balance sheet. This year we made \$65,000 towards paying the loan off and will make another \$33,500 payment in January 2024. Those funds are restricted for that purpose as well as trail work in 2024.

This also does not reflect some of the expenses thus far to the Citadel as those are reflected on the balance sheet as well, and total nearly \$170,000.



\$234,611.20

Expenses

Program Expenses

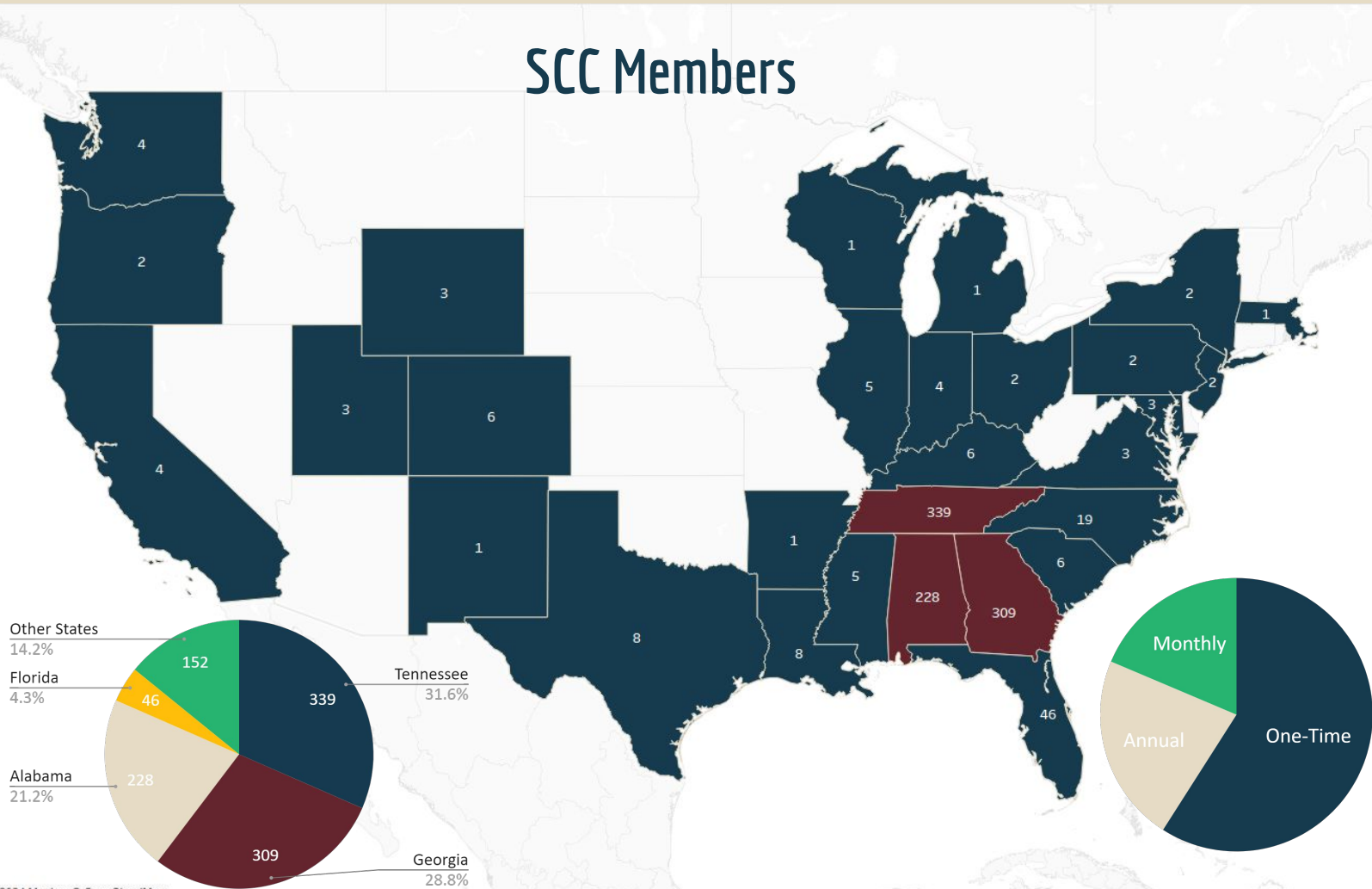


Membership Report



There is no doubt that southeastern climbers are dedicated to the stewardship of and access to our climbing areas in our region. There is a special group of climbers who have turned that passion into action by becoming SCC members.

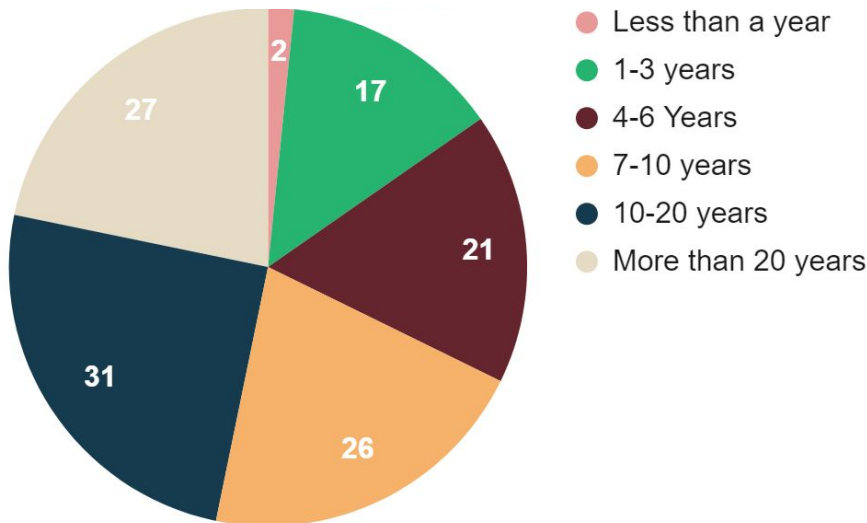
SCC Members



Membership Report

We want to get an idea of who our members are now, and where we might have opportunity to grow. We want to know what's most important to our members, and what interests they have in the climbing community. Through our annual member survey, we can better serve and understand our member base.

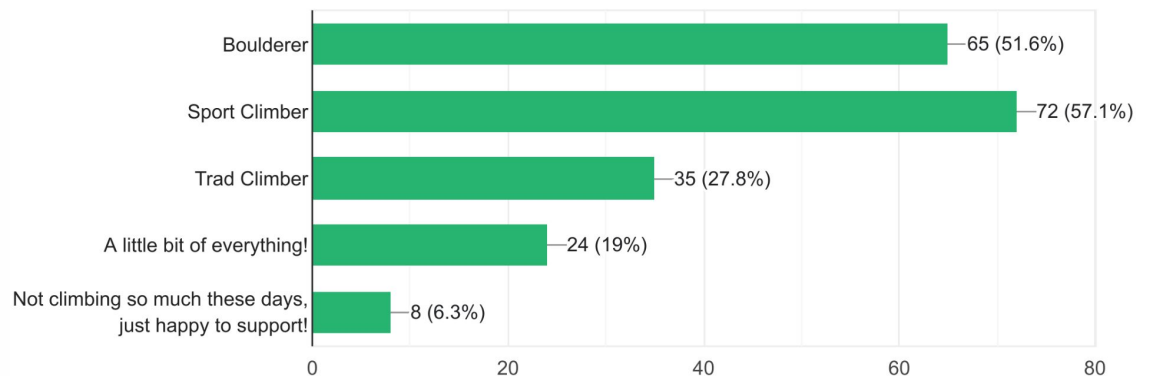
How long have you been climbing?



Our member's survey results have shown that we have a variety of climbing experience, but room to grow with reaching new climbers.

Are you more of a boulderer, sport climber or trad climber? (Select Multiple if Multiple Apply)

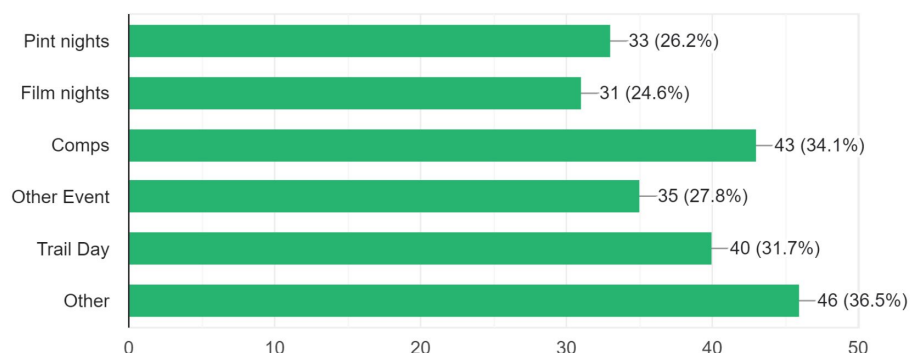
126 responses



The survey results indicated that we have a diverse group of climbing disciplines and that our members are interested in attending a variety of events.

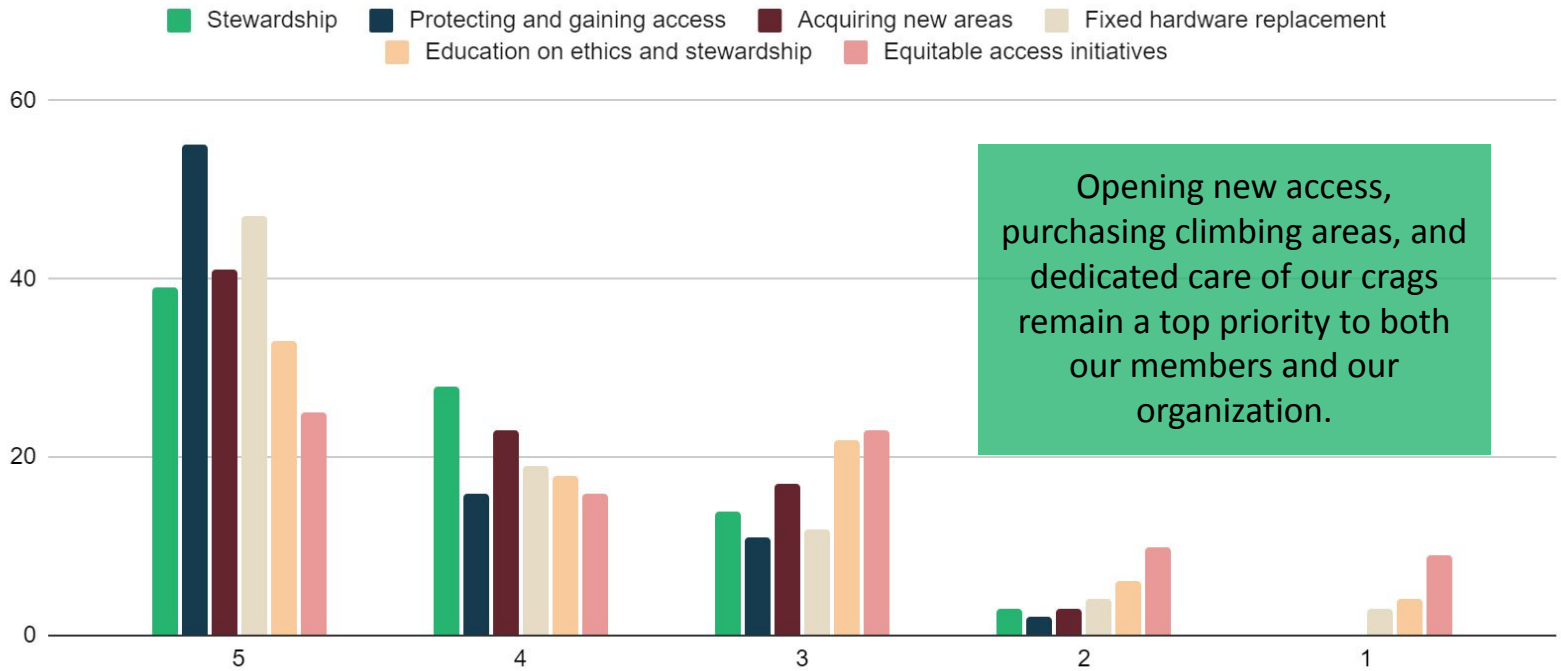
In the last year did you attend any of the following?

126 responses



Membership Report

We asked the members to rank the activities of the SCC by importance to them. Protecting access to existing climbing areas, gaining access to new areas, and fixed hardware replacement remain a top priority in these survey results. Closely following these initiatives is of course the stewardship of our crags, ethics education and equitable access initiatives.



In our open-ended questions, many survey responses indicated the importance of educational content and programs to help bring outdoor ethics to new climbers. Each of these key program areas remain our pillars at SCC, and thanks to our dedicated member base we are able to accomplish more and more each year.

Thank you for being a part of the coalition and look forward to another 30 years of success!





Thank you for another great year!

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