

## **How to Raise Money for Battlefield Preservation.**

**All checks for preservation should be made out to:**

***“The Civil War Preservation Trust”, or “C.W.P.T.”,***

**and sent to:**

**Preservation March 2008**

**251 Town Branch Terrace S.W.**

**Leesburg, Virginia 20175**

### **DO NOT SEND ANY CHECKS TO CWPT DIRECTLY.**

The area we will march in is beautiful and extremely historic. But before we do the march we all need to get as much money raised for Fredericksburg’s Slaughter Pen Farm, Franklin, Tennessee, Wilson’s Creek, Missouri, and Loudoun County, Virginia as possible -- and this is how you do it.

As it has been stated before, every participant is required to raise minimum of \$100.00 for battlefield land acquisition. Participants are encouraged to send in funds raised in the forms of checks or money orders anytime before the event. Send to the address above.

***All funds will be accounted for and then sent to the Civil War Preservation Trust. CWPT has agreed to spread the funds out . . .***

***with 40% going to Slaughter Pen Farm at Fredericksburg – the last large parcel of land left at Fredericksburg.***

***30% CWPT has agreed to send to Franklin’s Charge for their large reclamation project at the Franklin, Tennessee battlefield.***

***20% will go to the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Foundation, for land acquisition.***

***The remaining 10% will go to preservation causes in Loudoun County, Virginia – the area that the reenactors are marching in. Loudoun County is the fastest growing county in the United States, and ironically the remaining parts that are undeveloped are some of the most beautiful in America.***

The event is 6 months away and you have plenty of time to raise funds. **Remember \$100.00 is the minimum asked for; although we would hope everyone would put in a larger effort to raise more than \$100.00.**

We do hope you understand that we do not wish any of you (the participants) to donate \$100.00 out of your own pocket. That is not the intent at all. The intent is for you to simply ask others (friends, family, co-workers, etc.) to donate to this crucial and worthy cause.

It is ***very simple*** to raise these funds. Based on my own experience with raising money it is not hard at all, you just have to do it. Between family, friends, and co-workers there should be no problem whatsoever in getting the small \$100.00 amount raised, that is, if you just do it and ask in the right manner, explaining the preservation dilemma, and using the foundation letters as visual aids to help explain the preservation crisis. You can also leave your sponsors receipts provided on this website.

If you get just a few people per week to write out a check for just \$10.00 to CWPT then by October 31, 2008 you will have well over the \$100.00 minimum with very little effort involved. You just have to ask. And again \$100.00 is what we are asking as a *minimum* effort. It would be great to see us all raise more money than that.

Every dime coming in will be recorded, so everyone will know where the funds that are raised are going.

**Expenses for this event are being kept minimal. Your pre-registration money goes to pay for insurance, firewood, a few porta-jons, and perhaps water. We are trying to get water donated.**

Remember, when you talk to potential sponsors show them some of the preservation literature from the website – the letters from the various groups – Civil War Preservation Trust, Franklin's Charge, and the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation. Also remember, the contributions are tax deductible to the CWPT – The Civil War Preservation Trust.

You can have your \$100.00 ***minimum*** raised with very little effort, within minutes. This isn't like selling ginsu knives - you are talking about American History here - this is a product we all can believe in, and "the sell" should be easy. Again \$100.00 is what we are asking as a minimum effort. On a similar march at Chancellorsville in May 1998 just 200 authentic Confederate reenactors raised upwards of \$40,000. At the Preservation 2000 event 300 highly authentic reenactors raised \$57,000.

This is all very simple to do, but you just have to do it.

No portion of the \$100.00 proceeds will go anywhere but towards preservation of Civil War land.

In the next ten years we are going to either save these fields for ourselves and future generations, or we are gonna sit on our behinds and watch crass, near-sighted commercialization obliterate most of the historic and natural lands of the United States. Sacred grounds like Salem Church, Franklin, and Chantilly have been destroyed by ignorance. Does Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, The Shenandoah Valley, Murfreesboro, Franklin, Spotsylvania, Resaca, etc. and have to be partially obliterated? All these sites are already on their way to being very small green strips of preserved land surrounded by shopping malls, fast food joints, and gas stations. At Chancellorsville The National Park Service owns just 15% of the battlefield!

I carry a feeling of guilt - especially with being so slow to get the site up! I have contributed to the destruction of these endangered lands because I have sat and done little. I have been more of a part of the problems rather than of the solutions. And I need to change, and I hope I am not alone. We all need to remember to redouble our efforts when we see the reality of the rapid loss of these sites.

You can make a difference. To be able to do something towards saving Fredericksburg, reclaiming some of Franklin, and protecting Wilson's Creek is a start. For myself I am tired of being a witness to this crime that some people call "progress", or "development", or "growth". It is, in most cases, is destruction, plain and simple. If it hurts you to drive by Manassas, Chattanooga, and the Fredericksburg area, then raising some money and coming on this march with us may help your sanity. You need to understand the problem, and should be able to raise the funds asked for. The right side of the preservation war needs allies. It is rare in this day and age to hear words like noble and patriotic; unfortunately these words sound archaic at times and they shouldn't. Saving battlefields is one of the most noble and patriotic civic causes any one of us can get involved with, especially if you claim to be interested in The Civil War. It is one of the best things you can do to serve America's culture. I hope you are willing to sacrifice a little of your time to stop the killing our history. If not you, who?

**HELP SAVE THREATENED CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS FOR THE KIDS,  
AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WE WILL NOT MEET!**