## **Attending an AERC Trail Master Class**

- 1) A classroom will be needed for the morning half of each day through the duration of the course. The classroom optimally will be located in close proximity to the trail site selected for the class (no farther than a 5-10 minute walk/drive).
- 2) Lunch is to be provided on-site by the host or host will make arrangements with participants in advance of course to bring their own lunch.
- 3) The course will require that we build new trail as well as perform maintenance on existing trail.
- 4) The course requires we be able to construct and maintain sections of trail using professional hand tools. Consult your host for specifics regarding tool purchases. It is encouraged to bring your own. Ultimately, loppers, a Pulaski and a McLeod are the tools of choice for the class.
- 5) A minimum of 7 students and a maximum of 16 students will attend the class.
- 6) All students must be current AERC members in good standing for at least the previous year with the exception of two Land Managers in order to receive tuition benefits.
- 7) All AERC members will be required to pay AERC \$250. This money is due at sign-up, and it is half of the tuition. AERC pays the other half. Either submit a check to the host, or call the AERC office to pay by credit card. Land Managers will be free.
- 8) In the case that you have previously attended a class, there must be a minimum 3 year span between classes in order to receive the tuition benefit. You must also fill out a recertification application as found in the <a href="Participant Requirements">Participant Requirements</a> section.

## Other ways to participate in an AERC Trail Master Class:

If your regional/local endurance club wants to host a class, contact the trail master coordinator to work out the details. If you are willing to travel to NW Georgia, you can take the class at Mike Riter's National Trails Training Center. You will be reimbursed the class tuition (minus \$250) upon graduation. Feel free to contact other groups (NATRC, IMBA, BCHA) about co-hosting a class.

