



July/August 2005

Up Ship Creek:

News, Events, and Opportunities from the Sierra Club's Knik Group

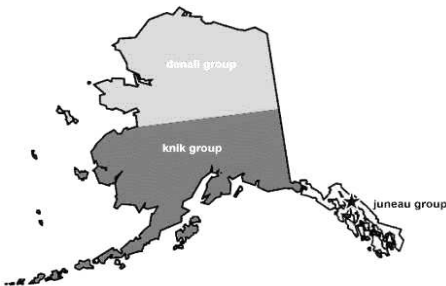
Knik Group Reorganized: Get Involved With Your Local Sierra Club!

There is a feeling of excitement in the Sierra Club office in Anchorage these days. A group of local volunteers has rejuvenated the Knik Group of the Sierra Club.

The Knik Group covers issues and activities in Southcentral Alaska, Prince William Sound, the Kenai, Anchorage, Mat-Su, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta out to the Aleutians. If you live in these areas and are a member of the Sierra Club, you are a member of the Knik Group! So far the reorganization has led to an interim Executive Committee that is moving forward with event planning and other business. All Sierra Club members in the Knik area should have received ballots in the mail to vote on our group bylaws and to elect our Excom. These ballots were due on June 28th, and results will be announced at the Knik Group meeting on July 12th.

In addition, the Outings and Conservation Committees are up and running. This means that we have many exciting events and outings to offer this summer! We look forward to your participation.

For more information or to get involved please attend a meeting or email knik.group@alaska.sierraclub.org.



Upcoming Events

All events are free and open to the public. Go to www.alaska.sierraclub.org for more info.

July 3 to July 4 Seward 4th of July Festival.

July 6 to July 7 Celebration for the 25th Anniversary of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

July 7 Sierra Club Office Open House and ANILCA Celebration.

Join Sierra Club members and staff from around the country to celebrate 25 years of protecting Alaska wilderness. Serving Alaska smoked salmon, locally grown snacks, Kodiak wines and Alaska beer. Starting at 2:30 pm in the Sierra Club Office - 333 W 4th Ave, Anchorage.

July 12 and Aug. 9 Knik Group Meeting 6-7:30pm Tuesday.

What is your local Sierra Club Group doing? Join us for the monthly planning and organizing meeting. Located in the Ship Creek Center, 3rd Floor, above the downtown Anchorage post office. Contact Will Taygan or Katherine Fuselier 907-276-4060 knik.group@alaska.sierraclub.org

July 16 Volunteers Needed for Oceans Festival Booth - Saturday.

Once again the Sierra Club is looking for volunteers to help host a booth at the fabulous Oceans festival on the west end of the park strip. We will be focusing on threats to Prince William Sound and Offshore Oil Drilling off Alaska's Arctic Coast. Contact Will Taygan at will.taygan@alaska.sierraclub.org.

July 17 and Aug. 17 Family Picnic and Park Clean-up - Campbell Creek Park Noon - Sunday.

Bring a picnic lunch and Frisbees or other games for the children. After eating, people can spend a few minutes helping pick up garbage around this park that the Sierra Club adopted. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. Nadine Dunbar at 696-7625 - nadine.dunbar@alaska.sierraclub.org

July 21 and Aug. 25 Knik Group Conservation Committee

Meeting - 6—7:30pm Thursday. Do you know of a local conservation issue that needs attention? Just want to find out what we are doing and help out? Join us at this meeting to discuss the direction of the Conservation Committee. For location or more information contact michelle.wilber@alaska.sierraclub.org

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Michelle Wilber, Up Ship Creek Editor

Knik Outings: Adventures in Our Backyard

Everyone is welcome—but leave your dog at home!
Bring water, food, and appropriate clothing for the weather.

For more information call Amy at 338-3979 - amy.murphy@alaska.sierraclub.org



July 7 Wolverine Peak Hike.

Join the us for an evening hike up Wolverine Peak and enjoy stunning views of Anchorage and Chugach State Park. This is an 11-mile trip with 3,500' elevation gain. Meet at the Prospect Heights trailhead at 6:00 p.m. (parking sticker required).

July 9 to July 10 Lost Lake Backpack Overnight Outing.

Seward - This 16-mile-long trail has some considerable elevation gain but traverses outstandingly beautiful areas. For more information contact: Devin at 346-1288
devin.nix@alaska.sierraclub.org

July 13 Bird Ridge Hike.

Enjoy great views of Turnagain Arm and the Chugach Mountains. This is a 7-mile hike with 3,500' elevation gain, so be prepared for a challenge! Meet at the Bird Ridge trailhead at 6:30 or at Carrs Huffman coffee shop at 5:45 p.m. For more information contact: Nadine Dunbar at 696-7625
nadine.dunbar@alaska.sierraclub.org

July 14 Family Hike to Thunderbird Falls.

Eklutna - Join us for a family-oriented hike to Thunderbird Falls. This is a 3-mile hike on a well-maintained trail. Meet at the Thunderbird Falls trailhead at 6:30 p.m.

July 16 Celebrating Wildflowers Field Trip.

Forest Ecologist Rob DeVelice will lead a native plants identification field trip. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Meet at 9:00 am in the deli area of the Carrs store on the corner of Northern Lights and Muldoon in Anchorage. For more information contact Rob DeVelice at 907-743-9437 .

July 23 Johnson Pass Trail Hike - from the Fish Hatchery End.

A family outing for those who can hike longer distances on level terrain. Meet at Carrs Huffman at 9:00 a.m. or at the South Trailhead (Mile 32.5 Seward Hwy) at 11:00 am. Call for more information: Katherine at 276-4060.

July 27 Little O'Malley Hike.

This is a fairly easy five-mile roundtrip hike with 1,200' elevation gain. Meet at the Carrs Huffman coffee shop at 6:30 to carpool or at the Glen Alps parking lot at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Britta Maas at 317-4944
britta.maas@alaska.sierraclub.org

August 6 Crescent Lake Bike.

Join us for a 13-mile roundtrip mountain bike ride to Crescent Lake, located near Quartz Creek on the Kenai Peninsula. This trail, which goes up a stunningly beautiful valley, is fairly challenging in places but is definitely worth exploring. Meet at 10am at Carrs Huffman to carpool or Noon at trailhead.

August 10 Peters Creek Trail Bike.

Join us for a 7 or 8-mile scenic bike ride . Most of this trail is wide and fairly easy to ride on. Meet at the Peters Creek trailhead at 6:30 p.m. or at the Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek at 6:00 for possible carpooling.

August 13 Reed Lake Hike.

Join us for a 10-mile hike back to Reeds Lake in the Hatcher Pass area. This hike is rated moderate as there are two steep section and a bit of a boulder scramble. To sign up or for more information, contact Paul Fuselier at 622-9453
paul.fuselier@alaska.sierraclub.org

August 14 Gull Rock Hike.

Join us for an enjoyable and scenic 11-mile hike to Gull Rock, near Hope, Alaska. This trail passes through wonderful, dense forested areas as it meanders along the coastline. Meet at the Carrs Huffman coffee shop at 9:00 a.m. to carpool or 10:45am at the trailhead in Hope. For more information or to sign up call Britta at 317-4944
britta.maas@alaska.sierraclub.org

August 18 Family Hike on Potter's Creek Trail.

Join us for a two-hour hike on the Potter's Creek trail, which wanders along the Turnagain Arm. Meet at the Potter's Creek trailhead at 6:30 p.m.

August 20 to August 21 Seward Overnight Kayak Trip.

Join us in exploring part of Resurrection Bay in Seward, Alaska. The cost is \$60 to rent the kayak. For more information or to sign up, call Linda at 562-1741
linda.mckeefrey@alaska.sierraclub.org

August 24 Family Hike at Campbell Creek.

This will be a leisurely, fun, family-oriented hike in the Far North Bicentennial Park. We will hike about three or four miles, mainly on the Spencer Loop trail, and will go view some beautiful water cascades on the Middle Fork of Campbell Creek. Meet at the South Bivouac trailhead on Campbell Airstrip Road at 6:00 p.m.

August 28 Berry Picking Outing.

Anchorage - Join us as we go in search of luscious, tasty, ripe blueberries, just waiting to be picked and eaten! This will be an all-day, berry-picking excursion, with the location to be determined once we decide where the best berries are. For more information or to sign up, contact Britta at 317-4944
britta.maas@alaska.sierraclub.org

August 30 Glenn Rollerblade and Bike Outing.

Join us for an evening rollerblade outing on the bike trail along the Glenn Highway. If you don't have rollerblades, bring a bike and just be prepared to pedal at a slower pace. Families are welcome! Meet at the Bartlett High School bus parking lot at 6:30 p.m.

Any Day, Any Time Urban Hike.

Pick an errand (trip to the video store or to get groceries for example) and walk or bike it! Not as scenic as the rest of the outings, but just as good for you as it is for the environment!

Knik group Calendar of Events

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July 22 and Aug. 26 Knik Group Monthly Social - Potluck 6-9pm Friday.

Join us for our monthly social, usually the 4th Friday of each month. Bring a potluck dish to share, listen to this month's activist updates and enjoy the company of the Knik group folks! Call Katherine, katherine@sierraclubalaska.org at the Sierra Club Office for directions 276-4048.

July 23 and August 27 Caribou Trot Downtown - 2pm Saturday.

Do you want to do something to save the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge but feel that one more letter to our senators is futile? How about getting the tourists (who are here to visit our wild places anyway) to care enough to write letters to their senators? Or maybe you just have a deep inner need to impersonate a caribou? Join us in front of the Ship Creek Center to walk downtown and hand out leaflets dressed as a caribou (don't worry...we will be in a herd :) Contact Michelle Wilber or Betsy Goll 476-4048 michelle.wilber@alaska.sierraclub.org

August 1 through August 7 Celebrate Chugach Days!

Chugach Forest - Please join us and participate during Wild Chugach Days, a free week-long event, to celebrate the magnificence of our country's wildest forest. This year's celebration will commemorate 98 Wild years of the Chugach National Forest which was created in 1907 by Teddy Roosevelt for the conservation of fish and wildlife resources.

4th Annual Wild Chugach Days Festivities Include:

- * Festival of the Forest (August 6th at the Pioneer Village, Cooper Landing from 10am-10pm)
- * Chugach Challenge Triathlon (August 6th in Cooper Landing from 9am-Noon)
- * Wild Chugach for Wild Salmon Week (August 1st-7th at participating businesses).

For more information call Katherine at 276-4060 or email: katherine@sierraclubalaska.org

August 6 Volunteers Needed for Festival of the Forest, Saturday 10am - 10pm.

Pioneer Village Cooper Landing - Volunteers needed to staff the Sierra Club booth at this year's free "Festival of the Forest", celebrating the 98th Birthday of the Chugach National Forest. This festival features the 2nd annual Chugach Challenge triathlon, live music, arts and crafts booths, educational seminars, the kids tree house, cultural performances, and a late-night dance party. Contact Katherine Fuselier 276-4048 katherine@sierraclubalaska.org



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