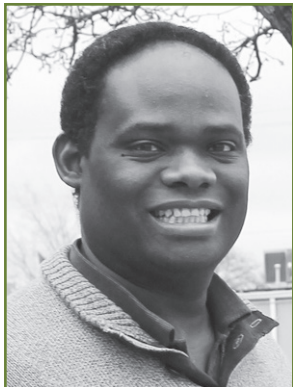




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National Sierra Club Board Elections



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You realize your vote is important in national and local elections. Do you realize it's also true for the Sierra Club?

You joined the Sierra Club because we make a difference. Our national board provides primary guidance in setting our goals, determining priorities, and balancing national versus local interests.

Our board represents you, just as legislators do. That means our board elections matter, too. If you want a strong Sierra Club that sets priorities you agree with, we ask that you vote.

And unlike political elections, voting is very simple for our members and is available 24/7. You can even do it in your PJs! If you didn't receive a ballot via mail, simply go to sierraclub.org/board/election and request an electronic ballot. Then vote before April 25 for the candidates who will represent your interests and values and can best lead the Sierra Club forward.

The John Muir Chapter recommends a vote for Kendl Kobbervig, Tony Fuller and Chad Hanson in the upcoming election for the Sierra Club's Board of Directors.

We also note Spencer Black is stepping down from the national board after years of dedicated service, including as vice president. Spencer's involvement, just as in politics, shows how who you vote for makes a difference. Spencer was a vocal advocate for chapters, and we hope that future board members follow his lead in

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If the Label Fits



Those who know me would be surprised to hear me say that I'm a conservative.

I believe in preserving our planet and its natural resources and wild-life habitat, and the places nature provides where I can explore and enjoy wildness and escape our built artifices. I find nature's beauty and solace more enticing than a high-decibel crowded concert.

Conserving our precious lands, clean waters and the special places we were given to be stewards of is high on my list of priorities. When it comes to waste not, want not, reusing and recycling rather than being wasteful are part of my credo. So is being frugal with energy. (Especially when my utility's electricity is two-thirds coal-based!)

I also believe in the traditional foundations of our democratic representative form of government. Our country was founded in response to repression and gross inequities to ensure that (most) everyone could have a voice in and access to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Jeffersonian democracy was about coming together as community and creating a just future for all citizens.

So, if the label fits

I recently had a nice conversation with a woman who I would label as politically conservative, and who likely voted differently than I did. We disagreed on some policies, but when it came to basic goals and values, there was a lot of commonality.

When the conversation ended, I felt good about having had a respectful, in-depth conversation where we discovered common ground.

Years ago, I came to understand that words and labels are mere representations of ideas and thoughts we have, and those thoughts are not the thing itself, but are conceptualizations. When you're fully immersing yourself in nature, or anything else, are you busy thinking of words to describe it – or are you directly absorbed in the richness of the experience you're having in a way that goes beyond any labels?

You've probably noticed how polarized many things have become, and how closely that is tied to labels. Of course, we often add judgements to those labels as well. So, try an experiment. Next time you take a walk in the woods, or other suitable setting, provide a label or name everything – and then judge it. See if you enjoy that experience. And see if labeling and making judgements helps you feel more or less connected.

Especially with elections coming up, it's easy to get lost in the labels. But is it useful – or productive? If "we the people" are to receive the benefits described in the preamble to our constitution, then how do labels tied to separation and win-lose fit? If you're as tired as I am of the rancor, then try looking beyond the surface and labels to see if you can find common ground on basic values, and the visions you hold for the future. Who knows, you might even make a new friend – or even two.

Conservatively speaking, that is.

Don Ferber
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The Formation of a Nature-Lover

In the last 20 years, the notion that children are not interacting enough with their natural environment has become a major topic of discussion. Author David Sobel helped launch this discussion with his 1996 book *Beyond Ecophobia: Reclaiming the Heart in Nature Education*. Since then, other



studies and books have followed, most notably Richard Louv's 2005 best-seller *Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*, and then, most recently, Scott Sampson's 2016 book *How to Raise a Wild Child: The Art and Science of Falling in Love with Nature*. At

the heart of these studies is the conclusion that being interactive with the natural world is more than good for children; it's essential!

Growing up in a family that camped frequently and enjoyed being outdoors, I learned quickly that chopping a dead log with a hatchet led to multiple chigger bites and spending a night in a sleeping bag was definitely not out of the ordinary. So, when my wife and I learned that we would be parents, there was no question that our little son would become acquainted with the outdoors as soon as possible. In fact, when he was just one month old, his mother strapped him in a sling and took her little guy on his first hike on the snowy trails of Madison's Cherokee Marsh. Though he slept most of the way, those first sights and smells of the outdoors formed the foundation of his appreciation for nature.

Since that snowy hike, our son has graduated to a sturdy framed backpack child carrier that has allowed him to experience countless trips in the outdoors. From walks around the neighborhood in Madison to the Boy Scouts of America's 2017 National Jamboree in West Virginia to a segment of the Appalachian Trail at Newfound Gap in Smoky Mountain National Park, our son has felt sweat stream down his face and has gotten dirt on his hands and knees as he explores the natural world around him.

There is nothing quite like hearing our son's excited squeals as I hoist the backpack onto my shoulders and feeling his arms swaying in the breeze as we hike through the prairies of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail near Cross Plains. How could we forget the joy of seeing his curiosity as he feels the scaly needles of the eastern red cedar in the backyard or as he crinkles the fallen sugar maple leaves in his hands in autumn? Now, as our son begins his second year, it is clear he loves being outside inspecting plants, observing animals and feeling the rain on his cheeks. However, he is not quite sold on snow yet, despite the fact that he received a red sled in December. Like his parents, our son is no doubt looking forward to springtime and the thought of spending the night in his sleeping bag, staring into the flames of a campfire and setting off on the trail under his own power this time!

Christopher B. Beaver
Sierra Club Member

POLITICAL UPDATE

Electing Environmental Champions

The 2018 elections will serve as referenda on the current political landscape that has significantly undercut our conservation goals for Wisconsin in recent years. The January special election upset victory by Patty Schachtner in Senate District 10 signaled a strong shift by voters in support of a pro-conservation candidate. The seat had been held by Republican Sheila Harsdorf for 17 years and Schachtner faced a well-financed candidate in Rep. Adam Jarchow, who was also supported by advertising from big-money outside organizations.

Important issues that resonated with voters in the 10th District included protections for local control of decision-making about air, land and resource issues and water protections. These same issues will be very important in the spring and fall elections and especially at the local level such as towns, villages, cities and counties. Your local Group may choose to make

endorsements for April 3 elections and if so, watch for your Group newsletter and emails for any announcements.

There are important spring elections scheduled for April 3 including the state Supreme Court. As of the printing of this issue of the Muir View, the John Muir Chapter has not made any endorsements in spring state races. The chapter is looking ahead to becoming involved later this year in major races including U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, our full state Assembly and odd-numbered Senate districts plus state-wide races such as Governor and more. Please contact me at burroak15@gmail.com to learn about how to participate in our Political Committee to help evaluate candidates and organize member support for campaigns in this important election year.

Dave Blouin
Chapter Political Chair

Register for the Conservation Congress



While our state has traditionally been a leader in establishing environmental protections, pollution and climate change are a constant threat. It is critical that we do everything that we can to protect these spaces, so future generations of Wisconsinites can enjoy them just as we have. The upcoming Conservation Congress hearings are your opportunity to continue Wisconsin's ecological legacy and stand up for the places you love by voting on key conservation-related issues.

THE WHAT

The Conservation Congress is an advisory body that provides the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with policy recommendations on conservation issues that impact the state, such as bag limits and wetland protection. Each spring, the Congress holds open hearings in every county where residents can share their opinions about conservation issues by filling out a questionnaire, introducing resolutions and voting for delegates. The results from the hearings help shape DNR policy in the future.

THE WHY

You should attend if you want to defend Wisconsin's natural treasures and help uphold Wisconsin's legacy as a leader in environmental protection. The results of the Conservation Congress hearings demonstrate to the media, legislators and other decision-makers how Wisconsinites feel about issues and projects. Results of specific Conservation Congress questions have been used during lobby days and for media releases.

In 2016, Sierra Club members and our partners introduced resolutions in support of Wisconsin's mining moratorium. Last year, attendees supported the moratorium at the hearings, resulting in the Congress taking an official position and testifying during the public hearing on the bill to remove it.

THE WHEN AND WHERE

All hearings will be on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. There will be one hearing in each county in the state. Locations are subject to change, but up-to-date information can be found here: <https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/springhearing.html>

THE HOW

At the hearings, there are three ways to contribute: You can 1) answer the questionnaire, 2) vote for your county delegate to the Congress, and 3) introduce a new resolution that could be included in next year's questionnaire. You are permitted to attend any county's hearing and answer the questionnaire, but in order to vote for a delegate or introduce a resolution in a county, you must be a resident of that county and provide an ID to verify your residence.

RSVP by going to <https://tinyurl.com/2018WisCC>. Don't forget to fill out the sign up form, especially if you are interested in introducing a resolution.

This year, there are a number of issues that will be of interest to Sierra Club members. To help you in the voting process, we have included a list of official positions that the Sierra Club has taken:

QUESTION 10: Do you support restricting the transportation of deer harvested in a CWD-affected county to within that CWD-affected county or an adjacent CWD-affected county, unless the carcass is taken to a licensed taxidermist or meat processor within 72 hours? YES

QUESTION 16: . Would you support a \$5.00 annual fee for all users between the ages of 16 and 64 of state fishery, wildlife, natural areas and leased public hunting grounds and dedicating that money to directly support fish and wildlife habitat management and infrastructure on those properties? YES

QUESTION 19: Would you support the WCC take a position and encourage legislators and DNR to support science and market based legislation and rules to reduce the risk of global warming and increase the use of renewable energy resources? YES

QUESTION 20: Would you support water basin management plans to reduce and control run off as partial mitigation for damage that has already or will occur? YES

QUESTION 42: Should the Conservation Congress work with the DNR, NRB, and legislature to enact fines/penalties to any landowner and/or renter of agricultural land who vio

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New coalition tackles coal's toxic legacy in Southeast Wisconsin

When many people think about coal pollution, they picture communities in Appalachia dealing with polluted rivers and lakes, choking smog, and formerly serene mountain tops blown to bits. While all of this is indeed a consequence of our nation's coal addiction, many people don't realize that coal also harms people here in Wisconsin. Southeast Wisconsin is hit particularly hard, as several large coal plants, including the Oak Creek, Elm Road, Pleasant Prairie, and Waukegan plants, are located in the region. Kenosha County has previously received an "F" grade from the American Lung Association for air quality, to which the abundance of coal plants is a contributing factor.

In late 2017, We Energies announced that it was slating Pleasant Prairie, a large coal-fired plant near Kenosha, for retirement in 2018. In its place, We Energies is planning to build a 350 MW solar farm. While this is a great step forward for Kenosha air quality, residents around the nearby Oak Creek generating site are concerned that pollution from coal may ramp up in their backyards, especially if the planned Foxconn facility is built in neighboring Mount Pleasant.

The Oak Creek generating site, misleadingly touted as an example of "clean coal" by We Energies and the other utilities that own it (MGE & WPPI), has left a toxic legacy in Southeast Wisconsin. Coal ash, a hazardous byproduct of coal combustion, is buried on the property or sold to companies who use it in products like concrete and drywall. On Halloween of 2011, a bluff collapse at the Oak Creek site caused 2,300 cubic yards of coal ash and dirt to spill into Lake Michigan, turning the normally crystalline water sludgy and black. Groundwater near the site has also been found to contain heavy metals commonly found in coal ash.

Moreover, residents nearby are concerned that the plant is harming local air quality and contributing to breathing problems and other health issues. We Energies dismisses these concerns by claiming that its smokestacks are equipped with pollution controls (which, notably, do not remove all pollutants), but neglects to mention that it has been storing increasingly large amounts of raw coal on the property, creating a huge fugitive dust problem. Just recently, We Energies doubled the size of its coal pile, putting the new coal storage site less than half a mile from residential homes.

In light of these issues, the Sierra Club has partnered with local residents and other green groups to form the Clean

Power Coalition – Southeast Wisconsin. The coalition is committed to replacing coal with clean energy in Southeast Wisconsin, with a particular focus on the Oak Creek generating site. This spring, the coalition will be hosting several events, including a listening session for local residents to bring their concerns directly to the utility executives. Members have also been working on developing plans for independent air and water monitoring around the site, among several other initiatives. Please check the Chapter's calendar on its website: sierraclub.org/wisconsin for more event details.

Interested in getting involved? The Clean Power Coalition – Southeast Wisconsin is looking for additional volunteers! Email Miranda Ehrlich at miranda.ehrlich@sierraclub.org to learn more.

Miranda Ehrlich
Associate Organizer, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign



Joe Dubaniewicz, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Volunteer, holding a "climate can't wait" sign in front of the Oak Creek generating site.

Continuing the Fight to Keep It In The Ground

DANE COUNTY INSURANCE CASE GOES TO COURT

In early 2015, the Dane County Zoning Committee told Enbridge that if it was going to build a pumping station in order to expand its enormous tar sands pipeline (tripling the amount of oil flowing through it), it would have to purchase additional insurance. Since the county could not block Enbridge from building the pipeline, it was at least able to ensure that residents would not be on the hook to pay for the cost of clean-up.

Enbridge argued that the requirement was invalidated by a state budget provision included in the 2015-2017 budget, that some people claim was inserted due to Enbridge lobbyists. More than 100 concerned Wisconsinites were present at each of the zoning board meetings, encouraging the board to make its decision to protect the people and the land in the inevitable event of a spill. In 2016, seven landowners with property within 350 yards of the pipeline filed a lawsuit against Enbridge, stating that if the state budget provision prohibits the county from enforcing an insurance requirement, it does not similarly prohibit landowners. Both the county and landowners continue to demand some assurance that they won't be paying to clean up a spill.

The Wisconsin Court of Appeals has agreed to take the case. In January, attorneys for Enbridge, the county, and the landowners presented their arguments. The Court of Appeals has a number of options, including revoking Enbridge's permit, disregarding the concerns of the county and landowners, or send it back to the Zoning Committee to figure it out. Stay tuned to our blog, email alerts and social media! We anticipate a decision in late May.

LINE 3 UPDATE

The Line 3 Replacement Pipeline would travel from the tar sands mines in Alberta, through Northern Minnesota and into Superior. If Enbridge is allowed to build this pipeline, it will enable more oil coming into Superior, creating the need for the Line 66 pipeline, through the heart of Wisconsin. Final briefs were due in February. Those opposed to the pipe-



Mark Borchardt, founder of 80 Feet is Enough!, speaking at the People Over Pipelines Summit. Behind him is a billboard that reads "no eminent domain for private gain for oil pipelines." Photo credit: Marilee Sushoreba

line filed more than 1,000 pages of comments and concerns, detailing a multitude of reasons not to permit the pipeline. The administrative law judge who conducts the process will make her recommendation on April 23. Then the Public Utilities Commission will make its decision about whether or not to permit the pipeline. The decision is expected in June.

EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Landowners across Wisconsin are still working hard to call on the legislature to change our eminent domain laws so that oil companies cannot take Wisconsinites' land without their consent in order to build another pipeline for their profit. In August, Wood County passed a resolution calling on the legislature to reform our eminent domain laws. Walworth County followed suit in October and the Town of Rome in Adams County in December. Other counties have taken up similar resolutions.

Elizabeth Ward
Chapter Conservation Programs Coordinator

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supporting the grassroots work of chapters and groups. We thank him for his service and look forward to his continued involvement with the Sierra Club. And maybe he'll have even more time for biking now!

In a typical year, less than 10 percent of eligible members vote in the Board elections. A minimum of 5 percent is required for the elections to be valid. Our grassroots structure is strengthened when our participation is high. Therefore your participation is needed in the voting process! Visit sierraclub.org/board/election for more information.

Nominate Volunteers Today

Each year the Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter recognizes outstanding volunteers for their contributions to our organization, our communities and our planet. The cumulative, grassroots efforts of our volunteers make a positive impact on the world! We know there is amazing work being done across our state, and today we are asking you, our members, to help us identify these very special people.

The John Muir Chapter offers six awards that honor internal volunteers, elected officials or organizations who champion environmental protection. From long-time activists to newcomers, we want to hear your stories about the amazing volunteer work that you've witnessed in the past year. Fill out the easy online form to nominate them today. Don't let these environmental champions go unnoticed.

NEW ACTIVIST AWARD:

Given to a person who has been a John Muir Chapter activist for less than two years and who is an enthusiastic participant in issues and the organization. This recipient possesses a willingness to leap into new roles and champion environmental issues.

WILDFLOWER AWARD:

Given to Sierra Club leaders in the John Muir Chapter, including an individual who exemplifies all that is wonderful in the environment and the club; a mentor for new and existing activists; or an educator who promotes a positive image for the Club.

MERIT AWARD: Given to Sierra Club leaders in the John Muir Chapter. Recipient may be an issues champion who has effectively battled environmental challenges; a consistent leader in the environmental movement (i.e. organization leadership roles, organization builder); or one who actively carries the Sierra Club message to decision-makers and the concerned public.

LD ROCKWELL AWARD: Presented to an individual who has provided exceptional service to the John Muir Chapter political/electoral program.

Here's what Heather Wittrock, recipient of the 2017 Wildflower award had to say about her experience: During my time volunteering with the John Muir Chapter, I have had the opportunity to meet and learn a great deal from other people who are passionate about protecting Wisconsin's air, water and wildlife. For me, volunteering with the John Muir Chapter and seeing the dedication of the organization, its volunteers and the many people who make all of this work possible, has truly been the one of the most fulfilling experiences.



To receive the Wildflower Award from an organization that I admire as much as I admire the Sierra Club was an honor. I was very grateful to be recognized by such a wonderful and dedicated group of people. Sometimes it may seem that the work that is done behind the scenes can often be overlooked, but I have never felt this was the case with the John Muir Chapter. I am often reminded how much my work is appreciated, and being chosen for this award has been one more way the John Muir Chapter has said "thank you."

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD:

Given to organizations and individuals external to the club who are championing innovative programs or processes that protect the environment.

TORCHBEARER AWARD:

Given to organizations and individuals external to the club, such as decision-makers who consistently promote legislation, regulations or practices that protect the environment.

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AWARD: The chapter's highest honor, given to Sierra Club leaders in the John Muir Chapter who have shown an undying commitment to its goals and missions throughout the years. This award may also be given to a spiritual leader and facilitator promoting the health of the groups and chapters.

The nomination form can be found at sierraclub.org/wisconsin/awards

The final deadline for nominations is August 1. Winners will be acknowledged at our annual Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Party in fall. Contact Awards Chair Lacinda Athen with questions: lacinda.athen@gmail.com.

Your Vote Makes a Difference in Wisconsin's Spring Election

Your vote in the Spring Election this year is vitally important. With our legislature and federal government threatening many of our protections, elections for the Wisconsin Supreme Court and local races mean even more. For example, while the legislature stalls clean energy and clean transportation initiatives, local communities are funding bus systems and setting ambitious clean energy goals. Decisions at the local level will move Wisconsin forward despite the actions of the state legislature.

Your vote on April 3 could make the difference. Check our website to learn where each candidate stands on the issues. To find out what's on your ballot, where to go, and how to vote (voter ID's are required!), go to myvote.wi.gov or call us at (608) 256-0565.



Legislative Update

Despite strong political headwinds, the Chapter fared well in the state budget was not that bad. The Chapter won on the highway I-94 expansion project, and there were no

serious cuts to the Department of Natural Resources or the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund.

Unfortunately, on the legislative side of things environmentalists and conservationists did not fare so well. The legislature passed a law deregulating high-capacity wells, repealed the mining Prove it First law and passed laws that further restrict the powers of local government and make it harder for agencies to create administrative rules.

The one significant bright spot was the passage of a bill to allow local governments to create funding mechanisms to help homeowners remove lead drinking water laterals to their homes.

As of writing this, the legislative session had not ended and several bills that we were watching closely were still active. For a thorough legislative session recap, please visit the Chapter's legislative tracker and blog at sierraclub.org/wisconsin.



Mining Update

Opposition to Aquila Resources' Back Forty massive, open-pit metallic sulfide mine proposal next to the Menominee River in Michigan has ramped up. The Menominee Tribe filed a federal lawsuit in January asserting that the EPA and Corps of Engineers failed to take responsibility for wetland permitting since the Menominee River is an interstate waterway regulated by the federal Clean Water Act. The suit states that the federal agencies illegally delegated the authority for the permitting to the state of Michigan.

The day after the Menominee's lawsuit was filed, Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality held a public hearing on the wetland permit where an estimated 400 to 500 citizens attended with an overwhelming majority in opposition. Independent review of the application by the Mining Action Group (formerly Save the Wild UP) showed serious deficiencies in the application, including an inadequate and incorrect understanding of groundwater and wetland hydrologic connections and its failure to consider likely impacts of the proposed mine.

The John Muir Chapter remains opposed to this proposal due to threats to the Menominee River and to the Menominee Tribe's known cultural sites on the proposed mine site. Aquila Resources could also leverage a successful permit for Back Forty to hasten development of the Bend and Reef deposits it controls here in Wisconsin.

Solar Group Buy for Sierra Club Members

As Sierra Club members, we know that we are stronger when we work together. We're bringing that same grassroots premise to our solar homes program. In 2018 we'll be partnering with SunVest Solar, Inc. to offer a series of regional group-buys for Sierra Club members and supporters. By participating in the program, home and business owners can save money—the more participants the bigger the savings—and help further Sierra Club's mission to reduce Wisconsin's dependence on fossil fuels. Plus, for each installation made through the program, SunVest will make a generous donation to support the John Muir Chapter's conservation work in Wisconsin. Find out more at sunvest.com/programs/sierraclub/ then watch your email for details about educational events near you.



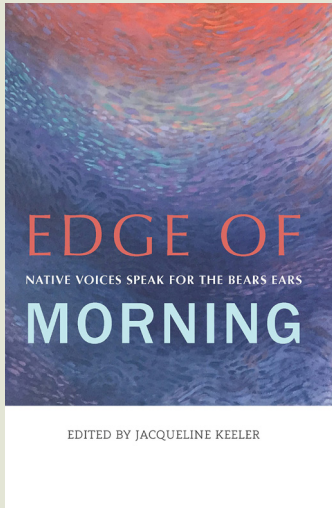
Keeping up with the News

CHANGES IN THE MUIR VIEW TIMELINE

At the Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter, we are dedicated to providing our members with the most up-to-date ways to take action and news on environmental issues in Wisconsin. In the past few years, we have found that both our news cycle and the most effective forms of communication have sped up.

The most urgent environmental legislation is passed by the time the Muir View goes from editing to design to print to your mailbox, limiting your ability to contact your legislators and take other action. As such, we are decreasing our number of print newsletters from four per year to three per year by dropping our summer edition. The next Muir View will arrive in your mailbox in early October.

The John Muir Chapter is exploring new ways to better connect with you so that we can most effectively protect Wisconsin's wild places, the climate and people. We are committed to posting blogs more regularly, updating our website, creating online action opportunities by posting campaigns on AddUp.org and continually sharing information on our Facebook and Twitter accounts ([facebook.com/SierraClubWI](https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubWI) and twitter.com/SierraClubWI). We will continue to provide the in-depth, reliable, science-based information you value through the most effective communication tools available to us. Feel free to call (608) 256-0565 or contact john.muir.chapter@sierraclub.org if you have questions about any of these platforms.



GREEN REVIEW

Edge of Morning: Native Voices Speak for the Bears Ears

BY JACQUELINE KEELER (EDITOR)
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On December 4, 2017, President Trump visited Utah to bask in the cheers of those who supported the erasure of 85 percent of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments — shaving 2 million acres from their boundaries and replacing them with five smaller monuments. The Salt Lake Tribune reported his rationale: “Some people think that the natural resources of Utah should be controlled by a small handful of very distant bureaucrats located in Washington. And guess what? They’re wrong.”

Guess what? He is wrong. The desire to make Bears Ears a National Monument was local and tied to the history of those who lived and developed culture in this landscape. The Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni and Ute Mountain Utes, with the written support of 30 other tribes, worked and listened to each other for years about the meaning and best use of the land before they sought National Monument status

for Bears Ears. Edge of Morning presents the voices of those for whom this land is source, culture, spirit and more. And they understood that they would be sharing and preserving the land with the entire United States.

Edge of Morning offers interviews, essays and poems from United States’ first peoples, representing many native nations. Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk explains that when the intertribal coalition was formed, they focused on their common goals and had to put aside generations of disagreement. They respected each other and worked to fully understand divergent points of view. “We’ve met between eight to ten hours talking about one issue and really making sure that we have an understanding...” Interviews offer both logistical information about the coalition and perspectives about the meaning of the place.

Culture is derived from place. Elders and writers illustrate how “sacred” means “sacred.” The 100,000 archeological sites are footprints of the ancestors in a living landscape. As N. Scott Momaday wrote, “We do not act upon a stagnant landscape, but instead are a part of it. Place is created in the process of remembering and telling stories and the ability of the receiver to understand the meanings of place encapsulated in language.” In her poem, “In Memory of Crossing the Columbia,” Agnes Pitt offers: “She gave me her eyes and the warmth of the basalt./ The vertebrae of her back,/my breastplate, the sturdy/belly of the mountain-side.” In this short book, many moments of connection to the land make clear that the spiritual and cultural experience of an expanse of wilderness offers biologic, cultural and spiritual wholeness.

President Obama designated The Bears Ears a National Monument in December of 2016; less than a year later, President Trump revoked the designation and protections. Edge of Morning offers an eloquent open door to understanding the sacredness of this landscape. Learn more at BearsEarsCoalition.org.

Amy Lou Jenkins is the author of four books. If you would like to submit a book for review, contact her through JackWalkerPress.com.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

Seeking Executive Committee Candidates

The John Muir Chapter is seeking dedicated Sierra Club members who would like to join other passionate volunteers in working toward the general and operational health of the chapter. Do you have skills in budgeting, project management, strategic planning or fundraising? Or do you have an interest and willingness to learn skills in those areas? Do you like looking at the big picture and then rolling up your sleeves and pitching in to do the work? Have you been looking for a way to put your talents to work in a way that serves your values, purpose and passion? Then consider running for a seat on the Chapter Executive Committee.

Three at-large seats will be filled in the 2018 fall election. Those elected will serve three-year terms starting in January 2019 and ending December 2022. Members from across the state are encouraged to apply. Meetings are held approximately six times per year and are scheduled for weekends and evenings to accommodate work/school schedules. Mileage reimbursement is available for travel to in-person meetings, and most meetings also offer a call-in option.

The deadline for completed applications is August 1, 2018. A full description of Executive Committee member expectations is available as well as a short application form. Please contact Liz Wessel at (608) 238-9934 or lizard59sc@yahoo.com to learn more about the opportunity to serve.

The Driftless Reader

Paraphrasing Proust, Keefe Kelley writes in his preface to *The Driftless Reader*, “The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.”

In this collection of 81 varied readings curated by Kelley and co-editor Curt Meine, readers see the Driftless Area through some well known pairs of eyes indeed. The term “driftless” originated from the unglaciated region’s lack of drift, or glacial debris. The area helped inspire John Muir’s rhapsodic travelogues, Laura Ingalls Wilder’s nostalgic children’s stories and Aldo Leopold’s history-informed ecological narratives.

But it was mainly through the writings of the less famous persons also represented in the book — tribeswomen, farmers, poets, fishermen, soldiers, ecologists and others — that I was made to see afresh the place I’ve lived and worked for almost 20 years.

A macro and micro example: Through the eyes of William Randolph Smith, a territorial lawyer, I glimpsed how the rolling landscape between Belmont and Lancaster that I drive through regularly looked in 1837 before it became covered in row crops and little else — “an ocean of prairie” covered in “the most splendid variety of flowers.” And I peered through botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer’s magnifying glass at the fascinating, hidden lives of the highly specialized but resilient mosses that grow on the sandstone cliff faces of the Kickapoo River valley.

More than 30 of the selections in *The Driftless Reader* were penned by women, and at least a half dozen by Native Americans. Considering historical patriarchy and the predominantly oral traditions of indigenous peoples, those are impressive numbers for an anthology of this kind.

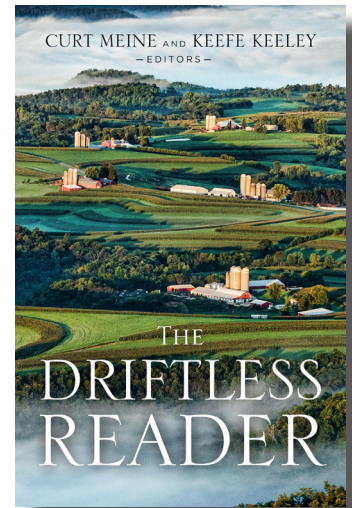
The Driftless Area (which today includes parts of four states) has long been a place of great diversity, both human and nonhuman, thanks in part to its unique geography.

We can bring new eyes to a landscape, but it seems that certain landscapes can give us new eyes, too, as almost anyone who has paddled the Lower Wisconsin or hiked in Wildcat Mountain State Park knows. Beauty can not only open our eyes, it can open our hearts. As readers will learn from the narratives and the dozens of beautiful illustrations in the book, the Driftless harbored a settlement of freed slaves, was the cradle of suffrage in Wisconsin and a laboratory for a new land ethic.

The Driftless is no utopia, as many of the selections make clear. Creeping insularity, extractive and polluting industry and outmigration from its cities are among the threats that loom over this land like the ghosts of the glaciers that spared it in the Pleistocene Epoch. Still, there persists in this lovely, incongruous part of the Midwest an essential openness, not only of the eyes but of the heart.

Delving into *The Driftless Reader* may inspire you to explore the Driftless Area firsthand. Either way, you will come away with new eyes and an expanded heart.

Rick Chamberlin
Member, Sauk City



Register for Conservation Congress, continued from page 4

lates the law and tills within 5 feet of any stream, ditch, or top of the channel of any surface water? YES

QUESTION 43: Do you support the Conservation Congress working with the DNR and NRB to establish new rules designating the entire karstic areas of Wisconsin, both dolomite and calcareous bedrock areas, as sensitive areas meriting special groundwater protection by the State and freeing municipal governments to make additional rules and regulations based on local geological consideration? YES

QUESTION 44: Should the Conservation Congress work with the DNR, the NRB, and the legislature to require hy-

drogeological surveys be conducted in counties where none have yet been done? YES

QUESTION 45: Should the Conservation Congress work with the DNR, NRB and Wisconsin Legislature to take up the “Saving Wisconsin Pollinators Act,” and include specific language to ban the use of neonicotinoid insecticides (dinotefuran, clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam) regardless of application method on all state owned agricultural and forest lands, and establish limited use guidelines for continued use on commercial and private agricultural lands? YES

Holly Cho
Chapter Intern

OUTINGS

JOHN MUIR CHAPTER 2018 OUTINGS

Women's Quetico Outing 1 – Clear

JULY 27 – AUGUST 5 (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS; PADDLE/PORTAGE/CAMP)

- Leader: Janet Clear - 608-833-1339, janetclear@gmail.com
- Outing Departure Point: Moose Lake - Ely, Minn. area.
- Outing Cost: \$700 including \$300 deposit

Women-only trip. Experience the fun and adventure of Quetico. You will paddle and portage lakes and streams while enjoying the beauty of this vast wilderness. Two layover days are planned, so while you will be challenged, there will be time to relax. Limited to nine participants.

Angler's Quetico Outing 2 – McDermott and Stahl

AUGUST 3-12, 2018 (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS; PADDLE/PORTAGE/CAMP)

- Co-Leaders: Nancy McDermott 608-238-1421 njmcderm@gmail.com and Will Stahl 920-725-9185 wrsy55@sbcglobal.net
- Outing Departure Point: Either Moose Lake - Ely, Minn. area or Gunflint Trail, Minn.
- Outing Cost: \$700 including \$300 deposit

Fishing enthusiasts will enjoy one or two base camp days sandwiched between canoe travel days in and out of the park to maximize fishing and cooking delicious fresh fish meals. Limited to nine participants.

Paddler's Quetico Outing 3

LATE SUMMER (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS; PADDLE/PORTAGE/CAMP)

- Outing type: paddle/portage/camp
- Leader: TBD
- Outing cost: \$700 including \$300 deposit

Dates and a leader will be arranged if there is enough interest in a co-ed trip. Limited to nine participants. Contact Nancy McDermott 608-238-1421 njmcderm@gmail.com with your preferred dates in late August – September.

Women's Namekagon River Trip (Waiting List)

JULY 12-15, 2018 (4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS; PADDLE/CAMP)

- Co-Leaders: Vicki Christianson 715-827-0379 vicki.christianson@yahoo.com and Nancy McDermott 608-238-1421 njmcderm@gmail.com
- Outing Departure Point: Trego, Wis.
- Outing Cost: \$175 including \$75 deposit

Enjoy warm summer days on a women-only leisurely paddle covering 35 miles on the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers (from County K Landing to Riverside Landing on the St. Croix) which is part of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway in Northern Wisconsin. This section of the river offers a combination of gentle rapids and smooth flowing current on the Namekagon, followed on the last day with several small rapids near the confluence of the St. Croix. Some paddling experience recommended. Limited to eight participants.

JOIN WISCONSIN LEADERS ON SIERRA CLUB NATIONAL OUTINGS IN 2018

Sierra Club's National Outings offer adventure travel at its finest, led by volunteer leaders eager to share their love for the outdoors and their commitment to its conservation. This list of 2018 trips led by leaders from Wisconsin illustrates some of the variety of outings offered: service, backpacking, lodge, base-camp, international, etc. Check out the 300+ outings online and find your perfect vacation: content.sierraclub.org/outings/our-trips. Most trips are still open, but don't wait too long!

* indicates trips with a waiting list when we went to press.

BILL BAURECHT AND HELEN BANNAN-BAURECHT, WHITEFISH BAY

- Service and History at Shenandoah Valley Battlefields, Virginia, May 6-12 (18084A)
- Just for Grandparents and Grandkids, Tahoe National Forest, California, July 15-20 (18212A)
- Mountain Medley, Tahoe National Forest, California, July 22-28 (18231A)
- *Best of the Midwest: Day-hiking the Superior Hiking Trail, Minnesota, Aug. 12-18 (18237A)

BILL BAURECHT, WHITEFISH BAY

- Painting Along the Sierra Trails, Tahoe National Forest, California, July 29-Aug. 4 (18234)
- Service at Antietam National Battlefield, Maryland, Sept, 23-29 (18296)

MARGARET KLOSE, APPLETON AND PHIL SNYDER, APPLETON

- *Classic Trails in Big Bend National Park, Texas, Feb. 28-March 3 (18430A)
- Fall Kaleidoscope in Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, Michigan, Sept. 22-29 (18183A)

DIANA LYNN, EAU CLAIRE

- *Isolated Island Wilderness: Backpacking Isle Royale Natl. Park, Michigan, Sept. 3-9 (18106A)

ANNE SLAUGHTER PERROTE, MADISON

- Service in the Sky, Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona, May 26-June 2 (18089A)
- Service in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness, Montana & Idaho, July 21-28 (18271A)

PHIL SNYDER, APPLETON

- *Day-hiking the Badlands of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, North Dakota, Sept. 2-8 (1808A)
- Canadian Rockies Van Venture: Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper, Alberta Aug. 11-18, (18236A)

2018 Paddling Trips and Instructional Clinics

sierraclub.org/wisconsin/river-touring-section

Interested in paddling some wild and beautiful rivers with fun and skilled paddlers? The John Muir Chapter's River Touring Section (RTS) has just what you're looking for. RTS leads trips and instructional clinics on white-water and quietwater that are open to Sierra Club members and the general public. Join us to perfect your skills, explore new waterways, meet other paddlers, learn from skilled volunteer leaders and have fun on the water. We offer trips and instruction suitable for families and individuals of varying ability. Trips are free, unless otherwise indicated; paddlers provide their own boats and equipment. Visit our website for the most complete, updated trip list and other paddling links and information (see above).

INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS

RTS offers instructional clinics for a nominal fee, taught by skilled volunteer instructors. Clinic sizes are limited to maintain low student-to-instructor ratios, so reserve your spot early. Fees are due in advance and are non-refundable unless the clinic is cancelled.

RTS whitewater clinics are for reasonably experienced river paddlers who want to learn or improve their whitewater paddling and safety skills. Additional canoe and kayak clinics are offered for those new to paddling or interested in improving their river paddling skills.

QUIETWATER CANOE CLINIC (Solo and Tandem)

May 19 Held on one of the Madison Lakes Clinic Fee: \$20 per person. This clinic is designed to prepare paddlers for easier and more enjoyable quietwater paddling. Topics include: safety issues, paddling dynamics, extensive practice of important paddling strokes, canoe rescue and paddling as a team. Participants should bring their own canoe, paddle, lifejacket, lunch and drinking water (equipment rentals may be available in town, but check with trip leader). Registration Contact/Leader: Carl Zimm: beampowered-tetrode@yahoo.com, 608-246-0485.

WHITEWATER CANOE CLINIC (Solo and Tandem)

June 2-3 Wolf R. Class II; Car Camp Clinic Fee: \$40 per person plus camping fees. Basic whitewater paddling skills taught to paddlers already comfortable canoeing on rivers: river reading, safety skills and equipment, review of paddling strokes and maneuvers such as eddying, ferrying and surfing. Participants must provide their own



gear and properly equipped boats, suitable for whitewater. The group campsite at Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort (near White Lake/ Langlade, Wis.) is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, or you can make your own lodging arrangements. Bring a dish to pass for the Saturday night potluck. Solo Leader/Registration Contact: Rich Krieg: 920-660-3557, richkrieg@new.rr.com. Tandem Leader/Registration Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-572-9884, johnsrudp@tds.net.

WHITEWATER KAYAK CLINIC

June 2-3 Wolf R. Class II; Car Camp Clinic Fee: \$40 per person plus camping fees. Basic whitewater paddling skills taught to paddlers already comfortable kayaking on rivers: river reading, safety skills and equipment, paddling strokes and maneuvers such as eddying, ferrying and surfing. Kayaks should be rated for Class II whitewater and have pillars reinforcing the deck. Students also need their own helmets, PFDs, neoprene spray-skirts, paddles, air bags, water bottles,

dry bags for clothes-lunch-incidentals, and appropriate paddling clothes for immersion. The group campsite at Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort is reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, or you can make your own lodging arrangements. Bring a dish to pass for the Saturday-night potluck. Leaders: Bruce Nelson and Jack Burton. Registration Contact: Jack Burton: 608-393-9793, burtonjack48@gmail.com.

MOVING WATER KAYAK CLINICS

June 12, 16 and/or 20 and Adult/Child Class on June 18 Bark R. Class I Clinic Fee: \$20 per adult per day. River reading, strokes and boat maneuvering will be taught for kayakers who are already comfortable paddling on lakes. Safety and equipment will be covered as needed. Kayak and properly fitting life jacket required. Registration Contact/Leader: Kasy Culbertson: 608-222-0746, kayaker.kasy@gmail.com.

MOVING WATER CANOE CLINIC

June 23 Koshkonong or Badfish Creek near Madison Class I. Clinic Fee: \$20 per person. Confident on lakes, but not ready for rivers? Then this canoe clinic is for you. We'll review the basic strokes—draws, pry's, sweeps, forward, back and J. We'll discuss safety, reading water and maneuvers; ferries, side slips and eddy turns. Then we'll practice these skills as we canoe Badfish Creek or Koshkonong Creek. Registration Contact/Leader: Carl Zimm: beampowered-tetrode@yahoo.com, 608-246-0485.

RIVER SAFETY AND RESCUE CLINIC

Aug 25-26 Red R. Class I-II; Car Camp. Clinic Fee: \$40/person plus camping fees. Limited to 10 people. Learn river safety and beginning rescue techniques for boats and swimmers through active instruction and practice; including use of ropes, river swimming/crossing, strainers and managing rescue scenarios. Become familiar with self-rescue.

Requires swimming and moderate physical activity. Recommended to all who might lead paddling trips, including experienced leaders wishing to retrain. Registration deadline is July 25. Registration contact: Doug Robinson: dougknu@gmail.com, 608-334-8026.

PADDLING TRIPS

Visit: sierraclub.org/wisconsin/river-touring-section/trips for additional trip listings.

April 7-8 Robinson & Morrison Creeks near Black River Falls Class II; Car Camp. Runnable when the water is up in the spring, these two small, scenic creeks are a lot of fun. There are two drops on the Robinson that can be portaged. We'll pick up spring thaw trash as we go, leaving the stream in better shape for those who follow. Wet or dry suit required for this early season trip. Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-572-9884, johnsrudp@tds.net.

April 14 Bark R. Class I+ Join us for an early spring paddle on a clear spring-fed river made so by restored wetlands. As there are seven bridges, portaging may be needed. The Upper Rock R. at CW is the fall-back choice if weather or water levels are a problem. LIMIT: 10 boats. Contact: Kasy Culbertson: 608-222-0746, kayaker.kasy@gmail.com.

April 14-15 Whitewater Rivers of Central WI - Exploratory Class II-III; Car Camp. Rivers to be determined by water levels. Learn about control of water runoff in the region's forest transitional landscape. Contact: Dave Hiller: 608-444-8695, dave@davehiller.com.

April 15-20 Buffalo R., Arkansas Class II; Canoe Camp. Join us as we paddle past towering bluffs on America's first National River. Participation is limited, so register early. Contact: Gregg Riemer: 608-216-5803, gregg.riemer@gmail.com or Kevin Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net.

April 22-27 Jacks Fork and Current Rivers, Missouri Class I; Canoe Camp. Join us as we paddle the gin-clear waters of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Participation is limited, so register early. Contact: Gregg Riemer: 608-216-5803, gregg.riemer@gmail.com or Kevin Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net.

April 21 Red R. or Little Wolf R. Class II-III; Day Trip. Get back on the water. Watch for wildlife such as deer, blue heron, mink and trout. Wet or dry suit required. Contact: Marianne McEvilly: 715-250-3891, rivermouse369@yahoo.com.

April 28-29 Whitewater Rivers of NE Wisconsin (Oconto, Peshtigo, Popple) Class II-III; Car Camp. Lodge or car camp near

Crandon, Wis.. Rivers determined by water level. Wet suits or dry suits required for these early spring runs. Explore these headwaters and discuss the nature of each as they flow to the southeast. Contact: Dave Skriba: 920-210-9400, screebs2017@outlook.com or Bruce Nelson: 608-609-9978, b1bnelson@att.net.

May 5-6 Pine R. Class I-II; Canoe Camp. Join us on our 42nd annual Pine River trip. We will address the many challenges facing this wild river as we go forward. Contact: Gregg Riemer: 608-216-5803, gregg.riemer@gmail.com or Rich Krieg: 920-660-3557, richkrieg@new.rr.com.

May 7-8 Pine R. extension. Class II; Canoe Camp with portages. Continue downstream from our traditional Pine River trip. Options to continue one or two days. See Meyers Falls, LaSalle Falls and Pine (Breakwater) Falls. We will discuss the history and future of the Pine River Dam. Contact: Gregg Riemer: 608-216-5803, gregg.riemer@gmail.com.

May 12 Baraboo R. Class I; Day Trip. Hatchery Road through Baraboo. This section used to be blocked by three dams, now removed, allowing boaters and wildlife to return. Come see how this now free-flowing river makes a fine centerpiece to historic downtown Baraboo. Contact: Carl Zimm: beampowered-tetrode@yahoo.com, 608-246-0485.

May 12-13 Root R (SE Minnesota) Class I; Car Camp. Enjoy a weekend paddling the Root River in unglaciated SE Minnesota near Lanesboro. Dolomite cliffs overlook the valley which has many spring-fed tributaries and abundant wildlife. Learn about the region's early history and its effect on the river valley. Camping is free but canoes/kayaks should be licensed in Minnesota or your state. Contact: Sue O'Brien, 507-858-5290 or sueob1@gmail.com. Co-leader : Carol Brewton.

May 19-20 Pine R. Class II-III; Car Camp. Bring wet/dry suit for cool spring temperatures. Contact: Larry Zibell: 715-546-2131, lzibell@gmail.com.

May 19-25 Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers. Class I; Canoe Camp. Come celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Namekagon and St. Croix were among the original rivers designated. We will do these rivers in three segments, so there will be options to join for two, three, five or all seven days. Trip is limited to eight people, so register early. Contact: Gregg Riemer: 608-216-5803, gregg.riemer@gmail.com.

May 26-28 Bois Brule R. Class I-II; Car Camp. Three day-trips on the Bois Brule. Saturday: County S to Hwy 2. Sunday: Pine

Tree Landing to Hwy 13—(includes a series of Class II rapids that can be portaged). Monday: Hwy 13 to Lake Superior (includes fairly constant Class I rapids). We'll learn about the work done to protect this trout stream. Helmets required for rapids. Camping available at the DNR campground south of Brule in Douglas County. Some campsites reservable online through the DNR website; others first-come, first-serve. This is a busy weekend so please share your site with fellow paddlers. Contact: Pat & Bobbie Wilson: 608-788-8831, 608-397-2531, pbwilson@centurytel.net or Kevin & Carol Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net.

June 2-3 Wolf R. Class II+; Car Camp. Paddle Wisconsin's most popular whitewater river and learn a bit of its geologic history. River sections to paddle will be based on participant interest and ability. This trip is concurrent with the RTS Kayak and Canoe Clinics on the Wolf River, so we can mingle with clinic participants and leaders evenings and at the Saturday night potluck. Contact: Kevin Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net.

June 9-10 Mekan R. Class I; Car Camp. The Mekan is a premium trout stream with crystal clear water. It maintains a steady current and can require precise maneuvering around narrow, tight bends or dead fall. We will paddle a section above Germania Marsh on Saturday and below the marsh on Sunday. Come to enjoy this beautiful river and learn about the impacts of irrigation and proposed bottled water facilities. Contact: Leo Hummel: 608-322-7014, dhummel@centurytel.net.

June 9-10 Pike R. & Wolf R. Class II+ Car Camp. Practice whitewater skills from the recent clinics before they get rusty. Or just come to enjoy these Wild & Scenic Rivers. The Pike on Saturday; Section 2 of the Wolf on Sunday. Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-572-9884, johnsrudp@tds.net.

June 22-24 Wolf and nearby rivers; Class II; Women-Only Car Camp. Have fun and build skills, confidence and sense of community among women paddlers. Optional gentle morning yoga and music around the evening campfire. Friday afternoon (optional): review skills, wet exits and strokes on a nearby lake. Contact: Mari Gasiorowicz: mgasiorowicz@gmail.com or 608/512-7394. Co-leader: Carol Olson.

July 14-15 Black R. Quietwater; Family Canoe-Camp. This favorite kid-friendly paddling trip is offered to encourage young families, families with kids and the young-at-heart to join us on the water. We'll take it slow, stop to play/explore as frequently as desired, cook-out and sleep in tents on a sandbar and engage in creative outdoor play.

Contact: Kevin or Carol Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net. Co-leaders: Pat and Bobbie Wilson.

July 23-Aug. 4 Montana Paddle & Hike; Class II-III; Car Camp. Join experienced paddlers on some classic whitewater rivers in Montana. The trip will be flexible to meet the needs and skills of participants. Paddlers must feel comfortable on rivers like the Wolf Section III. Join us for all or part of this trip. Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-572-9884, johnsrudp@tds.net.

Aug. 18-19 Flambeau R. Class II; Canoe Camp. Refresh your soul on the Flambeau R. by participating on a trip that has become one of our finest traditions. Learn how healthy state forests are important for protecting water quality. Contact: Rich Krieg: 920-660-3557, richkrieg@new.r.com or Dale Dean: 608-302-5744, daleink55@gmail.com.

Sept. 1 Wolf R. Class II-III; Day Trip. Join us on a river where wildlife and rocky rapids abound. If we are lucky, we will see deer, eagles, ducks or otters. Contact: Marianne McEvilly: 715-250-3891, rivermouse369@yahoo.com.

Sept. 7-9 Namekagon R. Class I; Car Camp. Beginner and experienced paddlers welcome! Paddle a section of the Namekagon, which is designated as a part of the 200-mile St. Croix National Wild & Scenic Riverway and National Park. This is a great entry-level trip. Canoes and recreational kayaks 10' and longer will work well on this river. Enjoy great scenery and wildlife. For those able to paddle on Friday, we'll do a section before setting up camp. Others may join us on Friday night or Saturday morning. Contact: Sue O'Brien: 507-858-5290 or sueob1@gmail.com. Co-leader: Carol Brewton.

Sept. 14-18 Boundary Waters mini trip; Quietwater with portages; Canoe Camp. Spend four nights in the BWCA during the early fall. Probably no swimming, but fewer crowds and beautiful fall colors. If others interested in staying longer, may extend trip a day or two. Expect wide variations in weather, from warm to possible snow! Learn about efforts to restrict proposed mining adjacent to the BWCA. We will travel to two different campsites down the Kawishiwi River. Contact: Katy Golden 414-378-1053 katyrenny@yahoo.com.

Sept. 16 Badfish Creek Class I; Day Trip. Badfish Creek meanders, welcoming shorter boats. The creek has twice the speed of current typical of the area because of the effluent from the state of the art Madison wastewater plant. Come see how the water starts out clearer from this highly regulated effluent and gets murkier from less regulated farmland runoff as we go downstream. Contact: Carl Zimm: beampowered-tetrode@yahoo.com, 608-246-0485.

Sept. 22-23 NE WI Rivers (Pike, Red or Wolf, depending on water levels) Class II-II+ Car Camp. Contact: Richard Betz: richard.betz@dhs.wisconsin.gov or 608-334-4362. Co-leader: Kasy Culbertson.

Sept. 29-30 Kickapoo R. Quietwater; Car Camp. This narrow river winds through the heart of Wisconsin's driftless area. Perfect river to practice your moving water skills or just enjoy the tall sandstone cliffs, great blue heron and other natural delights. Paddle one or both days. Group Camp C reserved at Wildcat Mt. State Park Friday and Saturday nights. Contact: Carol Olson: olsonfam44@centurytel.net or 608-963-2688 or Meg Nelson: prairiesmoke2@gmail.com.

Oct. 27-28 Wolf R. Class II+ Car Camp. Annual Halloween Trip. We'll paddle Section 3 of this wild, scenic river on Saturday and Section 2 on Sunday. Wet/dry suit required. Potluck dinner on Sat. night. Contact: Phillip Johnsrud: 715-572-9884, johnsrudp@tds.net.

RTS ANNUAL MEETING

January 12, 2019 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 615 Broadway St., Baraboo. Potluck at noon, followed by business meeting, trip list formation and slideshow/videos of 2017 trips. Advance registration not required. For details, contact: Kevin Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net

Jan. 28-Feb. 8, 2019 Florida Rivers Class I+ Car Camp. Take a break from winter and enjoy the unique flora and fauna of Florida's rivers. Occasional small rapids, deadfall hazards and up-river paddling. Space limited and advance campground reservations required, so inquire early. Contact: Kevin & Carol Olson: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net. Co-leader: Katy Golden.

Questions/Comments? Please visit our website or contact Kevin Olson, RTS Chair: 608-963-2678, olsonfam44@centurytel.net

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sierraclub.org/wisconsin/muir-view-newsletter

CALENDAR

MARCH 24

JMC exec committee meeting
Madison

APRIL 3

Spring Election
elections.wi.gov

APRIL 9

Conservation Congress
Spring Hearings
sierraclub.org/wisconsin

APRIL 11-12

Milwaukee Sustainability Summit
MATC Milwaukee
sustainabilitysummit.us

APRIL 21

Locally Grown, Nationally Known
Madison Fundraiser
sierraclub.org/wisconsin

APRIL 22

Earth Day

APRIL 23

Nelson Institute Earth Day Conf.
Monona Terrace, Madison

APRIL 25

National Sierra Club Board
Election Ballots Due
sierraclub.org/board/election

MAY 12

JMC exec committee meeting
location TBD

MAY 19

Hands Across the Sands
Fort Atkinson
handsacrossthesand.com

JUNE 1

National Sierra Club Award
Nominations Due
sierraclub.org/awards/nominations

JUNE 2

National Trails Day
Parks and Trails Unite Festival
Lake Farm Park, Dane County

JUNE 15-17

MREA Energy Fair
Custer, WI. Bus from Madison and
Milwaukee on June 16.
theenergyfair.org

JUNE 23

Locally Grown, Nationally Known
Milwaukee Fundraiser
sierraclub.org/wisconsin

JULY 15

JMC exec committee meeting
location TBD

JULY 28 - AUGUST 4

Summer Program (SPROG)
Hartlandsierraclub.org/youth/summer-sprog-training

JULY

People on the Pipeline 2.0
Date and location TBD

AUGUST 1

Chapter Executive Committee Nomination applications due
Liz Wessel: 608-238-9934, lizard59sc@yahoo.com

AUGUST 14

Fall Partisan Primary Election
elections.wi.gov

AUGUST 15

Chapter Award Nominations due
sierraclub.org/wisconsin/awards

SEPTEMBER 29

JMC exec committee meeting
location TBD



OUR MEMBERS IN ACTION

Sierra Club volunteers and allies embrace art and creativity! At the 2017 People Over Pipelines: Protecting Our Homes and Water Summit, attendees joined in a sing-along between sessions, and volunteers illustrated the places in Wisconsin attendees love and are fighting to protect.

