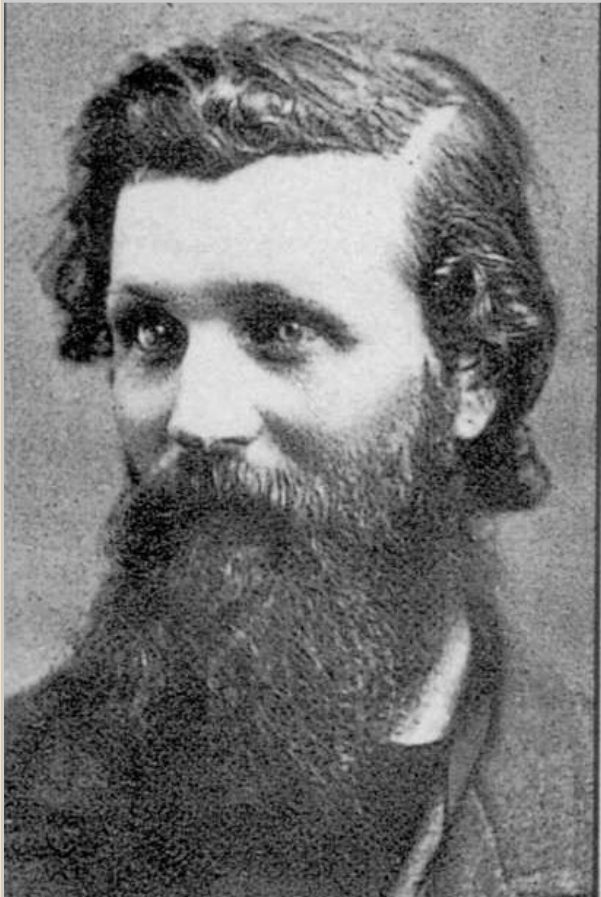


***Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter
2012 Annual Report***



***Protecting Wisconsin's Air, Water and Wild Places
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Exploring, Enjoying, & Protecting Wisconsin



The Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter is Wisconsin's voice for the nation's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. We are made up of 15,000 members and supporters statewide working to expand clean energy, move beyond oil, and protect Wisconsin's land and water resources.

The John Muir Chapter is honored to follow in the footsteps of legendary Wisconsin conservationists, including Sierra Club founder John Muir, Aldo Leopold, and Gaylord Nelson. Inspired by Wisconsin's beautiful lakes, forests, rivers, and other natural features, we work together to protect our communities.

The Mission of the Sierra Club is to explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out those objectives.



Fountain Lake Photo: Courtesy of J M Manson

Conservation Priorities

The Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter’s priorities are reducing climate change threats by moving from coal to clean energy and protecting land and water resources from destructive mining, factory farms, and other threats. Group and chapter volunteers also work on a broad range of other issues, from moving beyond oil to clean transportation to promoting recycling to protecting forests and public lands and more.

Reducing Climate Change Threats:

Wisconsin experienced a devastating drought and record-breaking heat waves in 2012 that showed that impacts of climate change are already here, and they may be happening even faster than scientists predicted. We saw the economic impacts in Wisconsin with drought-related crop losses and an early spring warm-up followed by a freeze that devastated our apple and cherry crops.

Burning coal is the leading cause of climate change worldwide, and it also jeopardizes public health by emitting dangerous levels of Mercury, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. Wisconsin currently relies on coal to meet over 60% of our energy needs.

The Sierra Club works to reduce climate change threats by working to retire coal plants and promoting goal-based energy efficiency, expanding renewable energy, and promoting clean transportation options that include expanding transit, promoting better vehicles and fuels, and reducing the need to drive.



Protecting Wisconsin’s Land and Water:

Protecting the Wisconsin’s land and water resources for future generations are key priorities of the John Muir Chapter. Wisconsin is bordered by Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River, on our north, east, and west, respectively, and we depend on our 15,000 lakes, 12,600 rivers and streams, and countless springs for drinking water, biodiversity, recreation, and industry. We’ve fought for years to protect unique land resources, from the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest to John Muir Park to Copper Falls State Park.

Wisconsin continued to face huge threats to land and water resources in 2012. Florida-based Gogebic Taconite proposed digging the hugest open pit mine our state has ever seen near the Bad River and the shores of Lake Superior. We saw scores of proposals to mine the sand used to fuel the natural gas hydrofracking boom happening other states. And we continued to see proposals to expand and site new factory farms, which threaten both drinking water quality and quantity with manure runoff and by their demand for high capacity wells to support their operations.



2012 Accomplishments

With the support of our generous donors and Community Shares, Sierra Club - John Muir Chapter worked with our distinguished partners in the conservation community to achieve lasting victories in 2012.

In 2012 Sierra Club's legal and grassroots activism to move Wisconsin beyond coal prompted utilities to announce retirement plans for several aging coal plants, from ending coal-burning at 3 of 6 units at Dairyland's Alma plant to retiring Alliant Energy's Nelson Dewey plant in Cassville and some of Edgewood's coal boilers in Sheboygan. **Our big-**



gest victory of the year was secured with the Cleaner Valley Coalition, whose constant pressure prompted We Energies to announce their plan to stop burning coal at Milwaukee's Valley plant, which will clean up the air for over 24,000 residents living within a mile of the plant.

We devoted substantial effort to garnering support for sustainably developing offshore wind in Lake Michigan in 2012. We organized a stakeholder conference in February featuring wind developers, legal analysts, Public Service Commission representatives and others. We participated in dozens of community and individual offshore wind meetings with businesses, elected officials, and labor representatives from Milwaukee to Sheboygan to Manitowoc. We gathered over 1,800 signatures on a petition urging Governor Walker to sign onto a regional Memorandum of Understanding designed to allow states to work together to overcome policy barriers to developing offshore wind. We'll continue these efforts next year as we continue to prod elected officials to tap offshore wind's huge potential for jobs and clean energy.

We created the website GoGreen2SaveGreen.org to promote energy efficiency's potential to lower energy bills, create jobs, and save energy. We promoted the site through paid advertising on online news sites and on radio ads in Milwaukee and bus ads in Green Bay and Eau Claire. We'll use this resource for years to come to get the word out about the need to support programs like Focus on Energy and the need to regain Wisconsin's spot as a nationwide energy efficiency leader! We also continued to work with labor allies on energy issues in 2012, including co-presenting a workshop with the IBEW at Detroit's regional BlueGreen Alliance conference.

Defense was extremely important in the State Capitol, as we endured unprecedented environmental attacks on wetlands, renewable energy, energy efficiency, transit and more in 2011-12. Despite lacking pro-conservation majorities in either legislative house or the governor's office, **we helped stop a horrible bill to gut mining safeguards that would have paved the way for an out-of-state mining owner to dig the largest taconite (iron ore) mine our state has ever seen near the shores of Lake Superior.** We also blocked attempts to undermine clean energy by blocking a bill to rollback wind siting standards as well as another proposal to allow utilities to buy outdated renewable energy credits instead of building new projects. We were also able to get scores of Sierra Club members to public hearings on the Polluters over People bill. Although this bill ultimately passed, several terrible portions of it were amended so that the final law no longer allows lakebed dredging and it retains local newspaper noticing requirements for developments.

Our Political Committee worked with dozens of volunteers, and 3 national Sierra Club Victory Corp staff **to elect pro-conservation candidates Tammy Baldwin as Wisconsin's first female US Senator and to re-elect President Barack Obama.** They earned Sierra Club's support for their efforts to block the Keystone Pipeline, for supporting EPA soot standards, and for protecting the Great Lakes. Unfortunately, partisan political redistricting and huge campaign spending led to defeats of many



of our endorsed candidates at the state level, leaving us with anti-conservation majorities in the State Assembly (60-39) and the State Senate (18-15). This means that defense, local level conservation, and making the case for bipartisan natural resource protection will all be keys to Wisconsin's future.

In addition to facing challenges in the legislative and political arenas, The Sierra Club and others found that DNR enforcement of water and air laws was at record low levels in 2012. This was exemplified by a case we helped bring attention to in the town of Sullivan involving waste hauler and campaign donor who spread raw sewage at three times the legal limit onto a farm field whose violations were not referred to the Department of Justice. This event suggests that demanding science-based resource management at state agencies will be an ongoing priority for the Sierra Club and other environmental groups in future years.

2012 Accomplishments

Wisconsin's Water Sentinels continued monitoring local water bodies in 2012. They also provided educational outreach at the Coon Valley Trout Fest, the Kickapoo Country Fair, WI State Fair and Milwaukee's Gathering Waters festival. We supported the efforts of grassroots groups fighting a factory farms by participating in a tour of CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) in Kewaunee County that threaten drinking water with nitrates and bacteria and by providing a \$1,000 grant to the Pleasant Lake Management District that will be used to fight the high-capacity well permit application for the proposed Richfield CAFO in Adams County.

We participated in National Plug In Day September 23, created to increase awareness about the benefits of plug-in vehicles. We presented awards to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center, MG&E, and Zimbrick Nissan Eastside for efforts to support electric vehicles. We also discussed recently enacted vehicle standards we supported requiring automakers to achieve an average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025, which will save consumers about \$1.7 trillion at the gas pump, cut US oil use by 12 billion barrels, and keep 6 billion metric tons of carbon pollution out of the atmosphere.

We look forward to continuing to move Wisconsin beyond oil by expanding transit, improving bicycle and pedestrian paths, and promoting energy efficient fuels and vehicles.



Community Shares and Workplace Giving

The Sierra Club Foundation—John Muir Chapter is a member of Community Shares of Wisconsin (CSW) and Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee (CSGM). We work with these partners to address environmental, social, and economic problems through grassroots action, advocacy, research and education. Community Shares supports its member groups through workplace giving and technical support and training. Campaigns allow employees to support local nonprofits conveniently through automatic paycheck donations. Many employers generously match their support.

Community Shares of Wisconsin, 2012:

Total Donations received: \$ 18,680.00
 Workplace Giving portion: \$17,441.75
 Directed Gifts: \$1,238.25

Total expenditures using

CSW Funds in 2012: \$ 15,745.00
 Administrative support: \$1,523.00
 Other expenses: \$14,131.00

Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee, 2012:

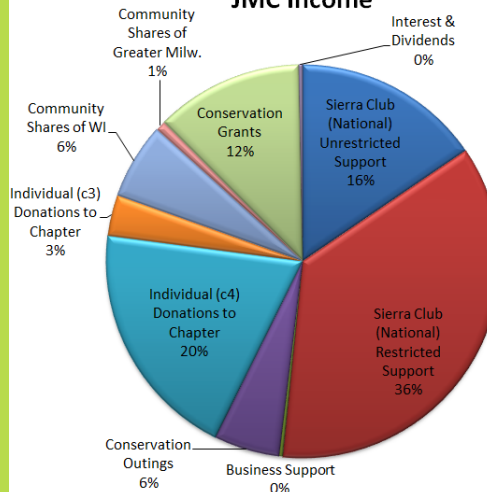
Total Donations received: \$ 2,394.00

Total expenditures using

CSGM Funds in 2010: \$ 2,544.00
 Administrative Support: \$264.00
 Other expenses: \$2,279.00

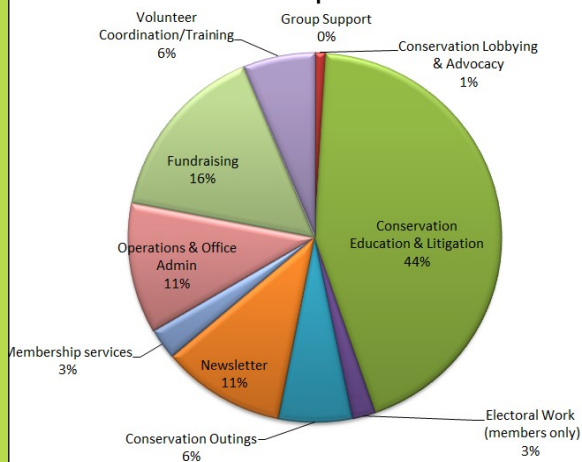
Financial Snapshot

JMC Income



Total 2012 Income \$297,965.00

JMC Expenses



Total 2012 Expenses \$235,651.00

Recognizing Outstanding Volunteers

Hundreds of volunteers were engaged throughout the state of Wisconsin in 2012. Whether organizing events, serving on a committee, or performing administrative duties in the office, the efforts of volunteers are vital to the success of the John Muir Chapter. Two Sierra Club volunteers received Community Shares recognition in 2012 for their outstanding contributions to the community and state.

The John Muir Chapter presented six awards honoring outstanding volunteers and community leaders during our 2013 Autumn Assembly. The **2012 Torchbearer Award** was presented to **SC Johnson for their efforts to reduce climate change threats that include** advocating for expanding transit services in southeastern Wisconsin and implementing an efficiency initiative to combine customer orders and products in the same truckload, allowing them to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 1,882 tons, use 2,098 fewer trucks and cut fuel use by 168,000 gallons. They demonstrated particular commitment to sustainability with their proposal to build two 400 foot wind turbines that will generate electricity for their Waxdale manufacturing facility in Mount Pleasant, WI and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by six million metric tons each year.

The **JJ & Pat Werner Award** was presented to **Spencer Black**, a former state legislator and environmental champion who serves on the Sierra Club's national board and political committee. Black authored and helped pass scores of groundbreaking environmental laws, including the sulfide mining moratorium law, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund, the country's strongest, most comprehensive recycling law, the groundwater protection law, the endangered species matching grant program and others.

The **Good Citizen Award** recognizes organizations outside of the Sierra Club whose innovative programs protect the environment. This year's award was presented to the **Town of Mount Pleasant** for the Pike River Restoration Project. Their efforts have helped reduce flooding and improve water quality. The proposal also included creating in-stream fish habitat, planting native wetland and prairie plants, and constructing pedestrian and bike trails in Racine County.

A longtime group leader and active club member, **Charlie Paine**, of the Fox Valley Group was recognized with the **2012 Merit Award**. As group outings chair, Charlie made all newcomers feel welcome and encouraged membership and participation in the Sierra Club. He has organized many outings over the years and participants have benefitted from his love of silent sports and his eagerness to share.

Nancy Carlson was honored with the **Wildflower Award** for leaders, mentors and educators who promote a positive image for the club. A Sierra Club member since 2009, Nancy serves on the John Muir Chapter Executive Committee, as the delegate for the Southeast Gateway Group, and on the Water Sentinels subcommittee. Nancy teaches hundreds of school children about water quality every year. She also conducts trainings for the Water Action Volunteer (WAV) program in Racine and Kenosha, and leads various educational Outings for the Sierra Club, including one that involves tagging monarchs and tracking

their migration from Wisconsin to Mexico.

The **New Activist Award** recognizes new members who are willing to leap into new roles and champion environmental issues. **Berenice Wiecki** of the Four Lakes Group received that honor this year for her work as Group treasurer and for her participation in Group Communications Committee, helping spread the word about events, outings and activism.

Finally, Republican State Senator Dale Schultz (Richland Center) received National Sierra Club's Distinguished Achievement Award In 2012 for his opposition to the budget repair bill, which stripped collective bargaining rights from public employees, his efforts to block horrendous mining legislation, and his work to stop the repeal of wind siting standards.

The Sierra Club honors our Backyard Heroes at the annual Community Shares of Wisconsin Banquet.



Outstanding Sierra Club volunteers Laura Anderton and Alyssa Shelstad received Backyard Hero Awards from Community Shares of Wisconsin in 2012.

Laura Anderton (left) received recognition for her excellent graphic

design work which turns each issue of our Chapter's quarterly *Muir View* newsletter into an eye-catching, attractive publication. She has also provided occasional assistance on designing paid media advertisements promoting Sierra Club's work for clean water and clean energy.



Alyssa Shelstad (right) received her well-deserved award for her work as a former intern between 2009 - 2012 that included reactivating the University of Wisconsin's Sierra Student Coalition, as well as her work coordinating volunteer phone banks, entering data and completing other essential office tasks. Alyssa has since graduated, but she still volunteers for the Sierra Club from her new home in Sheboygan.

2012 Local Groups & Special Activity Sections

The John Muir Chapter is organized into seven local volunteer groups who tackle local conservation issues, host environmental educational programs, and lead a wide variety of outings. We work together on statewide issues, and each group appoints a delegate who is a voting member of the Executive Committee.

The Chippewa Valley Sierra Club Group (CVG) serves Eau Claire, Menomonie, Chippewa Falls and nearby areas. In 2012, CVG awarded grants to Parkview Elementary to reduce plastic bag use and encourage recycling, and to the Red Cedar River Erosion Control project for native vegetation. This area contains a unique type of sand can be used in other parts of the country to extract natural gas using a process called hydraulic fracking. Because of this, CVG has been working to increase public awareness and support moratoriums and zoning regulations for the influx of sand mines in the area, which can increase traffic, noise, and levels of silica. Visit CVG at: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/chippewa/index.htm>

The Coulee Region Sierra Club Group (CRG), serves the greater La Crosse area. In 2012, CRG awarded grants to the Mindoro Ecology Club, Alma Area Schools, and the Mississippi Valley Conservancy for water monitoring equipment, and to Holmen's Early Childhood Program for bird identification materials for 3-4 year olds. They also participated in a highway clean up of River Valley Drive, and celebrated Earth Day at the Eco-Park. Their biggest conservation issue was voicing concerns over the proposed CAP 2020 transmission line, which could impact the Kickapoo Valley. Visit CRG at: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/coulee/index.htm>

The Four Lakes Sierra Club Group (4LG) serves Madison and central and southwestern Wisconsin. In 2012 4LG hosted a community mining benefit with folk singer Tom Nielson, and they helped pass a Dane County Budget that included clean energy investments and innovative programs to reduce phosphorus pollution in the Yahara Lakes. Recycling Away from Home (RAH) volunteers continued to work at Madison's various festivals, and they discussed environmental issues while supporting local restaurants as part of their popular Cruisin' for Cuisine series. Visit 4LG online at: <http://www.4lakes.org/>

The Fox Valley Group serves Appleton, Green Bay, Neenah-Menasha and other areas. In 2012 Kelly Ramstack is leading the ongoing fight against the proposed Town of Union Sand mine near Tellock's Woods Natural Area in Waupaca County. The Group was also actively working with Clean Water Action Council and others to stop the an expensive, risky pyrolysis-based trash burning proposal in Green Bay that could result in

toxic air emissions and undermine recycling. Although the City Council ultimately voted against the trash project, litigation continues to keep the fight alive. In addition to various outings and programs, FVG volunteers also hosted invasive garlic mustard removal work parties at High Cliff State Park and Memorial Park in the spring. Visit FVG at: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley/>

The Great Waters Group serves the greater Milwaukee area. GWG was instrumental working with the Chapter and the Cleaner Valley Coalition to persuade We Energies to stop burning coal at their downtown plant. They also supported policies to reduce plastic bag use in Wauwatosa and volunteered to increase recycling at Brewer's games. They also pushed ATC to bury their proposed new transmission line between We Energies substation and County Grounds, and opposed the demolition of the historic Eschweiler Building due to negative impacts on the nearby Monarch Trail. Visit GWG at: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/gwg/>



The Southeast Gateway Group serves Racine and Kenosha. SEGG hosted this year's Autumn Assembly at Holiday Home Camp, which featured Yerkes Observatory tour, a monarch tag and release with Nancy Carlson, and memorable presenters, including a mining discussion with the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa's Cyrus Hester, and Cindy Skrukud, who described Sierra Club's role in establishing the Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge. SEGG Chair Melissa Warner received the "Sweat Equity Award" in 2012 for leading volunteers to clear invasive plants from Colonial Park to the Pringle Nature Center to Nicholson Wildlife Area from the SE WI Invasive Species Consortium. SEGG also hosted a highway 38 cleanup and continued their successful community rain barrel sale (and optional Jeff Sytsma installation). They also hosted a Hands Across the Sand event for Clean Energy in August. Visit SEGG at: <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/segg/>

The St. Croix Valley Interstate Group serves WI and MN members near the St. Croix River. In 2012 the SCVIG suffered a federal legislative loss over their longstanding fight over building a mega-bridge across the St. Croix River, a National Scenic Riverway. The economy might be the best way to avoid construction, as the bridge was deemed one of the most costly, wasteful DOT projects in the nation.

Remembering A Conservation Icon



In late October the Sierra Club mourned the loss of Jonathan Ela, a lifetime Sierra Club member and environmentalist who dedicated his life to preserving ecosystems and protecting water and land for future generations. Ela spent a number of years as a Sierra Club staff member. He was assistant conservation director under Michael McCloskey from 1969-1971 and Midwest representative in Madison, Wis., from 1971-1983. He founded the Midwest Office, covering 11 states at the time of its inception. The founding of the regional office brought a stronger Sierra Club presence to the Midwest, which expanded its reach from focusing the organization's work primarily on the two coasts. He also worked on Mississippi River conservation and wrote the *Faces of the Great Lakes* with Tony King.

Jonathan also contributed much to the Sierra Club's conservation work as a volunteer. He played a key role in electing pro-conservation leaders to public office and enacting strong policies to protect natural resources. As Political Chair and Vice President for Politics, Jonathan Ela helped steer the Sierra Club to electoral victories in 2006 and 2008. He served as a director of Sierra Club's Independent Action political initiative following the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision. Ela was also a member of the National Sierra Club Board of Directors, serving from 2011 until the time of his death.

Jonathan's career in conservation began in 1968 when he went to work for Senator Gaylord Nelson. Jonathan Ela was appointed to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board in 2003. While serving on the Board, Ela helped protect public lands, adopted strong mercury controls, and approved the country's strongest rule to restrict phosphorus in order to reduce algal growth on lakes, rivers and streams.

This year, upon learning of his illness, instead of despairing, Jonathan Ela decided to take a positive step to create a lasting legacy for conservation by creating the Ela Activist fund. This fund ensures our future environmental victories by **supporting the Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter's work to recruit the next generation of members and activists, to elect environmental champions, and our work to lobby for clean energy, clean water, and habitat protection in the Wisconsin State Capitol.**

We are honored and touched by Jonathan's generosity in setting up the fund, which will sustain our work to call people to action to fight for lasting protections for natural resources that will continue to be under extreme attack in Wisconsin's current political climate.

The Ela Activist fund was launched on July 26 with a touching event held at Olin Park to celebrate both Jonathan's lifetime of accomplishments, and his 30th Wedding Anniversary to his partner, Trish Stocking. Over 150 guests turned out that inspiring evening, including family, friends and colleagues of Jonathan from the Sierra Club and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Board. Together, they generously contributed over \$13,000 for the fund, which was immediately put to use this year supporting our conservation work.

Jonathan's passing is an irreplaceable loss to all who knew and loved him, and to the entire conservation community. Our heart goes out to all who will be missing him over the upcoming holidays. We will treasure his memory every day as we remember his amazing contributions to our earth as we work to carry on his legacy of protecting Wisconsin's environment.

The Sierra Club Thanks Ela Activist Fund Donors

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2012 Executive Committee Meetings:

January 14 2012, Baraboo

February 8, 2012, Conference Call

March 13, 2012, Conference Call

May 5, 2012, Baraboo

June 16, 2012, Custer (MREA)

September 11 2012, Conference Call

In addition to our 7 local groups, the Sierra Club—John Muir Chapter also has three Special Activity Sections in Wisconsin: **the Sierra Student Coalition, the Inner City Outings program, and the River Touring Section.**

In 2012 The UW-Madison Sierra Student Coalition (SSC) (<http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/ssc.asp>), led by intern Alexa Edinburg and faculty advisor Jack Kloppenburg, participated in the UW Sustainability Council, hosted a screening of the clean energy film *Carbon Nation*, and offered students a meeting on environmental lobbying with Rep. Brett Hulsey.

Madison Inner City Outings (<http://www.madisonico.org>) continued to offer outdoor adventures to underprivileged youth, from hiking to camping to canoe trips. Supporters of the ICO include REI, Rutabaga, Fontana, and Epic Systems.

The River Touring Section (<http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/rts/>) fulfilled their mission in 2012 by offering members 30 paddling trips and 3 Instructional Clinics to promote on the water safety. Unfortunately, this year's extreme drought resulted in the need to cancel at least 1 trip.



Thank You to our 2012 Donors

Your generous contributions – above and beyond your membership dues – provided crucial support for our local grassroots campaigns to protect Wisconsin's air, water, and wild places for future generations.

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