

# FOOTNOTES

GEORGIA CHAPTER OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



SIERRA CLUB  
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## FOOTNOTES ISSUE 129: VOGTLE NUCLEAR BOONDOGGLE



**\$11 billion dollars over-budget, two years behind schedule, and Georgia Power's profits have soared--all while Georgia Power customers are forced to pay hundreds of dollars a year on average for a project that may never see the light of day. It's time that Georgia's elected Public Service Commission stood up for the average Georgian and put a halt to Georgia Power's plans to construct two new nuclear units at Plant Vogtle.**

Plant Vogtle in Georgia and Plant Summer in South Carolina recently [caused the bankruptcy](#) of the multibillion dollar Westinghouse corporation tasked with construction of the two facilities. Last week, Plant Summer was officially canceled by South Carolina utilities, which said the decision will save their customers \$7 billion.

Now, Georgia Power is alone in its pursuit of expensive and risky nuclear power and announced Wednesday that the project is now expected to cost \$25 billion (a significant increase from the previously estimated \$14 billion) and will not begin operation until 2022 (originally 2019).

The Georgia Sierra Club has opposed Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle expansion since 2009. Plant Vogtle is less than halfway complete, and massive cost overruns and continued delays mean that the average Georgia household is still required to pay Georgia Power hundreds of dollars for power that we may never get. We need swift, smart, and reliable investments in clean energy like wind and solar to drive down the cost of electricity for Georgians and to reduce our climate pollution.

**Your elected officials have the power to stop this boondoggle! Write your elected Georgia Public Service Commissioners today to demand that Georgia**

**Power's foolish Plant Vogtle project be canceled and that ratepayers not bear the burden of any future costs. Tell the PSC no more ratepayer bailouts for nuclear power boondoggles!**

**TAKE ACTION**

## CHAPTER RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!

**The Georgia Sierra Club's biennial Fall Gathering is quickly approaching!**

Mark your calendars for the weekend of October 20-22 when we will come together at Amicalola Lodge to celebrate our community's 125 years of service to the environment.

We hope you will join us as we enjoy all things fall in the North Georgia mountains, participate in our educational workshops, and enjoy an awards banquet on Saturday.

We will hear from Georgia's environmental leaders, celebrate all the work that has been done through the Georgia Chapter, and recognize all of the people we could not have done it without. We hope to see you there!

In the meantime, we still need help on our Chapter Retreat Steering Committee. This is the team that helps to plan and deliver the retreat. Our next meeting will be on August 24th from 6:30 to 8:30pm in our Chapter Office at 743 E College Ave, Decatur, GA 30311. Can't make it in person? Call (866) 501-6174, code 1003400#.

**RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT NEXT WEEK, SO BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE LINK!**



## ACTIVIST TRAINING SERIES: BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE MOVEMENT

The Sierra Club is working towards a just future- not just for the natural environment, but also for the people who live within it.

Involving citizen activists in the political process has always been our strength- a strength we cannot take for granted. We must make an effort to recruit people who reflect the full diversity of the communities in which we are working. This will be increasingly true as the demographics of the country continue to reflect a more racially and economically diverse population.

We can only succeed through strong and collaborative relationships with diverse organizations and communities based on common goals and values. Join us to learn how to foster the inclusive and powerful movement necessary to win victories that benefit everyone.



**JOIN US SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 2 PM AT THE GEORGIA CHAPTER FOR THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF THE ACTIVIST TRAINING SERIES.**

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## WILDLANDS & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE MEETING CHANGE

This month's Wildlands & Wildlife Committee meeting has been changed due to the large number of folks with out of town plans for the eclipse. **The meeting is now scheduled for August 28th at 6:30 pm.**

The Wildlands & Wildlife Committee is at the heart of Sierra Club's mission to Explore, Enjoy, and Protect. We advocate for responsible management and protection of our public lands and wild forests and work to preserve and expand habitat that protects vulnerable wildlife. Not only does this help mitigate climate change, but it also preserves land that provides access to the wilderness experience.



The Wildlands & Wildlife Committee is an open group that enables all community members an opportunity to engage in successful campaigns focused on protecting our forests, wildlife, and public lands. We hope you'll join us!

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**JOIN THE WILDLANDS & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE MAILING LIST>>**

## SAVE THE DATE: SIERRA CLUB ART AUCTION

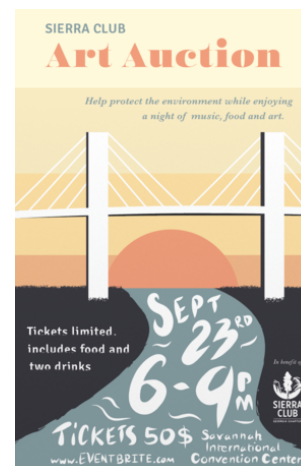
Please join us for an evening of music, food, and art to benefit the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club!

Each attendee will receive two drinks and plenty of food. Artists from Savannah and around Georgia are donating art to be auctioned off via silent bids. Mediums include paintings, prints, sculpture, jewelry, and much more.

**If you would like to donate a piece to be in this event, please contact [ted.terry@sierraclub.org](mailto:ted.terry@sierraclub.org).**

We look forward to seeing you for a fun and informative night in Savannah!

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## CUMBERLAND ISLAND FEATURE

On Tuesday, August 8, the Metro Atlanta Group hosted a film screening of the documentary Cumberland Island- The Shrinking Sanctuary.

Cumberland Island is one of the last barrier islands along our eastern seashore. Coastal areas and islands are in high demand and are being converted into shopping centers and gated communities. Cumberland Island- The Shrinking Sanctuary explores viewpoints from those who want the island left as it is, preserved for future generations.



Express your support of the Cumberland Island Preservation movement by watching the documentary and sharing it on social media! Make sure to use [#SaveCumberlandIsland](#) and [#NationalParksService](#)

**[WATCH THE DOCUMENTARY >>](#)**

## BE A PART OF THE SIERRA CLUB'S VOLUNTEER LEGACY!

For 125 years Sierra Club volunteers have fought for and protected our environment. Your help is needed now, more than ever.

**[GET INVOLVED TODAY >>](#)**



## SUPPORT OUR WORK - DONATE TODAY!

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P.S. If you haven't officially joined as a member of the Georgia Sierra Club, or need to [renew your membership](#), now is the time to join our movement.



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