



FOOTNOTES ISSUE 132: BUY A HUG FOR BACKYARD DAY!



We're excited for the first-ever Backyard Day on October 15! Join [Team Sierra](#) to raise money for your favorite "backyards," the places you cherish most in our beautiful state.

This campaign is unique because it allows YOU to define the places you call home, or your "backyard," and create your own individualized campaigns in honor of those places.

We'll wrap up the My Backyard Campaign on October 15 with a country-wide bash called [Backyard Day](#), where you'll get to host your own celebration in your metaphorical "backyard" to mark the end of a great effort.

As part of the Georgia Chapter's Backyard Day campaign, the Georgia Chapter staff has started a fundraising challenge to raise awareness for Backyard Day. We're calling it "Buy a Hug" -- for every \$50 Georgia supporters raise on Team Sierra for Backyard Day, one of the Georgia Chapter staffers will hug a tree! We kicked off the challenge this week as a team (pictured above), and we hope to share another tree hug with you soon. Start raising funds on teamsierra.org/backyardday if you want to see one of your Chapter staff hug another tree!

Let's work together and raise funds to protect our Georgia Sierra Club "backyards!"

DONATE

HELP US MAKE FALL GATHERING UNFORGETTABLE

On October 20 - 22, we will gather at Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge for a weekend full of recreation, outings, workshops, speakers, leaf-watching, celebration, and volunteer recognition. You

won't want to miss this opportunity to spend quality time with other Georgia Sierrans while taking in the breathtaking scenery of fall in the North Georgia mountains.

CAN'T MAKE IT THE WHOLE WEEKEND? WE ARE NOW OFFERING SATURDAY-ONLY AND BANQUET-ONLY TICKET OPTIONS!

[REGISTER NOW !](#)

Fall Gathering will be a weekend full of celebration and recognition of the important work being done by our members and volunteers, and we need YOUR help to make it happen!



We need all hands on deck at Fall Gathering. [Sign up to be a volunteer here >>](#)

There are many opportunities to help throughout the weekend, including:

- **Registration help**
- Workshop **timekeepers**
- **AV** setup
- **S'mores bar** attendants
- [Click here to bring a dish for the chili cook-off or topping for the s'mores bar >>](#)

RSVP FOR THE UPCOMING R.A.I.L. COMMITTEE MEETING

The RAIL Committee advocates for transportation options, such as mass-transit and biking, and transit-oriented development in Georgia. We believe that transportation is a huge source of air pollution due to carbon emissions and that traveling by car should be just one of many transportation options available to Georgians. We support funding for mass transit options and oppose bloated road projects. We encourage sustainable, walkable community development for a better quality of life in Georgia.

This committee meets quarterly on the fourth Monday. [Click here for more information >>](#)



RAIL Committee Campaigns:

- Get on Board Georgia, our campaign to promote statewide commuter rail
- Transit for Gwinnett, our campaign to expand and connect Gwinnett County Transit
- Transit for Cobb, our campaign to expand and connect Cobb County Transit
- Electrify Georgia, our campaign to accelerate electric vehicles in Georgia

If you can't make it in person, please join us by phone:

- Call: 866-501-6174
- Code: 100-3400#

The meeting agenda will be emailed to attendees who have RSVPd.

RSVP

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GO BEYOND COAL?

In addition to new solar, wind, energy storage, and efficiency, the transition away from coal-fired power plants must ensure that coal communities reap the benefits of clean energy jobs and new economic opportunities. On October 24, Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign will join community members and leaders in Rome, GA to discuss the prospective retirement issues around Georgia Power's Plant Hammond and opportunities for local governments, utilities, and advocates to shape a transition plan for Floyd County.



What: Coal Transition Town Hall

When: October 30, 6:30-8:00 PM

Where: Coosa Room, Sara Hightower Regional Library

[205 Riverside Pkwy NE, Rome, GA 30161](https://www.google.com/maps/place/205+Riverside+Pkwy+NE,+Rome,+GA+30161)

RSVP

MEET MISTY NOVITCH AND OLIVER OWENS

Please help us welcome our newest additions to the Georgia Chapter staff, Misty Novitch and Oliver Owens!

As our **Ready For 100** Organizing Representative, **Misty** will be working with community leaders around the city of Atlanta to encourage the shift to clean and renewable energy sources. The Ready For 100 campaign is a city-wide effort that will help move Atlanta to 100% clean and renewable energy.

Oliver is serving as our Chapter's **Sierra Student Coalition** organizer. In this role, Oliver will be working with high school and college students on campuses throughout the state on environmental issues that affect them and their schools.



We are very excited to have both Misty and Oliver join our team. Make sure to extend your warmest welcome to our new staffers!

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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