## **FOOTNOTES**

GEORGIA CHAPTER OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



#### FOOTNOTES ISSUE 134: CELEBRATE WITH SERVICE



Sierra Club Military Outdoors joins the Forest Team and the US Forest Service on Saturday, November 11 for a special Veteran's Day edition of our monthly trail day at Panther Creek!

Sierra Club Military Outdoors is dedicated to serving our military and veteran brothers and sisters and those that support them. This event is open to all, including military veterans, active duty service personnel, military families, and anyone else who wants to celebrate Veteran's Day with a day of service in our National Forest!

Attendees should plan on being at the trailhead by 8:00 AM to go over important safety information before hiking in. Different crews may finish at different times, but everyone can expect to be back at the trailhead by 5:00 pm at the very latest. This 7 mile round trip, in and out hike is moderate with a couple of challenging sections due to drop-offs and some class 1 scrambling. Any experienced hiker or person in good shape should be fine.

If you have questions about the event, please contact Jessica Morehead: <a href="mailto:jessica.morehead@sierraclub.org">jessica.morehead@sierraclub.org</a>.

If you have questions about Sierra Club Military Outdoors, please contact Lornett Vestal: lornett.vestal@sierraclub.org.

Registration Closes November 9th or sooner if it fills up, so don't wait! For more event details and to register, click the button below:

**SIGN UP** 

### **READY FOR 100 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS**

The Atlanta City Council has voted to create a 100% clean energy plan-- now the City needs our input!

The Georgia Sierra Club is excited to be a part of a series of Community Conversations, hosted by the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Resilience. These conversations are a chance to learn more about the process of implementing the clean energy plan and to communicate our needs, priorities, and input to those developing it. Food, beverages, and child care will be provided free of charge.

Suggestions to the City might include green jobs and job training, weatherizing homes to reduce power bills, low-cost options like energy efficiency, heat reduction, and green space, and massively scaling up renewables like solar and wind.

To find a Community Conversation near you, visit our <u>AddUp</u> <u>campaign headquarters</u> or our <u>Facebook page</u>.

The first Community Conversation is on Monday, November 6 at Georgia Tech. We urge you to attend and stay involved!

**RSVP** 



#### **SIERRA CLUB & BEER: READY FOR 100 ATLANTA**

Please join us on Tuesday, November 21 at 6 PM for Sierra Club & Beer: Ready For 100!

The Georgia Sierra Club is proud to be a part of the City of Atlanta's Office of Resilience plan for 100% clean energy, committing the city to a vision of 100% clean energy for all by 2035. This plan will provide clean and renewable sources for Atlanta's energy needs and consequently create green jobs, save citizens money on power, improve overall health, and address the threat of climate change.

Come learn more about the plan, how the Georgia Sierra Club is working to raise Atlanta citizens' voices throughout the process, and how YOU can get involved in the movement!



Every other month, Sierra Club & Beer provides a space for learning and conversation over great beer! Enjoy guest speakers, networking, and trivia in a relaxed and social setting. Be sure to stick around through the end for trivia and door prizes!

**RSVP** 

#### **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

#### Come home for the holidays with the Georgia Sierra Club!

Celebrate the season with your Sierra Club family, commemorate all the hard work our Chapter has done this year, and enjoy a toast around the fire!

This is a potluck party: We provide the drinks (soda, beer, wine), you bring a dish to share! To ensure we don't have twenty green bean casseroles, please let us know what you're bringing by answering the questions in our RSVP signup <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6 - 10 PM

**PLACE:** Chapter Office (743 E College Avenue, Suite B, Decatur, GA 30030)





Want to help? Join the Holiday Party Host Committee!

What: Invite your friends, share your raffle ideas, and help set up OR cleanup at the party. How to sign up: Email Jessica Morehead at <a href="mailto:jessica.morehead@sierraclub.org">jessica.morehead@sierraclub.org</a>.

#### GEORGIA CLIMATE TIME CAPSULE DAY OF DEDICATION

The climate crisis is upon us. On November 18, communities across the country will be coming together to dedicate climate time capsules—archives of what we want to protect from environmental catastrophe and why. Join us as we call on elected officials to commit Georgia to 100% renewable energy. And bring a photograph, a letter, or a small item to encapsulate your commitment to reversing climate change.

This event will be co-hosted by the <u>Georgia Sierra Student</u> <u>Coalition</u>.

When: November 18 at 12 PM

Where: Georgia Plaza Park (across the street from the State

Capitol)

Contact: Oliver Owens, oliver.owens@sierraclub.org

**RSVP** 



#### TELL FERC TO CONSIDER THE TRUE COSTS OF SABAL TRAIL

In August, a panel of judges ruled to invalidate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) approval of the 515-mile, fracked gas Sabal Trail pipeline already running from Alabama to Florida. The court found that FERC failed to consider the greenhouse gas pollution from burning fracked gas delivered via the pipeline.



Act now to demand that FERC consider the true costs of Sabal Trail and deny approval of this pipeline until alternatives are given a fair shake.

This ruling required FERC to consider the impact of greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, associated with burning the fracked gas that is transported by Sabal Trail.

In response to the court's ruling, FERC rushed to produce a woefully inadequate supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS)-- it skated over the fact that the pipeline will have an enormous negative impact. FERC estimates the increase in greenhouse gases could be nearly 10%.2 This is more than 22 million metric tons of CO2 or CO2e, which is equal to the greenhouse gas emissions from 4,732,334 passenger vehicles driven for one year or the CO2 emissions from 5.5 coal-fired power plants in one year.3 That's a threat to our climate that we just can't stand for.

The Sabal Trail pipeline is a dangerous dirty fuel project that got its day in court. Tell FERC now it's time to admit this pipeline is too big of a threat to our air and water.

**TAKE ACTION** 

#### STAFF FEATURE: LORNETT VESTAL

Congratulations to Sierra Club Military Outdoors Southeastern Military and Veterans Coordinator Lornett Vestal, who was recently featured in *Sierra Club Outdoors*!

Read the article, "Service Continues: Lornett Vestal Is Bringing Veterans Together in the Outdoors" by clicking here >>

Interested in getting involved with the Military Outdoors program? Attend our Veteran's Day Panther Creek Trail Day (details above) to get started!

Pictured here: Lornett Vestal (far left) and kids from the International Rescue Committee - Atlanta at the September 16 Hike For Peace



# 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!**



There are several ways to make a contribution to the Georgia Sierra Club. Visit our <u>recently renovated webpage</u> to learn how you can make a lasting impact!

#### **CONNECT WITH US**





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