

Wisconsin Loves Parks

Liz Wessel

I have grown to love WI for its wonderful parks. On a summer evening or weekend, my husband and I often take off with the bare essentials of a picnic and we throw in a swim suit, towel and my hiking boots. We often end up at one of our state parks. And what we have experienced over the years is that the parks are used as much if not more than ever before. What we see is:

- There is a diversity of users from all walks of life.
- People enjoy a range of recreational activities.
- Families gather around the local picnic table or barbecue.
- More recently, we have also noticed garbage piled up, bathrooms locked or not functioning, and welcome stations closed with no staff.

When we moved to Wisconsin in the 1980's, these parks became part of our heritage, and now a legacy for my grandchildren. Together, we all own this land, and as such we have a responsibility as stewards for the health and welfare of Wisconsin parks. We need to ensure funding to cover the park's operating costs as well as continued access for all.

A core group of Sierrans have started a campaign – Wisconsin Loves Parks – to fulfill our obligations as stewards and focus on securing the long-term operating funds needed to support your parks. This effort needs champions, and we are proposing that everyone that loves a state park join together and champion this effort!

The focal point this year is May 11 – Wisconsin Loves Parks Day. The Four Lakes Group has adopted Governor Dodge State Park and plans to host an event there. The goal is to get 15 - 20 people at each event across the state offering recreational activities as well as raising awareness of the campaign goal – the establishment of sufficient operating funds. And of course, show love for your state park!

Here's how you can help:

- Help plan the May 11 event at Governor Dodge State Park – Contact Liz Wessel, lizard59sc@yahoo.com or 608-238-9934.
- Join the Wisconsin Loves Parks team. The team will be meeting every two weeks with members from across the state to help every location planning an event. Contact Katie Hogan, kathryn.hogan@sierraclub.org or 608-256-0565.
- Love a specific park? Plan your own event. The Wisconsin Loves Parks team can help you plan and promote your event. Contact Katie Hogan, kathryn.hogan@sierraclub.org or 608-256-0565.

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Chair's Column

Dave Blouin

While the new year is just beginning, no doubt there is a shared sense of relief post-election as we contemplate the promise of the new state administration. Much has already been written about the positives, but perhaps most encouraging for Sierrans watching natural resource policy is DNR leadership change. This change is especially positive when coupled with increasing efforts by local units of government to take charge of climate change and other impacts to their communities. Congratulations and thanks to every Sierra Club member and volunteer who helped these changes occur!

Locally, that means we'll continue to working to address climate change, energy conservation and efficiency, and renewable green energy here in Dane County and beyond. Our outreach in 2018 was impressive and including advocacy in Madison, Fitchburg, Janesville, Middleton, and Monona, and included Columbia, Iowa, Jefferson and Rock Counties. Executive Committee members Don Ferber, Liz Wessel, and Mary Reames have taken the lead on these efforts. Please contact them for more information or to volunteer – their contact info is inside.

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Planning our Land and Water Resources

In 2018, the Four Lakes Group had a number of opportunities to weigh in on Dane County public lands and waters. Our comments on both the Dane County Parks and Open Space 10 Year plan as well as the more recent comments to the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department on their ten-year plan focused on similar issues:

- Address equity and access issues for user groups, and management/stewardship decisions for public lands and waters
- Address anticipated changes from climate change (heat, rainfall, invasive species, introduction of new species, population growth)
- Value and put a premium on green infrastructure and climate mitigation (forests for carbon sequestration, wetlands for flood mitigation, carbon farming)

For the most part, our comments were well received by the Departments, but if we really want Dane County to keep moving forward on these issues, advocates need to be present every step of the way. We also want to support efforts in other Four Lakes Group counties (Columbia, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock and Sauk). Activists in these counties can share strategies and tools to continue momentum.

Four Lakes Group plans for 2019:

- Recruit more advocates at the local level especially in Dane, Green and Iowa Counties.
- Follow up on our comments in Dane County and support efforts in other counties.
- Continue to highlight parks as a valuable asset for healthy communities and local economies as well as help with climate mitigation.
- Take part in the Wisconsin Loves Parks day event at Governor Dodge State Park (Iowa County).

What you can do:

- Leverage what you are already doing as a friend of a park or clean energy advocate by teaming up with the Sierra Club.
- Share any strategies or comments on local public lands or waters; we can learn from each other and build on each other's work!
- Join the Wisconsin Loves Parks team and work on protecting and enhancing your local parks.
- Share your stories of why the parks and public lands are important to you (and may be to others)!
- Contact local and state level decision makers that fund programs for public lands and water. They need to hear from you that you care!

For ideas or more information, contact Liz Wessel, 608-238-9934 or lizard59sc@yahoo.com.

Chair's Column

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We're tentatively co-sponsoring a Madison Mayoral forum on March 20. Watch for details on our web site, Facebook page and Enews. We do not expect to make a mayoral endorsement, but felt it was important the candidates address key environmental and environmental justice issues before the April 2 election.

Congratulations to the Four Lakes Group leaders reelected to 2-year terms on the Executive Committee: Erik Petterson, Mary Reames, Liz Wessel, and Don Ferber. The Executive Committee is your local Sierra Club board of directors and has a small budget to help direct local activities consistent with state and national Sierra Club policies. We are always seeking talented and committed volunteers to serve on the committee.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find informative columns on several important conservation issues we're working on including transportation and our Beyond Coal campaign. Contact Don for more information or to volunteer. Our Outings Chair, Kathy Mulbrandon is always looking for new ideas for great outings and people who may have an interest in leading them as well. But we do have a variety of events occurring, so please like us on Facebook and watch our web site for updates and additions, or other opportunities.

One of our goals is to become more diverse in many ways – geography, age, income, and race – as well as interests and skills. Please contact me at 608-233-8455 or burroak15@gmail.com if you wish to learn more about the Sierra Club's efforts on equity, inclusion and justice. The Sierra Club supports our volunteer leaders by providing many kinds of free training for our activities such as outings, political work, fundraising, treasurer, conservation and more. The Executive Committee provides an added opportunity to have more say in the workings and directions of our Group.

2018 ended on a several positive notes and I hope you're as excited as I am about the possibilities for a better year for the environment in 2019. It's been hard to watch our beautiful state backslide on policies that protect all that we care for, but I'm optimistic based on changes we're seeing as a result of the fall election. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns or to learn more. Thank you for all you do to preserve and protect our shared air, land, and water that nourish and sustain us. See you on the trails!

Transportation – Providing Options

We are a mobile society, very dependent on transportation. Whether we are making wise choices is another matter. With the reduction in coal use, transportation is now the number one contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. But that's far from the only problem. Many people – students, elderly, low-income, people with disabilities, and people in remote areas – lack good transit options. We often have urban traffic jams with significant time wasted in commutes. Our infrastructure is crumbling, with maintenance costs exceeding what we are willing to spend. There is also runoff from impervious surfaces, emergency services, plowing, and a myriad of other costly needs. And that doesn't include externalized health care costs that particularly impacts poorer urban residents.

Many of these problems are of our own making. Remember the old Sierra Club campaign, "Sprawl Costs us All"? We're paying for that now. And as we continue to overbuild and expand roads in response to sprawl, we encourage more of it, and constrain mass transit options. More sprawl and cars mean more roadway demands – something many legislators seem very willing to accommodate.

Will moving to electric vehicles help? Yes – and no. It will reduce pollution, especially as we replace coal and other fossil fuels with clean energy. But it won't reduce sprawl – and the demand for automobiles and more roads, and the coincident costs. Different solutions will be required.

Mass Transit

As described in the exemplary report, *Arrive Together: Transportation Access and Equity in Wisconsin*, created by the Sierra Club and other partners, better mass transit is a much-needed part of the solution. Many people can't conveniently get to jobs, school, the doctor's office or shopping due to inadequate transit options. Some, who can afford it, are forced to get a car; others have to forgo traveling to many places, or not accept jobs. That not only hurts people individually or even creates risks, but means employers may have a lesser employee pool to draw from.

Mass transit requires public funding, something many people decry, forgetting the major subsidies roads receive, or the gas and road taxes they pay. With mass transit, especially buses, often being underfunded, it's been difficult to provide adequate service, which further undermines mass transit. Many millennials now look to mass transit and not

owning a car, but in many areas, lack transit service does not allow them to be car free.

Since transit needs don't stop at community borders, mechanisms to fund regional transit are needed. However, while many states have and allow regional transit authorities, and have funding mechanisms, Wisconsin does not. What was initiated at the end of Governor Doyle's term in 2010, was dispensed with quickly by a legislature that was and is antagonistic towards regional transit funding. As the *Arrive Together* report clearly demonstrates, this has handicapped many areas of the state from providing good transit options and serving their residents better.

Take Action

Wouldn't you rather pay less taxes and have better transit options? Don't you want you and your neighbors to have choices as to how to get around? Would you appreciate less crowded roads and less pollution? The *Arrive Together* report was only made possible by people and groups taking a stake in what was occurring in their local community and stepping up to take action and share their concerns.

If you're interested in getting active with transportation (or other) issues in your area or community, contact Katie Hogan at kathryn.hogan@sierraclub.org or Don Ferber at d_ferber@sbcglobal.net. We can provide support and help promote your concerns, and find other Sierrans in your area with similar interests.

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Calling all park stewards!

Dane Co Parks Volunteer winter workdays have been scheduled. Dane County is hosting winter Tree and Brush Removal Workdays on Fridays at sites around the county. Chain saw certification is required to use a chainsaw. Otherwise, you can help with stacking the brush for burning. If you plan to attend, please sign up. It's a great workout with a great group, and helps support our County Parks! The schedule can be found at <https://parks-lwr.dane.countyofdane.com/Event/Home/Index/12>.

Questions? Contact Dane County Parks: Rhea at (608) 224-3601, or Lars at (608) 286-9497.

Four Lakes outings, Winter – Spring 2019

For all outings, please wear weather and activity appropriate clothing, and good footwear. For work outings, wear work clothes and gloves. Bring fluids to drink, and a snack or food, and sunscreen, a hat, and insect repellent if needed. If carpooling, please be a little early. Our outings are generally free and kid and family friendly, but please contact the leader to RSVP, if you have questions, or with concerns about weather, or to cancel. Check the Four Lakes Group web site or Facebook page for updates or added events.

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(Outings led by Master Naturalist Alex Singer are in conjunction with Madison FUN Friends of Urban Nature and other partners.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/events/bird-nature.cfm>.)

Saturday, January 26, 10 - 11:30 am - Masting and other tree collaborations - Edna Taylor Conservancy

Join Alex for a winter outing to learn how trees, and plants in general, communicate much more than had been realized in aid of self, friends, and family. (Masting is when trees produce large amounts of fruits/seeds simultaneously as a means of ensuring that some will survive and/or cross pollinate.) No pets allowed. Park at 330 Femrite Drive, first lot on right and meet at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center lobby. RSVP to Alex Singer.

Saturday, February 3, 1:30 - 3 pm - Pushups, dreys and cavities: strategies for surviving winter - Cherokee Marsh

Here's an opportunity to learn from Alex about animal adaptations for those that stick around all winter. (Pushup is the winter muskrat lodge made of vegetation, and a drey is a squirrel nest made of mostly dead leaves.) The Park is at 6098 N Sherman Ave, meet at the North Unit main parking lot at the end of the curved gravel entry road. RSVP to Alex Singer.

Saturday, March 9, 2:30 - 4 pm – Syrupping isn't just with Maples - Owen Park

Join Alex to discuss and perhaps demonstrate maple syrup extraction and tree nutrient flow in general. We won't drill into any trees, but can taste a sample of homemade maple syrup. (Yum!) Meet at 6021 Old Sauk Road, main parking lot at end of entry road. RSVP to Alex Singer.

Saturday, March 23, 10 - 11:30 am - Season creep's cons (and pros?) - Edna Taylor Conservancy

Alex will lead this outing to learn about the mainly negative effects of season creep, the early onset of Spring and late advent of Autumn, on living organisms, and the relationship to the lengthening/shortening of seasons (and temperatures/precipitation) due to climate change. Park at 330 Femrite Drive in the first lot on right and meet at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center lobby area. RSVP to Alex Singer.

Tuesday, March 26, 6:15 pm - Ice Age Trail Evening Hike - Montrose Segment

Meet at Ice Age Trail/Badger State Trail in Basco (the trails combine here) off Hwy 69. We'll hike the trail towards Purcell Rd, then turn around and head back to Basco. This is an easy hike of about 6 miles total on level packed limestone trail. Take Hwy 69 south of Paoli for about 1.2 miles. Turn east on Henry Rd, and go about a 1/2 mile into Basco. Park on the street by the trail intersection. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Saturday, April 6, 10 am - New Glarus Woods State Park Spring Hike

Join David for his annual 4 - 5 mile hike through prairies and forests at New Glarus Woods State Park. This is a moderate difficulty hike with rolling hills and ravines, and provides a great opportunity to observe and learn about spring ephemerals and succession as they start to bloom and trees bud out. To carpool meet David at 9 am at the Verona Park & Ride, Hwy PB and Verona Rd. Otherwise, meet at New Glarus Woods State Park parking lot off State Hwy 69, 2 miles south of New Glarus. Vehicles need a Wisconsin State Park pass, which can be purchased at the park. RSVP to David Smith.

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30pm - Ice Age Trail Evening Hike - Verona South Segment

Enjoy a near full moon evening hike starting at the Ice Age Trail Military Ridge Trailhead. We'll head south along Badger Mill Creek and end at Prairie Moraine County Park, and enjoy some nice boardwalk and kettle

ponds on the way. This will be a 4-mile one-way hike, so we'll need to also shuttle cars to the finish. Meet at the Verona Park & Ride adjacent to the Military Ridge Trail. From Madison, take Hwy. 18/151 to Verona exit 81, and turn left at the stoplight to the parking lot on Hwy PB. Bring a flashlight/headlamp. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Saturday, May 11, Governor Dodge State Park

Save the date for our statewide Wisconsin Loves Parks event. Contact Liz Wessel, lizard59sc@yahoo.com or 608-238-9934 for more info on our Four Lakes event or to volunteer.

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30pm - Ice Age Trail Evening Hike - Cross Plains Segment

We'll hike the Ice Age Trail segment north of the Cross Plains village nestled in the Black Earth Creek valley between Driftless Area hills. We'll take the loop through woodlands, savanna and prairie in the hills on the north side of the village of about 3 miles. Note that the beginning has a steepish rock stairs leading to the uppermost area of the trail, but is easy hiking otherwise. Plan on about 2 hours. Meet at the northwest corner of the Municipal Park (by swimming pool) parking lot, 2106 Lewis St., Cross Plains. RSVP to Kathy Mulbrandon.

Cruisin' for Cuisine

Cruisin' for Cuisine is a casual dinner group that meets monthly at a locally owned Madison area restaurant. We order off the menu and everyone gets their own check. Non-members are welcome to join us. We're always trying out different places, so please join us for good food and fine camaraderie.

Thursday, February 21 – Brothers Three Bar and Grill, 614 N Fair Oaks Ave, Madison

Join fellow Sierrans at the iconic east side Brothers Three (<http://www.brothersthreemadison.com>) Madison bar and grill for full-on hearty Wisconsin fare. You won't leave hungry or thirsty, but you'll probably leave happy. RSVP to Janine Melrose.

Thursday, April 18 – Dobhan, 2110 Atwood Ave, Madison

Dobhan (<http://www.dobhankitchen.com>) is noted for their Nepali cuisine, but they also do a fine job with other styles, and Thursdays are Cuban nights at Dobhan.

The lovely decor will keep you entranced while you're there waiting for your food. RSVP to Don Ferber.

Canoecopia

March 8 – 10

Alliant Energy Center

Aaah, cruising along in your favorite canoe or kayak, watching the scenery drift by. Perhaps instead you're into whitewater outings. Or you want to hear about exciting new destinations – and a new boat to do it in.

Canoecopia is your all-in-one destination for outdoors paddle sports. With a myriad of presentations, boat manufacturers and equipment resellers, it's the place to be to prepare for open water season. The Chapter and our River Touring Section will once again have a large presence there, and if you're interested in volunteering, contact Eric Uram at eric.uran@headwater.us.

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Dane County - Landfilling and Recycling

Mary Reames

I once had a bumper sticker on my car that read, “When you throw something away, where is *away*?” So, when the Four Lakes Group toured the Dane County Landfill, I had an opportunity to learn what it is we call *away*.

Everyone knows landfilling waste is not ideal. That includes the people at the Dane County Department of Public Works, Highway, and Transportation who operate the landfill. The types and amounts of items they remove from the garbage for recycling is impressive (or depressive). This includes construction and demolition debris (concrete, shingles, asphalt, etc.), tires, hazardous wastes, (i.e. batteries) and bicycles. Some construction and demolition debris (about 60,000 tons per year) is ground up for use in roadbeds. Bicycles are collected by local nonprofits for folks who can’t otherwise afford them. The buildings use waste heat from machinery and natural gas from the landfill for heating and electricity.

Still, according to John Welch, Dane County Solid Waste Manager, who led our tour, about 220,000 tons of garbage per year is landfilled. That’s a lot! In years with natural disasters (last summer’s flooding, or Stoughton’s 2005 tornado), that goes up significantly. The landfill, opened in 1985 and expanded twice since then, currently contains about eight of its ten-million-ton capacity.

Landfill operators take several measures to contain waste and prevent its escape into the surrounding environment. Each new cell is lined with four feet of compacted clay, then with 60 mils of double-welded, pressure-tested plastic, and then with a layer of stones to filter out the leachate (liquid that leaks from the waste). Leachate is pumped to the municipal sewer district for treatment. A 25-foot-high fence surrounds the landfill to prevent litter from blowing away, and several odor-control measures are in place. From on top of the landfill, the odor was minimal, although there are occasional problems.

Sixty-five wells extract methane generated by the waste. Currently, the methane is converted to biogas to provide electricity and heat to the landfill’s buildings, but more biogas is produced than is needed at the facility. Since it is not economical to sell electricity produced from biogas to MG&E, Dane County is building a biogas plant to purify and convert the methane to compressed natural gas that will be sold to a national market.

When each cell is full, it is covered with a cap basically identical to the liner, and then covered with soil and planted with shallow-rooted prairie grasses. Once closed, the entire landfill will become a natural conservancy area. Welch predicts that will happen in 10 to 12 years, or 15 to 18 if the landfill is allowed to expand vertically.

Recycling

To reduce landfill growth, the ideal solution is to reduce the waste we produce. Because many byproducts do not currently have direct secondary uses, the next best thing is to recycle waste. The Four Lakes Group sponsored a visit to Pellitteri’s Kipp Street recycling facility in Madison. While safety regulations prevent us from visiting the recycling floor, the Pellitteris have an education room with windows that overlook the area. We met Tim Bolhuis, a Pellitteri account executive, who described the Pellitteri family’s history of involvement in the waste and recycling business, and watched a video showing how the mixed materials are sorted, which is done mainly by machine. The system makes amazing use of rollers, blowers, magnets, and gravity to sort cardboard, paper, metal, glass, and plastics, which are then baled and sent to processors for reuse. Workers act as quality control to pull out anything that slipped through the system and ended up in the wrong place.

Bolhuis also answered numerous of our questions and resolved several recycling conundrums, such as what to do with plastic bottle caps (either leave them on the bottle or collect them in a separate container), if shredded paper can be put in the recycling bin (it can, but in a separate bag), and how clean is clean (rinsed, but not washed in the dishwasher). He emphasized that many recycling answers are in the City of Madison’s Recyclopeda (<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/documents/Recyclopeda2019-web.pdf>).

Where is Away?

The upshot is, there really is no *away*. Waste must be repurposed, recycled or buried in the ground. As we learn how our waste is processed, hopefully we will become more aware how important it is to reduce it.

To tour the Dane County Landfill, contact Abdulla Younes at (608) 267-0120. To learn more about recycling at Pellitteri’s Kipp Street Station, watch their video at <https://www.pellitteri.com/pages/residential-recycling>.

Fossil Fuels – Time to Vanquish Them!

The handwriting is on the wall. Coal is on the way out. So are other fossil fuels. The issue is how fast. One helpful thing is that the governor makes an appointment to the 3-member Public Service Commission every two years. While Governor Evers is only appointing one Commissioner now, the utilities know that the PSC will be trending towards one supportive of clean energy.

But we need action now, and that's precisely what is occurring at the local level. Madison and Middleton have passed resolutions to move to 100% renewable energy, Fitchburg and Monona have resolutions in process, and Dane County's Climate Action Council has plans underway. This is a great time to get involved with clean energy activism. Nor is the action confined to Dane County, as cities elsewhere are taking strong action too.

Opportunities are ready and waiting. Our MGE activist team is planning actions around MGE's coal dependency and lack of urgency on clean energy. Another group, including youth activists, is talking about how the Madison Metropolitan School District can put solar on schools. Other energy advocates are discussing policies and programs our communities can adopt to reduce our fossil fuel use dependency.

What we need is your input. What is it you're frustrated with and think we should be doing – or doing faster? If you're interested in volunteering or sharing your ideas, please contact Don Ferber at d_ferber@sbcglobal.net or Cassie Steiner at cassandra.steiner@sierraclub.org.

Avenues in Dane County

In the Madison area, one avenue we're pursuing is to push back on MGE and educate residents about their reliance on coal and other fossil fuels. Despite their ads, MGE lags well behind what other utilities are doing to get off fossil fuels and move quickly to renewable energy, and well behind what science says is needed to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. We have a lot of young people in school who are getting involved, and why not? Their future is the one that's most at stake.

We also have volunteers who go to sustainability committee meetings, and lobby for communities to pass resolutions to move to 100% renewable energy and encourage them to move faster. Finding local energy advocates who can band together, talk to community

leaders and advocate for programs and policies that can be adopted locally is another avenue we are pursuing.

We're also meeting to discuss what we can do to get our local school board to back renewable energy on schools. At Madison's West High School, students helped raise a considerable amount of money to put more solar on their school. Solar on schools is something that should be emulated district wide. Schools have plenty of roof space for large solar installations, and that energy can reduce operating costs for schools – and our taxes.

We are also working to get businesses to sign pledges to move to 100% renewable energy that will put their community and utility on notice that they think clean energy is the best path for our future. It's not only good for the business community in general, but many good local jobs can arise out of moving to renewables and adding more energy efficiency.

Next steps in your community

The local level is where much of the action is now. Dane County is a start, but we need many more communities to get on board to put further pressure on MGE, Alliant Energy, and other utilities to put further pressure on them to move further faster on clean energy, including energy efficiency and transportation. Citizens are talking about renewable energy in Sauk County, a wind farm is proposed in Green County, and a solar farm in Iowa County. Is there something happening in your county to share and get other Sierrans involved with?

If you live elsewhere, what's happening in your county or municipality? Who do you know who is pushing to deal with climate change and advocating for clean energy? Is there a sustainability committee or staff person working on solutions? What about businesses, schools, churches or other community institutions? We invite you to get find out what's going on and encourage your community to take action if they're not already. If they are, what more can they do, or what support is needed?

There are many opportunities to connect with your local government, businesses, schools or churches who are interested in or involved with clean energy, including avenues such as community solar. The Four Lakes Group and John Muir Chapter are here to support you, and can connect you to other interested Sierra Club members in your community. Just contact Cassie or Don and we'll talk with you about what the next steps might be.



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WHA Garden Expo

Alliant Energy Center

February 8 - 10

Who doesn't like being green – and what better place to do so than at WHA's 2019 Garden Expo? Even if you enjoy snow and winter, you can still savor the sights and smells of spring – in February! You not only get to enjoy the Expo's multitude of wonderful exhibits, seminars and workshops, but you'll also support the Sierra Club by joining with fellow Sierrans at our booth and talking with Expo attendees about your and their favorite issues.

By volunteering just a few hours, your pass will get you into the Expo FREE ALL WEEKEND (although the Expo Center does charge for parking). That allows to you spend many hours taking in all the Expo sights, smells and learning opportunities. More info on the Garden Expo is at <https://www.wigardenexpo.com>.

To sign up go to <http://signup.com/go/cSUyrcy>, read the information, and select the shift(s) of your choice. Staffing the booth is easy and we'll provide all the information you need ahead of time and while you're there. Consider asking a friend to join you as well. You'll be staffing the booth with other Sierrans, so you'll always have support.

Sign up – don't miss out and be green with envy! For more info, contact Don Ferber at d_ferber@sbcglobal.net.