



# Sierra

## JUNE MEETING

**Tuesday,  
June 24**

6pm at  
**Rick & Julia  
Komperud's home:  
3703 Brook Lane  
Onalaska, WI**  
ALL are welcome



**This year's annual summer picnic** will be hosted by Rick and Julia Komperud. Bring a dish to pass and your own plates, utensils and beverage. They'll have additional items, food, drink if you forget. Sierra Club members and non-members are all invited; bring a new friend!

Their backyard with large deck faces the bluffs; you can view the many bird feeders and bird houses; enjoy hummingbirds, indigo buntings, orioles, squirrels, and other wildlife that is so abundant this year. We will be mostly outdoors, have some wine, share intelligent conversation, etc. Feel free to bring your favorite photographs, stories, or just relax around the table or fire-pit. There is a beautiful kid's playground and sand box for kids. If it rains, there's plenty of room to move indoors.

**Directions:** The Komperuds are between Onalaska and Holmen, WI.

Take Hwy 53, either from the north or south. Exit on OT, and head EAST (turn RIGHT on OT if coming from La Crosse; LEFT if from Holmen). Turn LEFT onto Sand Lake Road.

Take the 2nd RIGHT onto Hanson Road, then take the first immediate right onto Brook Lane. Look for the 2-story grey home at the end of the cul-de-sac with green metal roof.

Feel free to call if you need further directions: (608) 783-7778.



**Note: There will  
be no SC Coulee  
Region meetings in  
July and August.**

**Have a great  
summer!**

## Save the Date! Autumn Assembly

Sierra Club's Autumn Assembly, featuring keynote speaker Ron Seely, will take place **October 10-12, 2014 at the Phantom Lake YMCA Camp in Mukwonago, Wisconsin.**

The Autumn Assembly is a fun, family-friendly event featuring indoor and outdoor environmental activities for people of all ages.

Phantom Lake YMCA camp, founded in 1896, sits on 72 acres of scenic woodlands and offers a variety of opportunities for attendees to connect with nature. This year's Assembly, hosted by the Great Waters Group will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and include updates on our campaigns to expand clean energy and transit and protect Wisconsin's water, land, and wildlife.

On Saturday, October 11, we are honored to

welcome Center for Investigative Journalism editor and reporter Ron Seely as our keynote speaker! Seely was an award-winning science and environmental reporter for the Wisconsin State Journal. He has also served as a senior lecturer in University of Wisconsin - Madison's Life Sciences Communication Department.

Seely is a three-time winner of the Wisconsin Press Association's award for environmental reporting, as well as the American Chemical Society's prestigious James T. Grady—James H. Stack Award. In 2013, he was hired by the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism as an editor and environmental reporter. He's sure to be interesting and inspiring.

For information on other assembly events:

<http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/Events/aa.asp>

## Summer Highway Cleanup

It's almost that time again—for the 2nd of 3 annual cleanups of River Valley Drive in the La Crosse Marsh. The cleanup will be held

**Tuesday, July 1,  
at 6 p.m.** Meet

at the city water well building near the intersection of County Highway B and River Valley

Drive on the north side of La Crosse. Wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Orange vests and garbage bags are provided. We'll work for an hour to 90 minutes. There's a traditional stop at Rudy's Drive-in after the cleanup. For more information contact Maureen Kinney: 784-9324 or [maureen@johnsflaherty.com](mailto:maureen@johnsflaherty.com).





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## 2014 Sierra Club Canoe Trips into Boundary Waters/Quetico Park

Ontario Canada's Quetico Provincial Park offers one of the world's truly unique and premier canoeing experiences. You can now travel here with experienced guides for a fraction of an outfitter's price. The John Muir Chapter and Cascade Chapter of the Sierra Club offer the following trips into the International Boundary Waters Wilderness Area, including Quetico Provincial Park.

All Quetico trip leaders are experienced veterans of the area with Wilderness First Aid and outings leadership training. No experience is required, but you will find a good attitude and physical fitness essential. Crews are always limited to a maximum of nine participants. Prices include all group supplies, equipment, food and lodging—including park permits and taxes. Not included are pre/post trip travel costs, passports, personal permits and fishing licenses.

Contact the trip leader for more information.

### TRIP DATES:

**August 1-10, 2014 (8 days, 7 nights)** Departure Point: Moose Lake - Ely, MN. \$600. Trip leader Nancy McDermott njmcderm@gmail.com (608-238-1421)

**August 1-9 2014 (8 days, 7 nights)** Departure Atikokan, Ontario. \$600. Trip Leaders Mike McQuilkin sumcqu@comcast.net (253-219-9208) and Scott McQuilkin lo86blazer@aol.com (253-988-4394)

**August 8 - 17, 2014 (8 days, 7 nights)** Departure: Moose Lake - Ely, MN area. \$600. Trip leader: Vicki Christianson 715-827-0379 ctn44958@centurytel.net



## North Dakota Bus Trips

These bus trips might be of interest to Sierra Club members and history buffs:

**July 20-24 "On the Trail of Teddy Roosevelt."** This trip includes the Badlands of North Dakota, the Medara Musical and much more.

**August 17-19 "Lands of the Dakota War of 1862"** Highlights include the Lower and Upper Sioux Agencies, Fort Ridgley and more.

If you're interested, call Janice Johnson at 608-782-8261 evenings.