



Georgia Chapter

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Georgia's Clean Power Celebration

President Obama and the EPA are about to announce a historic action to fight climate disruption, and **you can be there to support them.**

The proposed Clean Power Plan will reduce carbon emissions at power plants like Plant Scherer and increase development of clean energy. But because this represents a threat to fossil fuel interests, they're fighting to derail this historic action. Southern Company has condemned the plan from the onset, offering no real recommendations to improve it and the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity claims that Georgia's attorney general is preparing to sue over the rule as soon as possible.



We need to show strong grassroots support for this historic climate action. The fossil fuel industry is counting on you to stay home instead of coming out to support the most meaningful action any world leader has taken on climate.

[Come out with other local activists and join our rally Wednesday, August 5 at Liberty Plaza at the Georgia State Capitol to show we support climate action!](#)

Event details:

WHO: You, Sierra Club, and other climate and clean energy activists

WHAT: Georgia's Clean Power Celebration: a rally to celebrate President Obama's and EPA's Clean Power Plan, Georgia's growing clean energy industry, and clean air and water for Georgians!

WHEN: Wednesday, August 5, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

WHERE: Liberty Plaza, corner of Capitol Ave. and MLK Jr. Drive, Atlanta [MAP] (1 block south of the Georgia State MARTA Station)

RSVP: sc.org/AtlantaClimateRally

Questions: Contact Ian Karra at (770) 674-8295 or ian.karra@sierraclub.org

This time last year, nearly 1,000 activists like you took to the Atlanta streets to show support for the original announcement of EPA's Clean Power Plan. Now that the final

rule is about to be released, it's time to come together again and celebrate what this means for the state--cleaner air, water, and jobs for Georgians! **To cool off, King of Pops popsicles will be available for the first 100 attendees!**

[Georgia was #1 in the nation for creating new clean energy jobs in the first quarter of this year. We can show our state regulators that coal plants like Plant Hammond and Scherer are things of the past and clean energy is the right step forward for Georgia -- RSVP for the rally today!](#)

NAACP Journey for Justice



The Sierra Club has endorsed the NAACP's Journey for Justice, a series of on the ground actions, rallies, and teach-ins throughout 5 states in an 860-mile march from Selma, AL to Washington DC. The America's Journey for Justice (AJFJ) March will be comprised of five relay-type State-centered marches and coordinated rallies along the march route dramatizing the need for State-level redress and reform in the areas of criminal justice, public education, labor rights, and voting rights. We will work

with all of our NAACP State Conferences, including those outside of the march route, to host multiple simultaneous rallies to press an "Our Lives, Our Votes, Our Schools and Our Jobs" reform agenda in states all around the country.

The Georgia Leg of the march will commence on August 8th, and the Georgia Chapter will be there to support it as it makes stops in LaGrange, Atlanta and Athens. On August 14th, a rally addressing Educational issues and reforms will be held in Atlanta along with simultaneous Education rallies held around the country. Please save the date to participate in the rally in Atlanta, and look for more details in our next Footnotes issue! [To learn more about the Journey for Justice, click here.](#)

Sierra Club Meetings

Smart Energy Solutions Committee, Monday, August 3, 7:00 p.m.

Contact Cecilia Harris, ceciliaharris@gmail.com

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee, Monday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.

Contact William Tomlin, wmltom@gmail.com

RAIL Committee, Monday, August 24, 7:00 p.m.

Interim Contact: Colleen Kiernan, colleen.kiernan@sierraclub.org

Don't live in Atlanta? Check out our [Local Groups](#).

Other Events



August 1st - Hike and Swim at Panther Creek Falls - Join us for a 6.8 mile round trip hike and swim at Panther Creek Falls. Panther Creek Falls is a high-volume powerful affair that dumps over a large and ragged rock face into one of the largest pools in the Georgia Mountains. The majority of the trail is flat and shaded with only a few steep inclines. We will hike at a moderate pace until we reach the 70 foot waterfall where we will spend a couple of hours swimming and having lunch before heading back to the trailhead. Limit 12. [Click here to register.](#)

August 8th - Sierra Club 101 - You joined the Sierra Club to help protect the environment -- now what? Come learn about the Sierra Club and how to get involved in our local efforts. Open to members and non-members alike--bring a friend! [Please register here](#) so we can bring enough refreshments for everyone.



August 12th - Atlanta Green Drinks - To celebrate August's Atlanta Green Drinks, we invite you to enjoy free beer with us at Trees Atlanta's beautiful Kendeda Center in Reynoldstown. Their amazing staff & volunteers have worked tirelessly since 1985 protecting Atlanta's forests, replacing lost trees and creating new greenspace, planting over 100,000 new shade trees in city right-of-ways, front yards, parks, parking lots, schools, neighborhoods, multi-family housing units, public facilities, places of worship, industrial parks, transportation corridors, and along the PATH400 & Atlanta BeltLine. So let's show them some love! All green folks are welcome! [Click here to register.](#)

August 22 & November 14th - Georgia River Network Hidden Gems Paddle - Save the date for excursions to rediscover some of the hidden gems on Georgia's waterways. Each one-day river trip includes lunch and presentations along the route, ranging from natural history and water quality testing to cultural history and river cleanups. On Aug 22: South River - From Urban Wasteland to Wet & Wild Oasis - Go with the flow and explore this nearly forgotten beauty. On Nov 14: Ochlockonee River - Tea-Stained Waters, Cypress Knees & Rich Wildlife Diversity - Discover this majestic river in the Red Hills of Southwest Georgia. [Click here to register.](#)





REGISTRATION OPEN! October 23 to 25th - 2015 Georgia Chapter Retreat - The Georgia Chapter's bi-annual gathering will take place at Crooked River State Park in St. Mary's, GA. Join us and experience a weekend of fun, adventure and learning with your fellow Sierra Club volunteers and leaders from all over Georgia. In addition to several planned hikes, Sierrans will participate in workshops, including Intro to Activism Training and Backpacking 101. The Chapter has also arranged for an exclusive visit to Cumberland Island, Georgia's largest and southernmost barrier island! On Saturday evening, we will gather for a special Awards Banquet to recognize our volunteer leaders, with Sierra Club President Aaron Mair and Author Janisse Ray joining us as our amazing Keynote Speakers! [Click here for more information and to register!](#)

Looking for more? Check out our [Meetup Group](#) for even more events!



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