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2016 John Muir Outings Series



Every year, on the weekends in April, we celebrate our founder's birthday with the John Muir Outings Series. Join us as we explore and enjoy Georgia's beautiful wild places, and share how you can be a part of protecting them for generations to come.



Saturday, April 9 - Wild Azalea Festival at Clayton Reynolds Nature Preserve

Join us for a stroll through Clayton's Reynolds Nature Preserve where they will be hosting their annual Wild Azalea Festival, which will one day be accessible from the proposed Clayton State University commuter rail stop that MARTA is working to deliver. [Click here to register >>](https://www.sierraclub.org/georgia/johnmuiroutings)

Paddle

Saturday, April 16 - Tybee Island to Elba Island



Join our local Coastal Group for a paddle to view the destructive Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) export center on Elba Island, near Savannah. They will ride down Lazaretto Creek, then paddle upstream to the Elba Island LNG terminal. [Click here to register >>](#)



Saturday, April 23 - Georgia's First National Park?

Did you know that plans are progressing nicely through Congress underway to make the Ocmulgee National Monument (near Macon)

Georgia's first National Historical Park? Join us on our visit to this prehistoric native American site for a ranger-led tour, followed by an afternoon full of outing options.

[Click here to register >>](#)



Saturday, May 7 - Sun Power & River Run

Georgia was the #1 state in 2015 for new solar energy jobs! On Saturday, May 7, join the Sierra Club Smart Energy Solutions team to tour the Suniva solar panel factory and a net-zero home, and see the solar industry in action. [Click here to register >>](#)

Colleen's Farewell Shindig & Birthday Party



Colleen's FAREWELL SHINDIG & BIRTHDAY!

April 1st - 6 pm to 9 pm

Join us for Colleen's
combination send-off!

SUGGESTED DONATION \$25

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$100 Homies

\$250 Lady Bros

\$500 Best Friends Forever

HOSTED BY: Sally Bethea, David
Emory, Jennette Gayer, Brionté
McCorkle, and Midge Sweet

We are bidding a fond but reluctant farewell to Chapter Director Colleen Kiernan, whose last day with the Georgia Chapter is April 1st. Since joining as Director in 2010, Colleen has led the Chapter through one of the most successful periods in our history. "The mountains are calling and I must go," Colleen said. She's heading to Northern California for some well-earned R&R and will return to Atlanta in May to begin her next adventure.

It is also Colleen's birthday! Join us as we celebrate her accomplishments and born day, see her off on her journey, and set the stage for a new chapter at the Georgia Sierra Club.

RSVP >>

Sierra Club Meetings

Smart Energy Solutions Committee, Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Contact [Ian Karra](#)

Membership Committee, Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Contact [Lindsay Crumpton](#)

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee, Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Contact [William Tomlin](#)

RAIL Committee, Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Contact [Brionté McCorkle](#)

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

Upcoming Events



April 1st - SART: Tasting Progress in Georgia's Urban Agriculture Movement - Agriculture accounts for more than \$74 billion annually to Georgia's economy. Though the state has long had advocacy groups and associations supporting the interests of rural farmers, a new appointment in the City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Sustainability acknowledges the importance of urban agriculture in sustainability. April's SART will focus on this appointment and other recent developments in the local sustainable food movement. [Click here to register >>](#)



April 5th - Georgia State University Climate Leadership Summit - You are invited to join in a free Climate Leadership Summit on Tuesday, April 5th from 9 am to 4:30pm in the GSU Student Center. Lunch will be provided, so you must register! Speakers include national EPA, the City of Atlanta, Southface, corporate sustainability leaders including Cox Enterprises and Coca-Cola, civil rights leaders, and student leaders from different universities, as well as workshops on community organizing. [Click here to register >>](#)



April 9th - 1st Annual Urban Kids Fishing Derby - Urban American Outdoors TV will host the 1st Annual Urban Kids Fishing Derby ATL. The free Saturday fishing excursion will be held on April 9, 2016 at the Sweetwater Creek State Park in Douglas County. Registration begins at 9:00 am and the derby kicks off and ends at 1pm. This will be an Every Kid in a Park event. Partnering host this year includes Glam Outdoors, Keepin' It Wild, F.A.C.T.S Tutoring Services, Healthy Park Healthy People, US Fish & Wildlife, US Forest Service. [Click here for more information and to register >>](#)



April 13th - Repowering the Region: A Town Hall Discussion on Rome's Clean Energy Future - In the last three years, Georgia's coal use has dropped to its lowest level in more than thirty years, and that trend shows no signs of stopping. Now, as Georgia Power considers its 20-year energy plan, our state regulators can help bring clean energy jobs to northwest Georgia, and eliminate the need for dangerous, polluting coal plants. Join other residents in the area at 6pm at Berry College to tell our Public Service Commissioners that

Georgia is ready for clean energy. [Click here to RSVP >>](#)



April 14th - EarthShare of Georgia 14th Annual Leadership Breakfast - EarthShare of Georgia's 2016 Leadership Breakfast will be held at The Stave Room @ American Spirit Works. Business and non-profit leaders of Georgia and beyond will gather to celebrate Georgia's environment and sustainable business practices at the 14th Annual Earth Day Leadership Breakfast. [Click here to register >>](#)



April 16th - Power: How to Build it, How to Use it - Activist Training Series Part #2: Campaigns are focused on achieving a visionary goal that will be a real, concrete change from the status quo. We take campaign planning seriously in the Sierra Club because it is our roadmap to success: it lays out expectations, makes assignments and deadlines; involves key stakeholders; and gives us a way to define and measure our success so that we can learn

from what we do and keep improving. [Click here to register >>](#)

DEMOCRACY AWAKENING 2016

April 16 to 18th - Democracy Awakening -

Thousands of people are mobilizing in Washington, DC this spring for Democracy Awakening to demand a democracy where every vote is heard and counted and all Americans have an equal voice. Failing to hold a hearing on a Supreme Court nominee, failing to hold a hearing on voting rights, failing to move forward on money in politics reforms - Congress is failing our democracy and needs to hear our voice! [Click here for more information and to register >>](#)



TICKETS ON SALE NOW.

April 21st - EarthShare of Georgia 21st Annual Earth Day Party - EarthShare of Georgia's 2016 Annual Earth Day Party will be held on Thursday, April 21 at Ponce City Market. Join a diverse group of environmentalists, devoted philanthropists, business professionals and the community-at-large to help promote sustainable practices and policies where we work, live and play. [Click here to register >>](#)

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