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Earth Day Events

Every year, America and over 100 different countries join together in the celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd. Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. On Earth Day, we remember to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect our environment.

Forty years after the first Earth Day, the world is in greater peril than ever. While climate change is the greatest challenge of our time, it also presents the greatest opportunity – an unprecedented chance to build a healthy, prosperous, clean energy economy now and for the future.



As Earth Day rolls around again in 2010, the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club would like you to reflect on your impact on the Earth and in particular Georgia's environment. **Take this opportunity to take action for something that will help our environment.** John Muir, the founder of the Sierra Club, wrote in 1911 in *My First Summer in the Sierra*, "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe."



Earth Day 2010 has many events and environmental initiatives taking place. Since we are all connected to our environment, please take the time to read through this issue and celebrate Earth Day with like-minded individuals or take action to help further important environmental needs. **You can start by joining the Georgia Chapter at the Georgia Chapter Office to celebrate John Muir's birthday today, April 21st. Join us for delicious cookie cakes at our office at 7:00p.m.** For more information on Earth Day with the Sierra Club [click here.](#)

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves."

-- John Muir, *Our National Parks*, 1901, page 56.

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PROMO CODE FOR 5% OFF: 'GoSierra'

The Sierra Club Features- Radial, an American food café that opened in April of 1999, will be featured this week on www.thegreenhalf.com in partnership with the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club. Radial has been a great environmental partner in the past by opening their space to the Sierra Club and showing environmental stewardship. This week the Green Half will donate 10% of net certificate sales to the Georgia Chapter. Also your promo code is 'GoSierra' and is good for 5% additional off through April 25th. For more information or to purchase please [click here.](#)

Be the E! In honor of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, *Be the E* is a call to action evoking Gandhi's quote, "Be the change you want to see in the world." publictransportation.org is partnering with Earth Day, New York to promote the environmental aspects of public transit. Take a photo of yourself giving the 'I am E' sign. Show that you support public transportation, then e-mail the picture to cctgirl@gmail.com for a photo montage for our representatives. Read more [here](#).



Georgia Chapter Sierra Club on Facebook! Facebook is one of the most used social networking services and the Georgia Chapter wants to keep you informed at your convenience. The *Sierra Club - Georgia Chapter* Group announces Sierra Club meetings, socials, and outings to bring us together for fun times while supporting our campaigns. We hope that you can join us and will invite your friends! [Click here](#) to join now.

Do you have stock in Southern Company? As a shareholder, you will get a chance to vote on a few important upcoming items at or before the 2010 Annual Shareholders Meeting. Southern Company operates 22 ash ponds in the state of Georgia. These coal waste ponds are a direct risk to shareholder bottom lines. As such, a resolution has been introduced to Southern Company shareholders to encourage the Board to "prepare a report on the company's efforts... to reduce environmental and health hazards associated with coal combustion waste, and how those efforts may reduce legal, reputational and other risks to the company's finances and operations." Please sign your shares up [here](#) so we can get a handle how many folks we know hold stock.



Act Now to Help Public Transit Funding in Georgia! In March, The Georgia Water Stewardship Act was passed by both the state Senate and House of Representatives. This bill puts into place many important water conservation measures which the Sierra Club and its allies in the Georgia Water Coalition have supported for years. The Water Stewardship Act is a major step forward for wise use of our water resources in Georgia. Now, let's help funding for public transportation to have the same success. Your State Senator and Representative need to hear from you. Urge them to support legislation that includes MARTA funding flexibility and funding for mass transit. Please [click here](#).

Sierra Club Meetings

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, April 26th, 6:45p.m., Jim Dexter – Chair, call 678-313-2407, jimdex@aol.com

Fundraising Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00p.m., Erin Wetty – Chair, call 404-607-1262 x 225, gregory.schwartz@sierraclub.org

Inner City Outings Meeting, Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00p.m., Allison Williams, call 404-664-4199, adwilliams8@yahoo.com

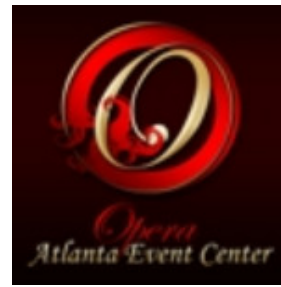
Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, May 3rd, 6:30p.m refreshments, 7p.m. start, Colleen Kiernan - Chair, colleenkiernan@mindspring.com

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 18th, 7p.m., Phil Zinsmeister - Chair, pzinsmeister@oglethorpe.edu

Environmental Events

Party on Land

Wednesday, April 21st, 7:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.
 Opera Nightclub, 1150 B Crescent Avenue, Atlanta, GA ([map](#))
 EarthShare of Georgia's Earth Day Party is Atlanta's premiere Earth Day event, bringing together a diverse group of grassroots environmentalists, devoted philanthropists, and business professionals. Enjoy live music, food, and an Eco-silent auction stocked with deals on eco-friendly products, unique getaways, outdoor gear, and jewelry. Proceeds for the evening benefit EarthShare of Georgia of which the Georgia Chapter is a member. For more information please [click here](#).

**Type A, Earth Day Celebration**

Thursday, April 22nd, 7:00p.m.
 Dolce - Atlantic Station ([map](#))
 Celebrate Earth Day at Type A with EarthShare of Georgia. Join all the free fun and networking as we celebrate Earth Day in a major way. Speakers will include community leaders and Townsend Bailey of Generation Green. For more information please [click here](#).

Zoo Atlanta Party for the Planet

Saturday, April 24th, 10:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
 Zoo Atlanta - Grant Park ([map](#))
 Join Zoo Atlanta for a wild, green bash for wildlife preservation and resource conservation! Recycle, reuse and re-imagine your view of our world with fun family activities, crafts, a super lineup of green exhibitors and more. Help table with the Sierra Club from 10:00a.m. until 4:00p.m. Contact Genie Strickland at 404-607-1262 ext. 221. For more information about the festival [click here](#).

**Sierra Club Office Beautification Day**

Saturday, May 1st, 10:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.
 Sierra Club Georgia Chapter Office ([map](#))
 Join us for a volunteer work day at the office. We'll paint the fence, landscape and prepare our green space for the summer. Afterwards, we'll head over to the Decatur Greenfest to celebrate. Please contact the Sierra Club Office for more information at 404-607-1262 x 221.

Decatur Green Fest

Saturday, May 1st, 3:00p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 Join your neighbors on the Decatur Square for environmental awareness, children's activities, artists and music. The day ends with the first spring concert on the Square. The festival is free! Help table with the Sierra Club, contact Genie Strickland at genie.strickland@sierraclub.org or call 404-607-1262 Ext 221. Please [click here](#) for more information about the festival.

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