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## Activist Network

In fall 2009, the Sierra Club debuted its fourth online community after Climate Crossroads, Sierra Club Trails and the Sierra Student Coalition. **The Activist Network, which is built around Sierra Club teams such as national issue teams, chapters, and groups is an online community, or social network.** It is a place where visitors can create profiles for themselves and interact with other users and groups without knowing any programming language like html. It is a place that Georgia is starting to make a presence.

The Activist Network is a place to meet like-minded people and take action with the main purpose to help activists get things done. **The most important thing about the Activist Network online community is that it was built for and will continue to be customized for activists.** Once activists take the opportunity to build their pages, the potential for sharing information and engaging individuals will be expanded.



As an online community, the Activist Network creates a more specific social network for activists than Facebook and other social networks. When you meet in person or trade emails with Sierra Club activists, some of what you do is social, but you are focused on accomplishing work. Teams are forming in the Activist Network from all over the country, including Georgia. They are working at all levels on a wide range of topics: energy policy, water monitoring, coal, zero waste, toxics, leadership development in the club, newsletters, hydrofracking, and more.

### Some examples of what is being done:

- Planning
- Finalizing agendas, minutes, fact sheets, op eds and other materials
- Sharing reports and resources quickly and easily
- Discussing the latest news
- Collecting photos and data
- Recruiting activists in their region or area of interest
- Networking with activists across the country who face similar challenges and want to share ideas and resources

### All of this online work is being done by the activists without having to consult with a webmaster.

On Tuesday, June 15th, an open house for the Activist Network Online Community will be coming to Georgia. Sierra Club trainer Jennifer Waggoner will be coming to the Georgia Chapter at noon for a presentation of the Activist Network and a question and answer session. To RSVP please email Jennifer at [jennifer.waggoner@sierraclub.org](mailto:jennifer.waggoner@sierraclub.org). In the meantime, check out the Activist Network Georgia Pages for smart energy or the Georgia Chapter. For more information on the Activist Network, please [click here](#).



## Quick Links

**Help Wanted: Sign up for Green the Governor!**

Currently Georgia's 2010 election cycle is upon us and for the first time, Georgia's environmental community has come together to speak with one voice on environmental issues that are of importance to Georgia's citizens. We have unified a coalition of over 30 groups and drafted a 10 point pledge to present to the candidates for Georgia's highest office and seek their commitment to a greener and more sustainable Georgia. To meet this challenge, we need to engage and educate the public and to seek their assistance to support this effort to "Green the Governor" on key issues such as water, energy and transportation and your help is vital to meeting our goal. To sign up, please [click here](#).

**Support Appalachian Trail license plates!**

The Georgia Appalachian Trail Club has announced the establishment of an Appalachian Trail specialty plate for Georgia. If ATC does not reach 1,000 paid applications before April 2011, the special interest plate will not be manufactured. All revenues received by ATC will be used for Appalachian Trail projects in Georgia. These projects include: trail and facilities maintenance, scenic easements and view preservation, environmental monitoring, increased public information, and education and outreach to Georgia residents. For more information please [click here](#).

## Sierra Club Meetings

**Smart Energy Team Meeting**, Monday, June 7th, 6:30p.m refreshments, 7p.m. start, Colleen Kiernan - Chair, [colleenkiernan@mindspring.com](mailto:colleenkiernan@mindspring.com)

**Inner City Outings Meeting**, Tuesday, May 25th, 7:00p.m., Allison Williams, call 404-664-4199, [adwilliams8@yahoo.com](mailto:adwilliams8@yahoo.com)

**Fundraising Committee Meeting**, Wednesday, June 16th, 7:00p.m., Erin Wetty - Chair, call 404-607-1262 x 225, [gregory.schwartz@sierraclub.org](mailto:gregory.schwartz@sierraclub.org)

**Inner City Outings Meeting**, Tuesday, June 22nd, 7:00p.m., Allison Williams, call 404-664-4199, [adwilliams8@yahoo.com](mailto:adwilliams8@yahoo.com)

**RAIL Committee Meeting**, Monday, June 28th, 6:45p.m., Jim Dexter - Chair, call 678-313-2407, [jimdex@aol.com](mailto:jimdex@aol.com)

## Environmental Events

**Sierra Club 101**

Saturday, June 5th, 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.  
Georgia Chapter Office, 743 E. College Ave., Suite B, Decatur, GA 30030

Attention, Members! You joined the Sierra Club to help protect the environment -- now what? Sierra Club 101! 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! Refreshments provided. For more information or to sign up please [click here](#).

**Atlanta Green Drinks**

Wednesday, June 9th, 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.  
Vantage Reality, 619 Edgewood Avenue, Suite 300 Atlanta, GA 30312  
Green Drinks is a monthly gathering for people interested in sustainability, green business, environmental and social causes, architecture and design, organics, renewable energy and all other things green. Come see a cool canopy install by Inman Solar. This 16 Kw solar array is unique due to the translucent panels used. Munchies and Beverages will be sponsored by Inman Solar. For more information [click here](#).

**Cheatham Hill Trail Outing**

Sunday, June 13th

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

An easy 5.6 mile hike is out and back with a balloon at one end. The trail follows a gravel road from Burnt Hickory to Dallas Highway, then parallels a low ridge to Cheatham Hill. After taking you to explore Civil War entrenchments, the trail descends to Kolb's Farm Trail, returning to Dallas Highway along a paved road. On the return to the trail head, the hike leaves the main trunk and explores the watershed of Noses Creek. For more information please [click here](#).

**A Night Out At The Theater**

Wednesday, June 30th, 8:00p.m.

Horizon Theater Company in Little Five Points

Come support Atlanta Inner City Outings' annual fundraiser and enjoy an evening out at the theater. Tickets are on sale now for a special preview of the play "Shakin' the Mess outta Misery" for just \$18. All proceeds go to support outreach programs that provide outdoor experiences to the urban youth of Atlanta. For more information or to buy tickets, [click here](#).

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