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Conservation Retreat

If you are interested in learning more about how the Sierra Club will be involved with the environmental community to work to achieve a clean energy future, the Conservation Retreat is the place for you. There will be discussion on how the BP oil spill disaster in the Gulf and the latest mining disaster in West Virginia have shown there is no such thing as cheap oil or cheap coal.

Take the time to join legions of Sierra Club members from Georgia and the Southeast region August 20th – 22nd at Camp Wahsega in the north Georgia mountains to hear the latest on the conservation campaigns of the Sierra Club. The conservation retreat is for volunteers both new and veteran, chapter conservation issue leaders, group conservation chairs and anyone else interested in helping save the planet.

Steve Willis, Vice Chair of the Georgia Chapter and Chair of the Coastal Group, will be speaking about coastal environmental needs. **Clair McGuire**, Senior Counsel and Director of the Consumer Energy Program at [Georgia Watch](#) and a former attorney at the Public Service Commission and the Office of Consumer Affairs, will be speaking Saturday morning on how she works to give Georgians a voice in the energy debate.



Our evenings will be spent telling stories around the campfire while there will be some time out for hiking in our beautiful woods, identifying scat and tracks and eating some great camp meals. The Georgia Chapter will not be holding its usual annual fall retreat this year, so, **if you are looking for a chance to meet with other Georgia members and enjoy a fun weekend, this is it!**

We've pared our expenses down to the minimum to make the weekend affordable for families, students and those hurt by the down economy. Housing will be in dorms, with some camping available and there are other lodging options close by. **To secure your spot soon – send in your [registration form](#) by August 4th.** For more information please [click here](#).

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Board of Directors Position

The Sierra Club is looking for passionate Club members who want to take on the exciting and challenging role of being a member of the Board of Directors. Our Directors set the priorities, policies, and national budget (with Club member input) that enable Club volunteers and staff to protect our environment and build programs and campaigns that expand our influence. We face many challenges sustaining and improving the quality of life on this planet. We need strategic thinking and creative solutions to maximize our reach at the grassroots level even as we empower our chapters and groups to be proficient locally and the Club to be more effective nationally and globally.



If you feel called to this exciting role, please take a look at our brief [board overview \(ppt\)](#) which outlines the scope and responsibilities of this critical and enriching volunteer role. The deadline for the return of your questionnaire is August 16th. For more information please [click here](#).

Sierra Club Meetings

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

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

Fundraising Committee Meeting, Wednesday, July 28th, 7:00p.m., Erin Wetty – Chair, call 404-607-1262 x 225, gregory.schwartz@sierraclub.org

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, August 2nd, 6:30p.m refreshments, 7p.m. start, Colleen Kiernan - Chair, colleenkiernan@mindspring.com

Environmental Events

Adopt A Stream

Saturday, July 17th, 10:00a.m.

Join the Metro Atlanta Group for a hands-on experience. There will be biologic monitoring on Saturday, July 17th and plenty of eyes will be needed to find the critters. The site is in Medlock Park on the east side of the park. Follow Sierra Club Signs and find us at the picnic table. For more information please call Nancy Wylie at 404-256-1172 or [click here](#).



Pinhoti Trail At Mountain Cheaha Hike

Sunday, July 25th

Delta, AL ([map](#))

Join the Sierra Club as they start below Cheaha State Park the Highest point in Alabama at 2405 feet. Then, they will follow the rocky cave creek trail through a beautiful mixed forest 2.2 miles to the Pinhoti trail. McDill Point and Herandez Peak offer great veiwis of the Talladega National Forest and the rocky cliffs of Mt Cheaha. [Click here](#) for more information.

Lake Winfield Scott Hike

Saturday, July 31st

Blairsville, GA ([map](#))

Enjoy the highest peak on the AT in Georgia at 4458 feet on Blood Mountain. They will take the Slaughter Creek Trail on our way to the Blood Mountain shelter and then back down the Appalachian Trail to Jarrard Gap. Back at Lake Winfield Scott, you can dip our tired feet in the water and enjoy some cool refreshments. This Blood Mountain Wilderness hike is a moderate loop plus a steep 0.7 mile climb up Blood Mountain to the historic CCC built shelter. Please [click here](#) for more information.



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