



Georgia Chapter

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Good morning,

I wanted to let you know that tomorrow is my last day as Director of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club. Our Chapter has made great strides over the past few years and I'm proud of our accomplishments. We have revamped our website and our newsletter; we have strong conservation committees, among them wildlands protection, energy and transit. Our Chapter successfully stopped a 1200 MW coal plant from getting built in Early County, and we continue to fight another coal plant proposed for Washington County. There are many more accomplishments I can't list here.

I plan to take the summer off and do more kayaking than anybody should do, and my plans include an international trip to the African countries of Tanzania and Kenya in the fall. Then, my hope is to get into Smart Grid Technology field where I will combine my business background with my environmental passion. I was honored to serve as Director of the Georgia Chapter and have enjoyed my time with the Sierra Club. I will miss many of you and wish you good luck as you carry on this important work.

Sierra Club Meetings

Executive Committee, Saturday May 16th, 12:30 p.m., Savannah, Mark Woodall, chair

RAIL Committee, Monday May 18th, 6:30 p.m. Chapter office, Jim Dexter chair

Fundraising Committee, Tuesday May 26th, 6:30 p.m., Park Tavern, Sandy Stewart chair

Sierra 101, Saturday May 30th, 10:30 a.m. noon, Chapter office, Dan Friedman, membership chair



Donor Thank you Party!

Are you one of the many people who helped us pass our 2009 fundraising halfway mark in April? If so, you received an invitation to join us on Saturday, June 6th 6 - 8 p.m. for our Georgia Giving Society Thank You Party in Sandy Springs. We are honored to have as our keynote speaker National Board member Sanjay Ranchod who will talk about Sierra Club's diversity initiatives. Come and meet chapter volunteer leaders and staff and enjoy your evening at an amazing venue. For questions please contact Greg Schwartz at gregory.schwartz@sierraclub.org.

Sierra Club Energy Actions

Saturday, May 16th **Go Green in Downtown Atlanta!** Volunteer at the Sierra Club table at the Go Green Get Rewards Festival in Underground Atlanta on Saturday, May 16th. Shifts are from 12-3 or 2-5. Email marion@marionbwebb.com to help out!



Thursday, May 28th **Energy Action Night & Coal Cases 101** featuring Justine Thompson, Executive Director of Green-Law, the lead organization that gives Georgia's environment and its polluters their day in court. 6-9 p.m. Come to learn about our work to move Georgia beyond coal and how you can help. After Justine's presentation about coal in Georgia, we'll get to work on our grassroots smart energy campaign by signing letters, making calls, and hanging posters. Pizza & cold drinks provided! Energy Action Nights are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Sierra Club office, 1401 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 345 Atlanta

GA 30309. Please RSVP at (404) 607-1262 x233.

Would you like to be better informed?

The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club is in the process of improving our communications. You can now sign up to receive this e-newsletter communication specifically, [Footnotes Online](#). You can also sign up for alerts in order to take action at times when we need decision makers to hear from you. Sign up for either one by [clicking here](#). We are very excited about providing you with new and improved communications.

Sierra Club Social Corner

Augusta Social - Saturday, May 30th @ The Bee's Knees. Meet us for drinks and vegan, vegetarian, poultry, and seafood small plates. 7pm 211 Tenth St, Augusta. RSVP to Ashley Robbins at (276) 780-3748.

BYOB: Bring Your Own Buddy! Sunday, June 7th @ PARISH. Obviously the environment is important to you, and more often than not, our friends are people who have similar interests as our own. So grab a friend and bring them down to PARISH, one of our favorite spots, for drinks and appetizers. \$15 a person gets you appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks with a cash bar available. 7pm at 240 N. Highlands Ave, Atlanta. RSVP to Ashley Robbins at (276) 780-3748.

Saturday, June 20th - **Paddle Georgia 2009**. Register for this 7-day canoe trip to benefit the Georgia River Network & join the Sierra Club troop on the river. Registration fees are tax-deductible. To register: [click here](#). Email erin.glyn@sierraclub.org to join the Sierra Club contingent.

**Other Environmental Items****Housing and Urban Development in the 21st Century Economy
Monday May 18th 8:30 - 11 a.m.**

Where: The W Hotel in Downtown Atlanta, 45 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Keynote Speaker: Tom Murphy, ULI Senior Fellow for Urban Development

The Atlanta region was one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the United States in the late 20th century, reaching a population of four million at the turn of the century. In addition to fueling our regional economy, this phenomenal growth put a strain on our limited water supply and forced small, rural communities to transform too rapidly into booming suburbs with urban problems and major infrastructure needs, leaving the region with traffic congestion, poor air quality and, in many places, an underdeveloped sense of community. With the recent slowdown in the global economy, now is the time to face many of these challenges and determine how best to overcome them. Come hear about the potential long-term implications of the current economic slump for urban development and housing markets in Atlanta and contribute your ideas for what this may mean for the region. [Register here.](#)

The Inaugural Atlanta Green Expo

Saturday & Sunday May 30th & 31st 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Georgia World Congress Center

Atlanta Green Expo comes in to educate individuals, communities, businesses and policy makers in an effort to promote sustainable living through efficient, renewable energy, and the conservation of water and land resources. Atlanta Green Expo is organized by Global

GreenUp, LLC and it will be the first ever Go Green and Green Living Expo to come to Atlanta . It will be a very interactive, informative and enlightening event which is both a business to business as well as a public event. For more information [click here](#).



The Dolphin Project free training workshop
Saturday June 6th 10 a.m. - noon

Where: REI Atlanta store

THE DOLPHIN PROJECT needs volunteers, 18 y/o and older, to photograph and collect data on Coastal Georgia dolphins. Captains and their boats, photographers, team leaders and assistants are needed for a long-term scientific dolphin research study. Enjoy the beautiful coastal waters, delightful dolphins and fun folks! A 90-minute basic training and orientation is required. No reservations required. For info call Margaret-Ann Brown: 770-428-0808 or [click here](#).

Thank you,

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