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The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club Thanks its Donors for their Continued Support

As the sun set over a magnificent view of Kennesaw Mountain and fireflies began to twinkle in the sky, guests departed from the historic Glenridge Hall, reflecting back on the many wonderful delights they had experienced that evening. Certified organic Malbec and Torrentes wines provided by Yellow + Blue, an environmentally-friendly spread of foods provided by Masterpiece Events, LLC, delicious cookies and miniature cheese cakes provided by Sandy and Walter Kruger, perfectly manicured gardens with an abundance of early summer blooms, 47 acres of woodland, a 1929 historic home, and a moving speech by Sanjay Ranchod from the National Sierra Club Board of Directors about the current legislation that will make a marked impact on our nation's most critical environmental crisis were only some of the treats that donors received at the Georgia Chapter's annual Donor Appreciation Celebration on Saturday, June 6, 2009.



The Fundraising Committee of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club hosted the Donor Appreciation Celebration at the beautiful Glenridge Hall near Atlanta. After the more than 50 guests had the chance to visit with old friends and make new ones, Sanjay Ranchod addressed the guests about the most important piece of legislation currently before the United States Congress. Sanjay enlightened listeners about the American Clean Energy and Security Act (also known as the Waxman-Markey Act), which is presently working its way through various Congressional committees, and Sanjay

explained why this Act is so critical to responding to the global warming crisis. Sanjay spoke about why all titles of the Act are critical to its success and why the economy must fundamentally change in order to successfully decrease emissions of heat-trapping pollutants.

All in all, the night was a success. The Donor Appreciation Celebration is held annually for donors of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club in the Georgia Chapter's Giving Society. In order to be invited for the next celebration please [click here](#) to review Giving Society levels and [donate now](#). You don't want to miss out!

Sierra Club Meetings:

Wildlands and Wildlife Committee meeting, Tuesday June 16 7:00p.m.,
Zasha Mickey, Chair 404-432-9404

Fundraising Committee meeting, Tuesday June 16th, 7:00 p.m., Chapter
Office, Sandy Stewart/Erin Wetty chairs

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday June 22nd, 6:45p.m., Jim Dexter 678-313-
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Wahsega Conservation Retreat

Friday - Sunday, August 28th - 30th

Camp Wasega near Dahlonega

Come to the cool Georgia mountains to hear the latest on the conservation campaigns of the Sierra Club. This year's 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. Clean energy, transit, water protection, wildlands, coastal and other issues will all be covered. You can bring your tent and camp, or stay in one of the dorm-type cabins. The cabins do not have ac, but you can bring an electric fan. Registration fee of \$85 includes all meals from dinner Friday through lunch on Sunday. Don't

forget to bring an instrument for songs around the campfire. For more information please contact Mark Woodall at markwoodall@windstream.net.

Outings Leader Training

Saturday, July 25th, 8:00a.m. to 12 noon

This is the first step to becoming a certified outings leader. You will learn the requirements for leading outings and also receive practical leadership training. There is no cost for the OLT 101 course. The training course is held only twice a year in the Atlanta area and attendance is limited to 10 people. The training will be held at the chapter office located at 1401 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 345, and will run from 8 AM to 12 noon. For more information or to sign up, please contact Edward Scholl at edscholl@bellsouth.net or [click here](#).

Sierra Club Social Corner:**Paddle Georgia 2009**

Saturday, June 20th

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.glynn@sierraclub.org to join the Sierra Club contingent.

**Membership Dinner**

Sunday, July 26th 6:00 p.m

Come for dinner at L'Thai in Tucker. L'Thai is the first organic Thai restaurant in Georgia. It is located at 488 0 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker. Membership is obviously a huge part of the Sierra Club - it's our members who make the club who we are and our membership ensures that we can continue on with our mission. I hope that you will join us in celebrating our new SuperFRIP campaign, a membership drive with the intent of getting our members together at social events, while attracting new folks to the Club. For more information please contact the Georgia Chapter at georgia.chapter@sierraclub.org.

Sierra Club 101

Saturday, August 1st

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 please contact the Georgia Chapter at georgia.chapter@sierraclub.org.

**2009 Chapter Retreat at Okefenokee Swamp**

Friday - Sunday, October 30th - November 1st

Laura Walker Park, near Okefenokee Swamp

Join us this fall for the annual chapter gathering. Since it will be Halloween weekend, and a full moon, we plan to offer some extra fun, family-friendly activities. Our Outings, workshops and other activities on Saturday will be at nearby Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge, using our friends at Okefenokee Adventures. We'll have kayak/canoe trips in the swamp, float trips on the St. Mary's river, hikes with naturalists in the forest, etc. And of course we'll have

workshops on topics like modern forestry management practices, Community Supported Agriculture, Eating Locally, Georgia Politics, etc. Our annual awards dinner will be "costume optional", followed by apple-bobbing, story-telling and songs around a bonfire. Please look for the registration form on the chapter website, and join us in the swamp for an unforgettable Halloween. For questions or more information please contact Genie Strickland at the Georgia Chapter at genie.strickland@sierraclub.org or 404-607-1262.

Other Environmental Items:

BeltLine Tours

Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Interested in the transit plans for Atlanta? The BeltLine Partnership provides a free, narrated bus tour of the BeltLine. The BeltLine tour bus will take you on a tour to learn about the BeltLine concept and history; to hear details and updates regarding project planning, implementation and development; and to witness first hand the transformative effect the project will have on BeltLine neighborhoods and the City of Atlanta. There is simply no better way to learn about the BeltLine than to take a tour! Reserve a spot or learn more by [clicking here](#).

**Hemlockfest**

Friday - Sunday, November 6th - 8th

HemlockFest is an annual benefit music festival to increase public awareness and generate funds to help save the Eastern and Carolina Hemlock trees. Funds raised each year are used for support of the Georgia laboratories rearing adelgid-devouring beetles, education and research on the HWA problem, and assisting businesses and homeowners to protect Hemlocks on their private property. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

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