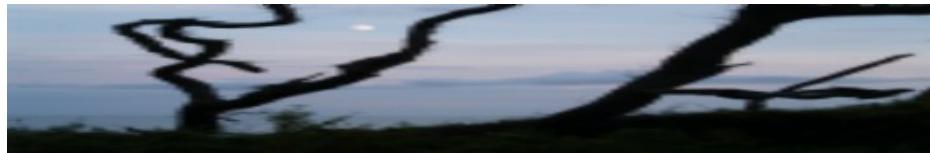




Georgia Chapter

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Y'all Won't Want to Miss the Georgia Chapter Retreat

Deadline to Register is Wednesday, September 21st at 5pm!

Jekyll Island is truly one of Georgia's special places. Initially a State Park, in 1950 the Jekyll Island Authority (JIA) was created to allow private development that would support the functioning of the services needed, the idea being that it would make the island self-sustaining. Because of the governance, the development of the island has struck a balance between affordable vacation amenities and wild coast treasures. In recent years, private developers have sought to make Jekyll more high-end and develop some of the special wild areas. The Georgia Chapter has been working with the Initiative to Protect Jekyll to preserve the character of Jekyll for all. **We will take a moment to celebrate our success in preservation of this special place for regular Georgians!**

Friday night will feature an environmental film festival. On Saturday, outings include kayaking, a dolphin tour, a Jekyll bike tour, a naturalist beach tour, kite flying on the beach, birding, and a trip to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. Workshops include Saving Jekyll, Activist Tools, Coastal Issues, Renewable Energy, New Legislative Districts, Nuclear Issues, and a program on the Sierra Club's Take Me Fishing program.

At our Saturday night Banquet we will hear from our fearless leader, Michael Brune, who has been the Sierra Club's national Executive Director for about a year and a half. We have an awesome Silent Auction lined up, followed by our volunteer awards ceremony and then will let loose with Jekyll Islands favorite DJ.

For the full schedule of activities, click [here](#) - to register by **September 21st**, click [here](#).

Quick Links

Good news from Cartersville today about the **US 411 Connector**, which was proposed to blast through Dobbins Mountain. It looks like the **efforts to choose a different route may be successful** as the Atlanta Business Chronicle [reports](#) that GDOT has agreed to look at other routes. Congrats to the [Coalition for the Right Road](#)!



Sierra Club Meetings

Wildlands and Wildlife Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m., Mike Murdock - Chair, murdock1@mindspring.com

Fundraising Committee, Thursday, September 22nd, 7:00 p.m., Erin Wetty -

Chair, ewetty@seyfarth.com

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, September 26th, 7:00 p.m., David Emory -

Chair, david.emory@gmail.com

Atlanta Inner City Outings (ICO), Tuesday, September 27th, 7:30 p.m.,

Allison Williams, adwilliams8@yahoo.com

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. refreshments,

7:00 p.m. start, Mike Walls - Chair, mwalls@ellijay.com

Beyond Factory Farming, Monday, October 10th, 7:30 p.m., Leah Garces -

Chair, Leah.Garces@ciwf.org.uk

Georgia Solar Energy Association Tour - October 1st



Join GSEA and solar advocates across Georgia, who will come together to showcase their solar-powered homes, schools, businesses and churches as part of the 16th Annual American Solar Energy Society (ASES) National Solar Tour - the world's largest grassroots solar event. Georgia could be generating over 20% of its electricity needs through solar energy, instead we are at less than 1%. To register and for more information, click [here](#).

John Muir Exhibit at Atlanta History Center Exhibit - October 13th -December 4th

[Atlanta History Center](#) will host the traveling exhibition Nature's Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir's Botanical Legacy traces his travels to Canada, Indiana, the American southeast, California, and Alaska, and presents vivid images and specimens of the actual plants that Muir held in his hands, carried in his pockets, and preserved for all time



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