



New Hampshire Sierra Club

The Engaged Sierran

Now is the Time for You to Act On Climate

NHSC kicked off the Presidential Primary Election season with a Political Training on December 13, designed to help volunteers learn best practices for approaching candidates on behalf of the Club's environmental agenda. Our mentors included Mark Bettinger, Jonathon Berman and Sarah Burton, who work out of the Washington D.C. office of the Sierra Club, and, of course, Cathy Corkery from NHSC.

We now have several individuals who will be acting as Team Leaders throughout the state during the final weeks leading up to the February 9, 2016 Primary, but they can't cover all the bases alone. As you would expect, many events will be scheduled as the candidates vie for visibility and support; your help is needed to keep our message up front, and to ask the questions that will put their positions regarding environmental issues on record. The more volunteers we have at these events, showing the media and the candidates that NHSC members are serious about climate issues, the better chance we have of forwarding our agenda.



Newly Trained "Team NHSC" in Action at Climate Rally Saturday, December 19, at the Radisson Hotel, Manchester.

This is the time to step forward and show that you are committed to the Sierra Club mission. Your attendance at one or several candidate events is encouraged (both parties, since this is a non-partisan program). If you missed the training, we ask that you review the resources listed below, which will give you guidance on what to ask candidates at a variety of venues, and important tips regarding Do's and Don'ts of "birddogging" candidates. There are a few rules around these activities that apply if you are acting as a representative of the NHSC at a candidate event, so please take advantage of these resources.

Also, we want you to be aware that our buddies at the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) are the keepers of the [official candidate events calendar](#) for New Hampshire. This important calendar will be updated regularly so that the information is as current and detailed as possible. Please check it regularly so that you know who will be in your area, and attend when you are able.

Again, these few weeks are critical in deciding the next President of the United States, and NHSC needs to be a part of the process by identifying the "environmental superstars", and to expose those with a poor record on the environment. We can be more effective with your help - be present and show your support of the Clean Energy platform!

If you want to attend an event with other members please call the office at (603) 224-8222 to get connected with your Team Leader. We want high visibility, so we encourage you to wear Sierra Club gear, carry signs, wear buttons or stickers whenever you can. Once you do attend an event, we would like you to log your action by filling out a [brief form](#) describing your experience. This will help us document our political efforts during the brief primary season. We look forward to seeing you out there!

Recommended reading for volunteers (PDFs)

- [Questions for Candidates](#)
- [Tips for Birddogging](#)
- [Do's and Don'ts](#)
- [Suggested language](#) for Letters to the Editor.

Our State Doesn't Need Northern Pass

The editorials keep coming! Subscribers to the *Citizen* can read our [latest editorial](#) on this issue on their website; others may also [access the editorial's content](#) from our website. Learn more about Northern Pass and why it's not good for New Hampshire [on our website](#).

Executive Committee Elections: How to Vote

All New Hampshire Chapter members of the Sierra Club received a postcard near the first of December, containing a password and instructions for voting in the NH Chapter Executive Committee election. Four of the seven positions are open this cycle.

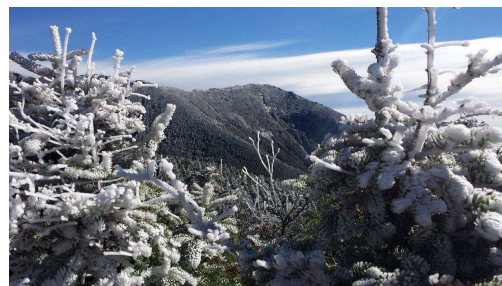
Voting is open through January 18, 2016. Visit our website, www.sierraclub.org/new-hampshire, to access information about the candidates and register your vote.

The Executive Committee is a vital voice in Chapter matters. Your vote is important! If you need assistance or a password, please call the office at (603) 224-8222.

Year-End Message from the Chapter Treasurer

As the fiscal year ends, member support is still needed! The Chapter set a fund-raising goal for 2015 of just over \$16,000 in order to meet the revenue requirements for the Chapter's projected budget. The Executive Committee began an active campaign of fund-raising, as well as membership growth and support building that it hopes will expand our Chapter's capacity to advocate strongly for the environment in the future. **Significant yearly fund-raising is critical for the Chapter because:**

- The Chapter receives less than \$2 from Sierra Club national from each Chapter member's dues;
- The funding allocation which the Chapter receives from Sierra Club national essentially covers the Director's salary, the rent, and the basic cost of running the office, nothing more;
- Because issues like the natural gas pipeline, Mt. Sunapee preservation, and Northern Pass are local, the Chapter must raise any fund it needs to advocate for our position on these issues.



Your donation helps protect New Hampshire's wild places. (Mt. Lafayette: Columbus Day 2015, by Jerry Curran).

The good news is that we have raised nearly \$12,000 so far - leaving only \$4,000 to go towards our goal! This is a great accomplishment, since it represents a significant increase in donations over last year's total of approximately \$7,000.

Can you - will you - help us raise that final \$4,000 to meet our fund-raising goal? If you have received a year-end appeal letter and have not yet responded, now is a great time to do so - before the end of the fiscal year. If you did not receive a letter, it just means that you have not donated to the Chapter within the past three years. It does not mean that the Chapter does not need your support. Call us today to support the New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Thank you to everyone for their support of this important work to protect New Hampshire's special environment.

Katharine Daly, Treasurer

New Leaders Council and America Votes Announce Partnership

[America Votes New Hampshire](#) and [New Leaders Council](#) (NLC) are excited to announce a new, dynamic partnership to strengthen the progressive movement in New Hampshire. We seek to do this

by identifying more individuals, leaders and future elected officials to bring into the programs of America Votes and other civic engagement organizations. NLC is transformative professional development and networking opportunity that is accessible to anyone with an interested in making a difference in the New Hampshire community.

Fellows attend the Institute one weekend per month over five months. Focuses include: leadership entrepreneurship, fundraising, strategic communications, political management, and progressive policy. National & Local experts present curriculum, creating a unique experience for each class Mentorship and Alumni programming.

We are excited for 2015 to be New Leaders Council inaugural year in New Hampshire. Our vision is to train on leadership skills and partner with America Votes to ensure Fellows and supporters are connected directly to the partners and programs at America Votes in 2015 and beyond.

NLC and America Votes offer a variety of programs, networking events, and professional development opportunities that engage our Institute graduates, resulting in a strong Alumni family that continues to support our missions. Our Alumni have gone on to start businesses, work for Fortune 500 companies, manage campaigns, create their own non-profits, and serve in elected office. As a group, our alumni are outstanding representatives in a variety of fields, including education, the arts, social and economic issue advocacy and youth mentoring.

Apply Today

[Applications open](#) until January 15!

2016 New Hampshire Institute Dates:

- Institute #1: Saturday, March 19 through Sunday, March 20
- Institute #2: Saturday, April 16 through Sunday, April 17
- Institute #3: Saturday, May 21 through Sunday, May 22

How to Apply

Begin your application on the New Leaders Council [website](#).

Make sure to complete the full application including the leadership strengths survey. The cost to submit your application is \$20. If you need a scholarship, contact newhampshire@newleaderscouncil.org or call (603) 225-1932.

America Votes and New Leaders Council staff will contact you to set up an in person interview between January 25 and February 4, 2016. Please make sure to save the dates for each institute date as fellows are expected to participate in each institute weekend.

Get Your 2016 Calendars!

Arguably the most beautiful wall and engagement calendars on the market every year, filled with exceptional photographs showcasing the incredible beauty of our wild lands. Everyone needs one for themselves, and for all those wilderness lovers on their birthday and holiday gift lists. You will be proud to display and to give these calendars!

Engagement calendars are \$14.95/ea., and large format wall calendars are \$13.95/ea.

Contact us now to reserve your calendars! You can pick them up from the Sierra Club office in downtown Concord. Email nhsc603@gmail.com or call (603) 224-8222 to reserve yours today.



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