



IROQUOIS MESSENGER

Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

SIERRA'S ENERGY PLAN

Washington, D.C.-The Sierra Club and 28 other environmental, conservation, and science groups today released a highly detailed roadmap, "Transition to Green: Leading the way to a healthy environment, green economy, and sustainable future," for the incoming administration of President-Elect Barack Obama.

"Our country and our new president are facing an almost unprecedented set of challenges," said Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope. "President-Elect Obama has shown unprecedented leadership in the face of these challenges and has charted a course that will put Americans back to work, put our economy back on track, and make the clean energy future a reality. Our community has risen to the occasion and come together with this plan so that we can help the Obama administration achieve these critical goals as soon as possible."

SIERRA CLUB'S CLIMATE RECOVERY AGENDA

In addition to the exhaustive set of recommendations contained in the community's joint action plan, Sierra Club has

worked with some of the world's top climate scientists, engineers, and energy experts to develop a Climate Recovery Agenda that will help our economy recover, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, cut carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050, and protect our natural heritage, communities, and country from the consequences of global warming. Putting our planet on the path to economic and climate recovery will require Congress, working with the Obama Administration, to:

*Invest \$150 billion in clean energy to create millions of new, high-quality jobs.

*Reduce our dependence on oil by making our cars go farther on a gallon of gas, deploying innovative technologies, low-carbon fuels, and more transportation choices.

*Move America to 100 percent renewable energy for electricity and dramatically increase the efficiency of our buildings and homes.

*Tackle global warming by establishing an economy-wide cap on carbon emissions. Ensure that carbon permits are auctioned not given away. Action by Congress will provide leadership on the international stage

to both work with and be competitive with other nations as we invest in these advanced technologies.

*Acknowledge the consequences of global warming that are already occurring and the need to protect vulnerable communities, wildlife and their habitat from drought, flooding, wildfires, and other dangerous impacts.

"The American public overwhelmingly voted for change and the 'New Energy for America' offered by Barack Obama," said Mary Wells, Sierra Club Deputy Conservation Director. "President-Elect Obama has reaffirmed his commitment to the ambitious goals he laid out during the campaign: an economic recovery and millions of new jobs based on investments in clean energy, an economy-wide cap-and-auction bill to address global warming, and a serious commitment to reengage with the international community on climate issues. We will do everything we can to help the Obama administration achieve these goals, using the Climate Recovery Agenda's plan to Repower, Refuel, and Rebuild America as a roadmap."

The full transition document is available at <http://www.saveourenvironment.org>.

BALLOT — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2009

Vote for up to six:

___ Tasha Cooper

___ Rocki Malamud

___ Carol Fedrizzi

___ Jenna Mayotte

___ Debby Shanahan

___ Martin Sage

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Mail to Sierra Club — Iroquois Group, PO Box 182, Jamesville, NY 13078, by December 28, 2007.

ExCom members with one year remaining: Lisa Daly, Linda DeStefano, Rhea Jezer, Rich Slingerland, Adina Mulliken, Martha Loew.

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DID YOU MISS THIS EVENT?

GREEN NEWSLETTERS

If you've been anticipating the day when you could display chasing arrows with "100% recycled" on nice paper for your newsletter, that day has dawned. But wait! That may not be the logo you want. According to speakers at September's newsletter forum, the FSC logo is the brass ring to reach for.

That logo means that the papers you use and the way you run your print shop meet the criteria for FSC certification. Unfortunately, the certification is too expensive for small shops. So until FSC offers something affordable, we should ask our printers if they meet FSC standards even without the logo.

There are 13 other environmental symbols that you could add to your paper, all with different meanings. Luckily, we didn't have to memorize them because there was a handout that defined each one. We also received a *Field Guide* to eco-friendly print. Get a copy at mpm.com, a paper company site. For more general information on sustainable paper and other companies' products, visit fscus.org/paper/.

Terry Ettinger, popular host of TV and radio and current Greenhouse Manager at SUNY-ESF, will speak at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Park Friends on January 18 at the Jamesville, NY Firehouse at 1:30 PM. His topic will be Invasive Species - Black, White, or Shades of Gray? The event is open to the public.

DECONSTRUCTION

WHAT IS DECONSTRUCTION?

Deconstruction is the systematic disassembly of a building, with the purpose of recovering valuable materials for reuse in construction, renovation or manufacturing into new wood products.

WHY DECONSTRUCT?

- Recover irreplaceable building materials
- Reduce the need to extract raw materials
- Save energy and reduce environmental impacts of construction and demolition
- Train workers for living wage and benefit jobs
- Increase small businesses and expand local tax base
- Keep materials local to reduce costs and transportation loops
- Cost savings and tax credits
- Fully compatible with demolition and recycling of construction and demolition materials that cannot be reused
- Support green building practices and earn LEED credits

From the "waste to wealth" site of the "Save our environment.org" with permission.

Mark Naef Recycling Essay Contest

Congratulations
Brittany Laxton
of West Gensee High School
Matthew Rawson
of Corcoran High School

Winners of the Contest
and \$500 Prizes for 2008

Thank you Mark, for supporting recycling education. Sierra Club helps judge the contest, and is proud to participate in this important project.

Did you know ~

17 million gallons of fuel are spilled each year while refueling lawn equipment — more than all the oil leaked by the Exxon Valdez off the coast of Alaska in 1989. Source: EPA

FROM THE CHAIR

Dear tree huggers,

As I gaze in amazement at the selling-consumer frenzy of ads that is the Holiday Season and think of the number of trees that have gone into printing them, I wonder what holiday it represents? Does joy, laughter, friends, family get measured by the extravagance of the giving? If so then it truly is Black Friday.

Even though I am preaching to the choir, here are some tips you might use to help turn the black into a green holiday.

GREETING CARDS

- Save your old ones: cut off the front page, write a note, address it, put on a stamp and you have a recycled holiday card.
- 4X6 photos make fine postcards also.
- There are many options for e-mail cards, if the recipient is on line.
- A phone call is a really great way of getting in touch.

- Using any method listed above, invite nearby friends to a Holiday Cookie Exchange Party. Have lots of fun. Everyone has to bake only one kind to go home with a fine assortment.

WRAPPING

- Recycled paper from last year.
- Comic pages.
- Wall paper samples, real designer results.
- Reusable shopping bag.

GIFTS

- Six pack of compact florescent bulbs and six pack of local beer.
- Local produce, jam, honey, maple syrup, crafts — there are lots of craft fairs now.
- Designer water bottles of stainless steel. Check sports stores and on-line.
- Free-trade gifts that benefit world wide.
- Fun recycled things: search for “recycled gifts” on line and find surprising things at office supply stores.
- Cloth napkins and napkin rings.

NO-WRAP GIFTS

- Donation to recipient’s favorite charity
- Tickets to concerts, theatre, sports, movies, etc. They’ll be used or given away, not stored in the closet.

TREE AND LIGHTS

- Buy from a local tree farm. The artificial ones last longer, but most come from China, have a much larger carbon footprint and cannot be recycled.
- The new LED bulbs use 90% less energy with great colors. They stay cool and if one goes, the rest hang in there.

There may be those who do not want this time of year used to make “green” points, so tread with caution. But have a good time and enjoy.

I hope for a new way to enjoy our abundance. The earth and all its critters have to win over a 40 -inch TV screen.

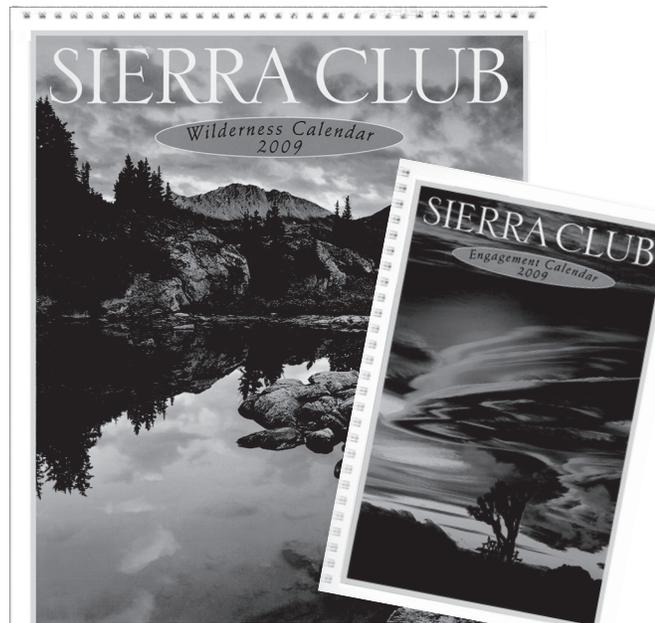
Martha Loew

If you still want calendars, please get your orders in ASAP. If you want to send them as gifts, provide an address with your order so that I can mail them directly to your recipient. Bernie.



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Sierra Club 2009 Calendars



Mail Order — Make checks payable to Sierra Club

Calendars c/o Bernie Marcus
4373 Palmer Road, Manlius, NY 13104
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Discount Prices! No Tax! No Shipping Charge!

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WINTER EVENTS

Sierra Club Indoor and Outdoor events are all **educational or service programs** that encourage us to Explore, Enjoy and Protect the Planet. They are always free and open to everybody.

Updates, cancellations and information at newyork.sierraclub.org/iroquois or 492-4745.

ExCom meetings — open to Sierra members only — January 14, February 11, March 11 at 7:15 PM at 128 Buffington Rd., Syracuse.

INDOOR EDUCATION

Indoor programs are held the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM, University United Methodist Church (UUMC), 1085 E. Genesee St. Park and enter on University Ave. **Doors open at 7:10 and lock at 7:30. If you come later, ring bell and wait for Sierra member to let you in.**

LOCAL NUKE ISSUES — JANUARY 28

Jean Kessner of Peace Action and a former TV investigative reporter will inform us about the current status of nuclear power in our area. Are permits moving ahead? Are there problems? Bring your questions and opinions for an informative lecture and discussion.

AFRICAN WILDLIFE — FEBRUARY 24

Dick and June Brickwedde will give a presentation about their 18 day journey through Southern Africa: two days in Johannesburg and then four tent camps on safari

in Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia. We'll learn about the devastation caused by the overabundance of elephants and the political problems inherent in dealing with this issue, plus hi-tech solutions to rhinoceros poaching, and more.

RAIN GARDENS AND BARRELS — MARCH 25

Join Amy Samuels from Cornell Cooperative Extension, to learn how rain gardens and barrels could work on your own property. We'll also learn how to help increase our green infrastructure - an important way we can avoid the need for another costly sewage treatment plant.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor programs are usually on **Sundays at 2 PM** at various interesting locations. Info and cancellations: 299-7175.

BEAVER LAKE — JANUARY 11

Learn to snowshoe and to track wildlife in winter at **Beaver Lake Nature Center**. At 1 PM, our guide will take us on a snowshoe hike of approximately 1.5 hours. If there's no snow, we'll still take a guided hike at this beautiful glacial lake. The discounted group admission rate is \$1.25 per vehicle, but for \$2.50 per person will include snowshoe rental.

Directions: I-690 W toward Fairgrounds/Baldwinsville. Keep LEFT to take NY-690 N toward Baldwinsville. Take RT-31 E/RT-370 exit toward Baldwinsville. Keep RIGHT at fork to go on NY-370/W

Genesee Rd. Turn RIGHT onto E Mud Lake Rd/CR-180. Meet in parking lot near Nature Center.

ANNUAL CHILIFEST — FEBRUARY 7

For those who have never tried vegetarian or vegan dishes, the Annual ChiliFest at Danny and Rhea Jezer's place provides an opportunity learn about dishes that are hearty and nutritious - good for you and the planet. Meet at 1:00 PM. Weather permitting, we will hike, snowshoe or ski around or across the lake. At 2:00 PM we will gather inside to share food and recipes. Please bring vegetarian chilis and other dishes, with copies of the recipes.

Directions: Take Preble exit off of Route 81. Turn right onto 281. Take first right turn (hairpin turn) onto Song Lake Road. After the Song Lake sign count 8 garages on the right to #7426. Park on the side of the road, and walk to the house on the lake. RSVP 727-0123 to help us plan.

BALTIMORE WOODS — MARCH 8

Baltimore Woods is the first of over 37 natural areas that Save the County Land Trust (STC) has acquired since 1972. Join us to hike the local trails and learn more about STC organization and the Centers for Nature Education, headquartered at Baltimore Woods. Meet at the main parking lot at 2 PM. No entry fee, donations welcome. No dogs allowed.

Directions: Take 175 west into the village of Marcellus. When you're almost at the church, there's a sign pointing left to Baltimore Woods. Follow signs, to Bishop Hill Rd. Parking lot is on your right.



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