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Sierra Club's 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM on Thursday, April 22, 2010, TRANSITIONING TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

First Unitarian Universalist Church, 220 Winton Rd. South

Mark your calendars for EARTH DAY, Thursday, April 22, 2010, the date of Rochester's premier environmental event, the annual Sierra Club's Environmental Forum. In keeping with growing concerns about the impact of climate change on Earth, we will highlight a vibrant, global grassroots response to meet the challenge called "The Transition Movement". Long-term energy cost increases, climate change, and economic instability pose a triple challenge that requires creative, more fundamental solutions. Local action is the key and the "Transition Towns Movement" provides a model and techniques to bring people together to build community resilience. This year, we will break from the format of the past few forums to craft a special evening of dialogue and discussion.

NETWORKING: 5:00 to 6:00 PM. We begin as usual with a chance to circulate among tables with displays by Rochester's diverse community of organizations working to advance sustainability in many the areas critical to our well-being: Education, Energy, Community/Spirituality, Food, Health, Green Jobs/ Manufacturing, Justice, Preserving Natural Habitat, Recycling/ Waste, Transportation and Water.

GUEST SPEAKER, Tina Clarke from the Sustainability Institute: 6:15 PM. We convene for a presentation by our guest speaker, Tina Clarke, a certified Transition Towns Trainer (www.transitiontowns.org) and a consultant with the Sustainability Institute in Hartland, VT (www.sustainer.org). Tina brings years of experience organizing coalitions and directing advocacy programs for organizations. She will highlight some of the successes other communities have achieved preparing for the profound changes ahead. The rebirth of these communities has resulted in progress toward generating their own power, building houses using local materials, growing more of their own food...and having fun doing it!

NEW! DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION: After Tina's presentation, we will form facilitated discussion groups that we hope will generate excitement, draw out ideas, and stimulate creative thinking of all participants. At the end, we reconvene for facilitators to share a selection of best ideas from their group. Participants will have a chance to contact a representative from a local organization active on sustainability, or join others to form a new group if there is no organization currently active.

<http://newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/2010Forum.html>



Tina Clark has consulted with over 400 organizations and been an advocate, educator, consultant, and director of nonprofit programs since 1985. She has an M.A. in Public Policy from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. in urban studies from Macalester College. In Washington, D.C. she was national director of citizen action programs at Greenpeace USA. She also directed a nationwide advocacy training program for 16 national religious groups. She has organized statewide coalitions on environmental justice, toxins and energy. She currently provides training and support for Transition Initiatives across the U.S.

Tina lives in a super energy-efficient, passive solar-heated, low-toxic "Power House" that she helped design. The home won a Massachusetts utility company-sponsored competition, the Zero Energy Challenge (www.zechallenge.com). It earned the top LEED rating of Platinum. The house is completely free of fossil fuel use, producing over twice the energy needed last year for heating, cooling, hot water and all electrical uses.

Tina Clark will also facilitate a local workshop on April 24-25, 2010. Please see page 2 for details on the workshop.

FROM THE CHAIR

Sustainability is related to the quality of a community's life including: economic, environmental, and social systems that provide a healthy and meaningful life for all present and future human and non-human inhabitants.

If a community views these as three separate, unrelated systems with isolated problems then the potential outcomes are: 1) solutions to one problem that can make another problem worse; 2) solutions that can create opposing groups and 3) solutions that focus on short-term benefits without monitoring long-term results.

Rather than separate approaches, what we need is a community view that takes into account the links between the economic, the environmental and the social systems. It is about understanding these connections and achieving balance among the economic, environmental and social systems of a community.

Understanding these connections is the basis for taking actions to form a sustainable community. Then taking the next steps to reverse the past ways of approaching problems.

Deb Muratore

TRAINING FOR TRANSITION WORKSHOP - April 24-25, 2010 Rochester, New York

Transition Network United States is now offering the two-day Training for Transition course as developed by Naresh Giangrande and Sophy Banks of the Transition Network, in Totnes, England. The course is an in-depth experiential introduction to Transition for those considering bringing Transition to their community. It meets the training requirement for local groups to become an internationally recognized Transition Town.



- Experience a deep understanding of the Transition ethos.
- Learn ways of encouraging the creation of a positive, shared vision for your community's future.
- Receive tools for community outreach, education & engagement.
- Learn how to summarize the twin crises of Climate Change and Peak Oil in ways that move people to positive action.
- Explore the obstacles that have prevented our communities from recognizing and positively responding to the challenge of energy transition.
- Receive support for becoming a Transition catalyst in your community.
- Connect with others who are responding to the call for Transition.
- Become a part of one a rapidly growing positive, inspirational, global movement!

Curriculum: The course includes the "fundamentals" for those wishing to know how to set up, run, and maintain a successful Transition Initiative. It is packed with imaginative and inspiring ways to delve into both the theory and practice of Transition, providing training in the basics of Transition for new communities coming on board.

Who should attend: People interested in learning about Transition in greater depth and leaders already creating a Transition Initiative in their community

Instructors: This Training for Transition course will be taught by Alastair Lough, PhD (co-founder of the Transition Center, Portland, Maine), and Tina Clarke (national & regional consultant, trainer & environmental leader). Together they bring decades of experience in natural resources, organizational behavior, group facilitation, visioning processes, event planning and environmental leadership.

Schedule and Cost: Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM registration; workshop 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM; Sunday, April 25, 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM, with a 1 hour lunch break. **\$215.00.** We consciously work to keep costs low, and the course affordable. Some partial scholarships are available. **Location: To be determined.**

Registration: Call **585-241-9674** or email **transitionrochny@gmail.com** now to reserve your space. Meals and lodging not included. **Prerequisites:** For this introduction to Transition to be effective, participants are asked to do advance preparation work as listed below:

Required Reading : • The Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience (Rob Hopkins).
• Transition Primer (free download at <http://transitionnetwork.org/Primer/TransitionInitiativesPrimer.pdf>)

Suggested Viewing: • *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* • *Crude Impact* or *A Crude Awakening: The Oil Crash* • *6 Degrees*

Water Saving Tips We Can All Use:



Saving water (and money) is something we all would like to do. Sometimes the simplest changes can make a difference in the long run. With spring thaws and summer humidity coming around the corner, many of us will need to turn on dehumidifiers. Those dehumidifiers can pull the water out of the air so you can use it to water your plants both inside and out in the garden. Recycled milk jugs, watering cans or laundry detergent bottles can serve as a means to store the water from your dehumidifier till your plants need a drink!

Another great idea that is gaining popularity across the country, with gutter cleaning time around the corner: look around your home for a place to set up a rain barrel attached to a down spout so you can save on watering lawn and plants or even washing your car by using the water that would end up going into the drain systems. There are many rain barrel options at garden centers and online. Find one that fits your décor or be creative and cluster plants around a plain style to camouflage it.

Remembering Environmentalist Christine Sevilla

Almost everyone involved with the environmental movement knew and admired Christine Sevilla for her passionate advocacy and commitment to the cause. She was unique in applying her art, music, and visionary voice to the preservation of Rochester's wetlands, parks and wild areas. In fact, Christine threw her whole soul and multiple skills into environmental issues. To mention just a few in her long list of causes: wetlands, weeds, invasive species, preservation of Hemlock/Canadice wild lands, prevention of dangerous mountain bike riding in public parks, the preservation of Monroe County Parks and transportation alternatives.

Her approach to environmental advocacy was also visionary and unique. She would not only publicly speak up for what she believed but would throw her whole soul and passion into the cause using her multiple talents as a photographer, layout expert, vocalist, educator, organizer and advocate.

A good example of this was her advocacy for wetland preservation. Christine not only actively participated in Sierra Club's Wetland Committee and attended several of our wetland hikes - she went much further by applying her high level talents as a photographer and her knowledge of publication design, print layout and production to turn out two beautifully finished photo books which advocated for wetlands. She saw splendor where others did not and she shared her vision with us through her unique photographs which penetrated and revealed the deep beauty of wetlands. Christine recognized wetlands are some of the most valuable and threatened environmental areas. Wetlands in older days were considered useless swamps and wasteland, and even today some governments and developers still consider them moveable impediments to profit. Christine fought this idea in every way she knew.

A good way to remember and affirm Christine Sevilla's life is to give generously to the memorial fund which is being established in her honor. Donations can be sent to: Genesee Land Trust, 500 East Ave, Suite 200, Rochester, NY 14607. Mark checks: Memory of Christine Sevilla.



Pick Up the Parks *April 10th, 2010*

A new initiative from the Monroe County Department of Parks



Join us in kicking off this new local stewardship event- The 2010 target: A four Park Clean-up and improvement goal for our first year. Specifically helping Ellison, Genesee Valley, Greece, and Ontario Beach Parks.

Why just four? As you know there are 21 parks within the Monroe County Parks system. As it's a first year event, we wanted to identify popular parks that could also accommodate our widespread community.

Email or call today to register your family, group of friends, club, organization, scout troop, or class! Contact Ryan Loysen at rloysen@monroecounty.gov or 585-753-7281

Be sure to tell us your group size, preferred park, e-mail address, and phone number, or just come on out to one of the project sites on April 10th and register on-site. Orientation begins at 10 a.m. at each project site with refreshments and additional information. Group projects and field work will begin at 10:30 a.m.



The Monroe County Parks belong to all of us, so let's join together to keep them clean and green. We welcome your ideas for future projects and will certainly add more parks to the event as community support grows.

Check back for additional event details, meet-up locations and park information at www.monroecounty.gov/parks



Our Zero Waste Committee is helping Ryan Loysen from Monroe County Parks set up this park clean-up program.

It's a big project covering several parks. Our group has not done a lot of clean up projects in the past, but helping to keep our parks clean and open to all is a major goal of our group. Here's an opportunity to send a message to the county that we care about our parks and we are willing to chip in. Please consider Ryan's request to help our parks in these financially troubled times and when you contact Ryan, let him know you're from the Sierra Club. And, don't forget, there's other stuff happening at the Zero Waste Committee, so join us at Tuesday, March 23rd, at 4:30 PM - 6 PM at the AAUW house, 494 East Ave, Rochester, NY --Frank Regan, Chairperson of the Rochester Sierra Club Zero Waste Committee http://newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/Zero_Waste/Zero_Waste.html



From the Water Front...

An update on our Water Conservation & Efficiency Project



by Wayne D. Howard, Great Lakes Committee Chair

In the June/July/August 2009 issue of the eco-logue, we announced the **Sierra Club's Binational Great Lakes Committee's Water Conservation and Efficiency implementation project**. Rochester, NY was chosen as the project's first demonstration community. In December, our local Great Lakes committee began with a water conservation and efficiency audit of the **Winslow Elementary School in Henrietta**. In this article I will give you an update of our progress.

Our demonstration community is part of a larger project that is being undertaken by the **Sierra Club Binational Great Lakes Committee (BGLC)** in response to the **Great Lakes Compact**, which was enacted in December 2008. By December 2010, each State and Province in the Great Lakes Basin must implement **Water Conservation and Efficiency programs**. In many States and Provinces, it appears that these programs will be voluntary.

The purpose of this project is to help facilitate and document the process of adopting aggressive, comprehensive Water Conservation & Efficiency practices for businesses, municipalities and institutions (as well as households indirectly through municipal incentives) in the **Great Lakes Basin**. Our goal is to promote and orchestrate collaborative efforts in each community, to encourage widespread adoption of water conservation and efficiency measures that exceed the requirements and encourages adoption of the voluntary programs.

Our goal is to illustrate that **water conservation and efficiency measures are effective and provide a great return on investment!** We will show that municipalities that take action to save our water resources, save money, save energy (by pumping, supplying and leaking less water), and protect against the future impacts of climate change. **Water use = Energy use = Carbon footprint!**

In September of 2009, we invited members of our local environmental community to take part in two **brainstorming sessions**. The purpose of these sessions was to discuss our goals and objectives and select suitable candidates for our first community demonstration project. We decided that we would start with a local school because of its potential for educating students, and in turn, their parents.

In the second brainstorming session, we discussed the steps that we would take to approach schools and steps that should be included in the basic project plan. At the end of our second session we decided to approach the Winslow School since we had a contact at the school and we were aware of their dedication to energy efficiency.

In December 2009, with our grant, we hired an RIT Environmental Science student, Tyler Hintz to work on our project. We then conducted our initial meeting with the school, outlining our goals and process for conducting the audit. The Winslow School graciously accepted our offer!

Tyler then spent a couple weeks conducting **initial research** and **preparing our audit materials** with members of our local committee and conducted the audit in January. He is now preparing our **final report** that includes an analysis of the results and our recommendations for the implementation of appropriate **conservation and efficiency measures**. Tyler will then present his report to the Winslow School in the Spring Quarter. He is also creating a **student education program** to help educate the students at Winslow on water conservation and other water issues.

A big thank you to the Winslow Elementary School, RIT and Tyler Hintz for participating in our project! In the coming year, we plan to conduct audits of other schools and other institutions in the Great Lakes Basin. Please contact me at greatlakes@newyork.sierraclub.org if you are interested in participating!

Please see the following websites for updates on our project: <http://www.sierraclub.org/greatlakes/> and http://connect.sierraclub.org/Team/Great_Lakes2

Does anyone have a 'Right To Water'? Water, something we in the US use abundantly in everything from energy and food production and consumption to cleanliness, recreation and even relaxation, is actually the cause of debate and growing concern around the world. The struggle for control over water resources and clean drinking water is interwoven in economic, political and cultural dynamics.

On March 29th (4-7pm) and 30th (8:30am-6pm) the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University will host a conference dealing with the concepts and issues around 'The Right To Water'. The conference, chaired by Dr. Farhana Sultana from the Geography Department, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, USA and co-organized by Dr. Alex Loftus, Geography Department, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK, will have a variety of speakers addressing the philosophical and legal perspectives of this essential topic as well as the governance and struggles of the populations currently involved in the fight for water rights.



Dr. Farhana Sultana

The conference is free but registration is required to attend. To register and view the schedule and other details, please visit: <http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/waterconference/> or Register by phone or by mail: Dr. Farhana Sultana, 315.443.5633, Water Conference, 144 Eggers Hall, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244

Sierra Club Transportation Committee Meeting

- Most people hop into their vehicles for destinations only six miles from their home. Imagine the environmental relief from greenhouse gas emissions and energy conservation if, instead, folks used alternative transportation modes. That's the sort of thing we are working on at the Rochester Sierra Club. A Lot of groups are working on transportation, but what is also needed is the advocacy of the Sierra Club to keep the goal of lowering the greenhouse gas emissions up front and center. In the past months, we worked with the Rochester Bicycling Club to implement Bicycle Boulevards in a city neighborhood (the Upper Monroe neighborhood). Bicycle boulevards slow traffic down in neighborhoods using signage and other means that encouraging walking and bicycling. For this we need help making presentations to neighborhood groups and help map out more bicycle boulevard routes.
- Also, we are trying to win Rochester another Bicycle Friendly Community award. The year before last Rochester received an Honorable Mention. This year we're aiming for the Bronze and we need help working on various projects to complete the paper work and project. Both of these projects will help our goal to promote easier and safer walking routes around our region.
- Please consider attending our next Transportation meeting, where the time and place will be posted on our committee's web site. Also, consider signing up for meeting times and other information by entering your email in the Google sign-up box on that page. Some of the concepts like Bicycle Boulevards, Walking School Buses, and the Bicycle Friendly Community Awards are described on this committee's web page <http://newyork.sierraclub.org/rochester/Transportation/Transportation.html>

Scientists Agree Mountaintop Removal Mining is Destroying Appalachia

A report in the January issue of **Science** states that mountaintop removal mining in Appalachia destroys streams and headwaters, causes severe water pollution and flooding, and has the potential for serious human health impacts. Leading scientists agree that current attempts to regulate pollution runoff from mountaintop removal sites are "clearly inadequate," and that stronger, more rigorous federal regulations are immediately needed to protect water quality in mining regions. The scientists conclude that new mountaintop removal mining permits should not be granted until peer-reviewed, scientific evidence shows that it is possible to remedy the stream destruction and public health threat.

This groundbreaking new report in one of the world's preeminent scientific journals makes it clear -- the impacts of mountaintop removal mining are pervasive and there is no evidence that any mitigation practices successfully reverse the damage it causes. As stated by Ed Hopkins, environmental quality program director at the Sierra Club "current regulations are not adequate to protect Appalachia's land and people."

Earthjustice and Sierra Club, along with dozens of other regional and national community, environmental and public health organizations, have been fighting in the courts and beyond to challenge illegal mining permits, strengthen environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act and enact federal regulations that follow science and the law.

With more than 500 mountains blown up and over 2000 miles of streams buried, it is time to stop this destruction of our country's most biodiverse forests. **AND YOU CAN HELP:**

The 5th Annual End Mountaintop Removal Lobby Week, March 6-10 will now have science on its side as a major push launches to pass the **Clean Water Protection Act** (HR 1310) in the House of Representatives. There are currently 163 Representatives cosponsoring HR 1310, including all but 5 of the 29 New York members. Kirsten Gilibrand is also a cosponsor of the companion Senate bill (S 696). Go to www.thomas.gov to read these brief bills and review the cosponsors. Want to Join the Lobby Week? Go to www.ilovemountains.org to sign up. Or you can contact local Beyond Coal Committee co-chairs for more information about the legislation and mountaintop removal coal mining. Bette Heger – 473-1529 bteheger@juno.com or Paul Ciaverri – 734-4866 342paul@gmail.com.

Highlights from the Great Lakes Lobby Day

Great Lakes restoration and protection was a focus of the Great Lakes Lobby Days in Washington D.C.. On February 24, members of the various groups that make up the Healing Our Waters Coalition came together to speak with representatives from their states to secure funding for Great Lakes Restoration in the 2011 federal budget.

In 2010, funding was allocated for projects which would clean up toxic pollution, restore wetlands, improve water quality, work to deal with invasive species and save or create jobs for people taking care of our landmark resource, the Great Lakes. Over 1,050 project proposals were submitted by Great Lakes states to the EPA for approval and that is seven times the amount of funding that is currently available. After years of abuse and inadequate investment in the lakes, securing this year's budget and, looking forward, securing permanent funding for Great Lakes restoration programs will allow agencies to keep their focus on healing our natural resource and saving money in the long term. In a study by the Brookings Institution, it was shown that the return on investment in the lakes was 4 to 1. This came about by evaluating the economic benefit of higher property values, new development, improved recreational opportunities, tourism and the jobs resulting from this improved quality of life.



Rochester Sierra Club Outings - Spring 2010



Palmyra Wetland Nature Trail

Saturday, April 3rd, 2010

Rich in both natural and historical interest, these wetlands were formed in excavations of the original Erie Canal. We'll watch for flora & fauna at key sites along the trail.

9:30 am—meet at Unitarian Church parking lot on Winton Road

Difficulty: Easy.

Estimated Time: Approx. 3 hours

Leader: Howard Camp

Hunter Creek Park

Sunday, May 9th, 2010

This outing samples a pleasant section of the Finger Lakes Trail in Southern Wyoming County, including a gorge and some interesting flora. This is a section of the FL trail, which runs for 350 miles from Allegany State Park to the Catskills.

9:30 am—meet at parking lot at Lake Riley in Cobbs Hill Park, close to intersection of Culver Road and Norris Drive.

Difficulty: Moderate

Estimated time: 4-5 Hours

Leader: Howard Camp

Stony Brook State Park

Sunday, June 6th, 2010

A fairly well-known and beautiful gem, cut by cascading water through falls and chutes. Our route will enter by the gorge trail and return by the Rim Trail. The Rim Trail offers birds-eye views into the gorge and waterfalls far below but is quite rugged.

9:30 am—meet at parking lot at Lake Riley in Cobbs Hill Park, close to intersection of Culver Road and Norris Drive.

Difficulty: Challenging

Estimated time: Hiking- Under 2 hours; Total time—4-5 hours.

City and Coalition Reach Accord on the Washington Grove

The Management Plan put together by the Coalition formed by the Sierra Club has been adopted by the City of Rochester as a guide to the stewardship of the Washington Grove forest at Cobb's Hill Park. The City has created a Work Plan to implement many of the actions called for in the Plan. A public information meeting will be held to inform people and take comments about the proposed Work Plan. For more information, contact Jim Farr at the City Parks department.

Want to Make a Difference? Join Us!

Help with Membership and Events Marketing Especially Needed

What We Do: As you know from this newsletter and perhaps events that you've attended, your Rochester Regional Group is very active. Current and recent past efforts include engaging 120 households in reducing their carbon emissions, protecting Washington Grove in Cobbs Hill Park and Buckland Creek in Brighton, participating in international negotiations regarding the Great Lakes, protecting Canadice and Hemlock lakes, developing plans for more efficient transportation locally, promoting important legislation such as the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, sponsoring films and other educational programs, and more. Did you know that this is all accomplished by a surprisingly small number of people— *all volunteers* who spend countless hours because we are each passionate about these issues?

Membership and Funding Drops in 2009: As of the end of December, Rochester Regional Group membership stood at 2276, down from the 2400 maintained for most of the last decade. Our funding comes from our members. We sorely need your help to both increase membership, and increase the level of participation in important environmental efforts by members and non-members alike. We particularly welcome your participation if you've never been involved before! We need your new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm, no matter how much time you have to give. If you are too busy to volunteer now, rest assured that your membership and/or contributions help to make all of this possible. If you can volunteer now, these are **areas of special need** where we would greatly appreciate your involvement:

Membership: We are establishing a Membership Committee to better coordinate tabling events and to plan some fun, social events. Such events, like getting together for lunch or coffee or <insert your idea here!> will introduce members and non-members to our efforts, and enable networking and brainstorming of new ideas. If interested, please contact lci_msw@hotmail.com.

Marketing: We are so busy with our efforts that letting the public know about them sometimes falls through the cracks! We urgently need a Marketing Team to write Press Releases and contact media outlets. Some experience would be helpful, but we will certainly help you—we have sample Press Releases and most of the contact information you'll need. If interested, please contact Deb Muratore at Deb.Muratore@hotmail.com.

You can also leave a message on our voicemail at (585) 234-1056 if interested in either of the above.

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DONATIONS!

Fun and Easy! It will be festival time soon!

It's that time of year again: Earth Day, which has become Earth *Month* (that's good news!) is just around the corner. Then, the entire Spring and Summer will be full of festivals, fairs, and environmental events that provide opportunities for us to talk informally with kids of all ages about how we can make a difference in caring for our community and our world.

We need you!

We need volunteers to team up with already active members to meet and greet the public and pass out literature. No experience or knowledge of specific environmental issues is necessary. If you are outgoing, have a friendly smile and some energy, and enjoy talking with kids and grown-ups alike, please give us a call. You'll get to enjoy the festival or fair on your own before and/or after your volunteer time! If you can spare one to three hours for one or more of the events below, please call us at 585-234-1056 or e-mail lci_msw@hotmail.com.

1. St. John Fisher Sustainability Fair, Wed., Mar. 10, Noon-2:30
2. Town of Pittsford's Earth Day Fair, Pittsford Library, Sat., Apr. 10, 10-4
3. Third Annual Victor Earth Day Celebration, Victor Primary School, Weds., Apr. 14, 6-8 PM
4. Cool Kids Eco-Fest, SUNY Geneseo (Batavia), 1 College Rd., Batavia, Sat. Apr. 17, 10-2 pm
5. Earth Day in the Park at Hamlin Beach State Park, Sat., Apr. 24, 10-2
6. Penfield Earth Day Event, Penfield Community Center, Sat., Apr. 24, 9-12
7. "Our Fragile World" at Seneca Park Zoo, Fri., Apr. 30 10-12 and Sat., May 1, 10-4
8. Adirondack Mountain Club Outdoor Expo, Mendon Ponds Park, Sat., June 12, 9-4
9. Brighton Energy Fair, see www.colorbrightongreen.org for location, Sun., June 13, 9-1pm

AT-A-GLANCE CALENDAR

All committees are local volunteer groups of the Rochester Regional Group of the Sierra Club

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Date	Day of Week	Time	Calendar/Event	Place
March 16, 2010	Tues.	7:30 pm	Wetlands Committee Meeting	call for directions 442-6890
March 23, 2010	Tues.	4:30-6 pm	Zero Waste Committee	AAUW house, 494 East Ave, Roch.
March 25, 2010	Thurs.	7-9 pm	Great Lakes Committee Meeting	12 Corners Middle School (1)
Mar. 29-30, 2010	Mon-Tues.	4-7pm: 8:30am-6pm	The Right to Water Conference	Syracuse University, see pg 4
April 3, 2010	Sat.	9:30 am	Palmyra Wetland Nature Trail Outing	Meet at Unitarian Church, see pg 6
April 6, 2010	Tues.	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., Suite 600
April 10, 2010	Sat.	10 am	Pick Up The Parks Initiative	See page 3 for details
April 12, 2010	Mon.	7 pm	Global Warming Committee	Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave.
April 20, 2010	Tues.	7:30 pm	Wetlands Committee Meeting	call for directions 442 6890
April 22, 2010	Thurs.	5 pm	2010 Environmental Forum	See page 1 for details
April 24-25, 2010	Sat, Sun.	9 am	Training for Transition Workshop	See Page 2 for details.
April 27, 2010	Tues.	7-9 pm	Great Lakes Committee Meeting	12 Corners Middle School (1)
May 4, 2010	Tues.	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., Suite 600
May 9, 2010	Sun.	9:30 am	Hunter Creek Park Outing	Meet at Lake Riley, see pg 6
May 10, 2010	Mon.	7 pm	Global Warming Committee	Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave.
May 18, 2010	Tues.	7:30 pm	Wetlands Committee Meeting	call for directions 442 6890
May 25, 2010	Tues.	7-9 pm	Great Lakes Committee Meeting	12 Corners Middle School (1)
June 1, 2010	Tues.	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Harro East Bldg., Suite 600
June 6, 2010	Sun.	9:30 am	Stony Brook State Park Outing	Meet at Lake Riley, see pg 6
June 14, 2010	Mon.	7 pm	Global Warming Committee	Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave.
June 22, 2010	Tues.	7:30 pm	Wetlands Committee Meeting	call for directions 442 6890
June 29, 2010	Tues.	7-9 pm	Great Lakes Committee Meeting	12 Corners Middle School (1)

(1): Great Lakes Committee Meetings: 12 Corners Middle School, 2643 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618, Library on 2nd floor.

All Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public. Call 234-1056 for information.



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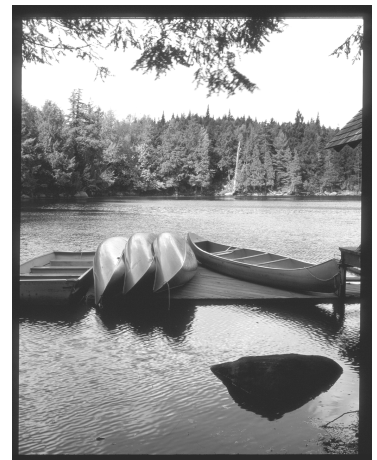
SIERRA CLUB OFFERS UNIQUE SUMMER OUTING

ADIRONDACK ADVENTURE AT GREAT CAMP SAGAMORE

August 20-22, 2010

The Rochester Regional Group of Sierra Club is inviting members and non-members to a memorable weekend expedition to explore the beauty and peace of the amazing Adirondack Park. Our lodge will be at the historic Great Camp Sagamore, William West Durant's greatest architectural achievement. Nestled on the shore of pristine Sagamore Lake in the heart of the Preserve, here you can savor the scent of balsam fir floating on the breeze, the majestic scenery of the mountains, and the warmth of good company.

Activities will include a guided tour of the buildings of the Great Camp Sagamore, nature walks with life-long naturalist and educator Peter Debes, a cruise on the nearby Raquette Lake, one of the jewels of the Park, and opportunities for swimming, canoeing and kayaking on private Sagamore Lake. There is also an opportunity for reduced price admission to the near-by Adirondack Museum.



The trip will depart from Rochester via 12 passenger vans on Friday morning, Aug. 20, and return by 6 PM Sunday evening, Aug. 22.

Participants must be in reasonably good health. Youth 16 or older may participate, provided they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Cost is \$399/ person. For complete details and an application, send a request to sierrasagamoreweekend@gmail.com or call the Rochester Sierra Club at (585) 234-1056 or Hugh Mitchell at (585) 244-2625.

Reserve your spot by April 20th 2010

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