



SIERRA CLUB



Lunz Letter

December 2022

Lunz Group Winter Picnic & Holiday Party

*Join us for good food &
company!*

Thursday, December 1
6:30 - 8:00 PM



Cooper Estates Boat Landing
1097 Cottingham Dr.
Mount Pleasant

Join us for the Lunz Group Winter Potluck! We'll gather outdoors with a fire pit at the Cooper Estates Boat Landing on Shem Creek in Mount Pleasant. Feel free to bring a friend, Sierra Club members and non-members are invited. Bring your own beverage and a dish to share. Vegetarian, vegan, meat or seafood dishes welcome.

Contact Laura Moses at lauramoses@yahoo.com with any questions.

Please RSVP through [Facebook](#) or [Meetup](#).

Public Hearing on Dominion Rate Hike

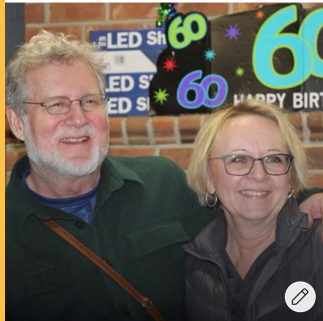
Monday, November 28
9:00am & 4:00pm

Sierra Club members are encouraged to give the S.C. Public Service Commission their two cents at a public hearing on Dominion Energy's request for a 14% increase. The increases, among other things, are to cover the higher cost of fossil fuel sources. But why should rate payers be on the hook for Dominion's flawed strategy of relying on coal and gas, when [renewable sources like wind and solar are as much as 40% cheaper](#) by some estimates.



Now is the time to make your voice heard. The PSC already approved a 5% increase earlier this year. Tell the PSC that Dominion, and not the ratepayers, should have to absorb the costs of their own poor business decisions. [Learn more about the proposed rate hike.](#)

[Sign up to speak at the hearing](#)



Save the Date

Geothermal Wonderland:
An Icelandic Adventure
Slide Show

Thursday, January 5
7:00pm

Join Sierra Club members Brantley and Penny Arnau on a visual tour of Iceland as they share photos of snow encrusted volcanoes, blue lagoon thermal pools and more from their recent trip.



View Recording

Jenny Brennan
Southern Environmental Law
Center (SELC)

Our November presenter talked about the "Changing Coast", and SELC's mapping tool that shows how current and future development decisions will affect communities as seas rise.

[Watch the Recording](#)

Upcoming Outings

*****This Saturday*****

Paddle on The Combahee River

Saturday, November 19

Trip Leader: Bill Turner

Difficulty Level: Easy



The Combahee is one of the three rivers comprising the well-conserved ACE (Ashepoo - Edisto - Combahee) Basin south of Charleston. This ten-mile paddle will cover a stretch that begins in a bottomland hardwood swamp forest environment and gradually broadens out to historic 18th century rice fields bordering the river.

[Learn More](#)

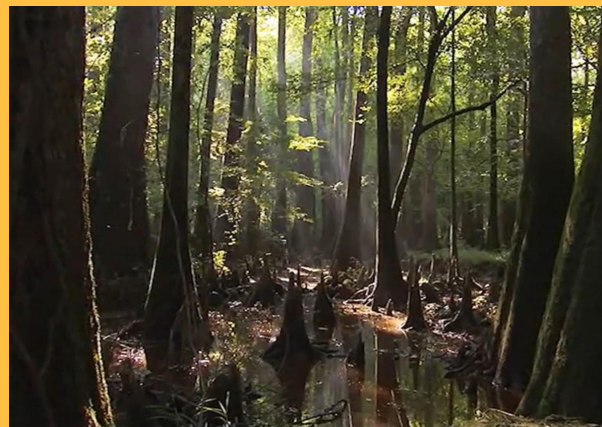
Congaree National Park

Saturday, December 17

Trip Leader: Starr Hazard

Difficulty Level: Easy

This outing will include a stroll along the board walk stretching through the largest intact old growth bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the



southeastern United States. If time permits, the outing may include a side visit and walk through the equally impressive Beidler Forest.

[Learn More](#)

New Outings for the New Year!

January 7 - [Hike Swamp Fox section of Palmetto Trail](#)

January 21 - [Birding & History at Huntington Beach State Park](#)

February 11 - [Day hike at Santee Coastal Reserve](#)

March 18 - [Mountain Bike on the Palmetto Trail](#)

Save the Date!

2023 Lunz Group Oyster Roast

Sunday, March 5

2:00 to 5:00 pm

Bowen's Island Restaurant



Volunteers needed! Sign up to bring chili, serve hot dogs, ice cream or beer, and / or to help set up and clean up. Contact Ben Mack at ben.andrew.mack@gmail.com.

To donate items for the silent auction, contact Laura Moses at lauramoses@yahoo.com or Nina Fair at ninafair@bellsouth.net.

Good Time in the Ace Basin

Starr Hazard organized a weekday visit to the Nemours Plantation in the ACE Basin in October. Staff from the Nemours Wildlife Foundation guided a group of 21 Sierra Club members through hardwood forests, long leaf pine savanna and old rice dikes. Along the way, the group learned about the history of the property and the Foundation's research and preservation work. Roseate Spoonbills and an early Blue-wing Teal were particular highlights.



Did You Know?

Did you know that wolves rarely pose a threat to people? Contrary to popular belief, wolves pose very little danger to people. They typically fear people and avoid them. Over the past 120 years, there have been only two cases where wild wolves reportedly killed a person in North America. In the decades since wolves were reintroduced to the American West, not one wolf from this recovering population has attacked a person.



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