



# SIERRA CLUB

DALLAS GROUP

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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023

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**DALLAS**  
**SIERRA CLUB**

*Holiday*  
**GATHERING**

10 DECEMBER, 2023  
6PM - 9PM  
EL FENIX RESTAURANT AT 255 CASA LINDA  
PLAZA

## Holiday Party - Come and Join in the Fun

Club members and guests are invited to come and share the holiday spirit, some great Mexican food, and the company of others at our annual holiday get-together. Join us for some camaraderie, **a raffle, one free margarita, or glass of wine.** We'll celebrate some of our outstanding volunteers and have plenty of time to mingle. Invite your family and friends. The entire menu will be available, so you can order whatever you want to eat or drink, including liquid spirits. So come on out for a great party, low price, no clean up, and lots of like-minded people. You can relax and share a laugh or get serious and talk about issues of the day -- air, water, climate change, politics, outings, fracking, coal, nuclear, whatever strikes your green fancy. What could be better? Nothing. See you there, and bring your appetite. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss it!

## Never See North Texas Nature the Same Way Again

Amy Martin



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### DECEMBER MEETING

Please join the Dallas Sierra Club as we welcome Amy Martin, author and naturalist of the DFW area. Martin nearly died four years ago from a severely broken neck, yet learned to walk again by hiking natural trails. Those hikes are an integral part of Wild DFW. Hear her inspiring story woven with rhapsodic passages from the book.

Learn how a little knowledge about natural history and ecology can transform your perception of North Texas nature.

Astounding color photos bring alive peak experiences from the 25 featured hiking adventures through hardwood bottomland forests and Eastern Cross Timbers, soaring limestone escarpments, lush wetlands, and rare remnants of Blackland and Fort Worth Prairies. Get to know a diverse community of volunteers working for nature.

**Open to Public** → Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM via ZOOM.

You can join us 15 minutes before to chat and ask questions. Everyone is welcome to participate!

**To register for the meeting with Zoom** [click on this link](#)

## Backpacking 101 Class - Saturday, January 27th

Need the perfect holiday gift for someone in your life wanting to expand their time outdoors? Is that 'someone' you?! Sign up for our highly regarded Backpacking 101 class being held January 27th. Details and link to register are on the Outings page and calendar of our [website](#). **We're happy to provide a card if you want to surprise someone with the class as a gift!** Contact: [Liz@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:Liz@dallassierraclub.org).

Thanks Whole Earth Provision Company for the terrific raffle prizes



**BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK , Thu., February 15 – Mon., February 19**

**(Presidents Day Weekend)**

Backpack or base camp! Options for this year's annual outing are: (1) Easy to moderate backpacking in the Chisos Mountains, (2) Base camping in the Chisos Basin Campground with day hikes in the east, central, and west parts of the park, or (3) Backpacking the 30-mile Outer Mountain Loop from the Chisos Mountains to the Sierra Quemada and back. Outer Mountain Loop hikers must arrive by sunset on Wednesday, February 14 to start hiking Thursday morning. The first and last days of this outing are for travel to and from the park. Go

to [DallasSierraClub.org](http://DallasSierraClub.org) for details and registration.

## OUTREACH SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Dallas Sierra Club has a new program to provide outdoor/environmental education in the form of entertaining and informative presentations by Dallas Sierra Club members with expertise in the topics offered. These presentations range in length from 30 minutes to one hour and cover a variety of topics in the general categories of outdoor adventure, environmental education, and general ecology. These talks are appropriate for a wide range of audiences including youth groups, school classes, civic and social groups, nature and gardening clubs, church groups, etc. Any group interested in an available topic is welcome to [contact us](#).

This service is offered free-of-charge by the Dallas Sierra Club.

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