



SIERRA CLUB

DALLAS GROUP

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

A Message From Our Chair

Happy New Year! I hope that the holidays have proved to be peaceful and restful for everyone and that the coming year is kind to us all!

With a New Year comes new opportunities within the Dallas Sierra Club! We are firming up several activities for our members and their families designed to create community between our club, environmentally engage different areas of the Metroplex, help our environment, and allow everyone a chance to visit and make new friends. We have sponsored several trails and shoreline areas in the Metro that desperately need our attention, and we have several more areas that we're eyeing for potential maintenance and clean ups! Because of this, we're asking for anyone that would like to help to please join us! All inquiries and participatory emails can be sent to me at victoria@dallassierraclub.org.

Also, we have openings to participate with the Dallas Sierra Club in our administration or with our Executive Committee. These positions help guide our club and shape the direction we take as a whole. We would love to have you and welcome your presence and perspective. For more information, please email me..

Cheers,
Victoria



Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting via Zoom - Tuesday, January 9

Recycling in North Texas - The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Please join the Dallas Sierra Club in welcoming Joan Meeks as she dissects the good, the bad, and the ineffective of recycling practices in North Texas! Most local cities have a traditional glass, paper, and plastic recycling program, but are these programs really effective? Are the items really recycled as promised? Will local recycling programs ever expand to take more than the traditional trinity of recyclables?

Joan will delve in and not only answer these questions but also address:

- Recycling Programs Economic Value
- Benefits the Recycling Brings To NTX
- Food Waste Recycling & Why It's Imperative

7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 9 via Zoom

From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

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

Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member.

For more information, contact Victoria Howard, Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org.



Backpacking 101 Class - Saturday, January 27th

Does your new 2024 year bring dreams of adventure, leaving crowds and exploring scenic backcountry trails? **Reserve your spot now** for the Dallas Sierra Club's popular **Backpacking 101** class. It's designed for never-ever backpackers and people who want to refresh backpacking gear, knowledge, or skills. Class leaders with ample experiences will present a fun, comprehensive overview of tips regarding packs, tents, sleeping bags, food and cooking, foot care, what to wear, sanitation, wilderness ethics and more. We'll include advice we wish someone had told us early to make backpacking easier and more economical. **REGISTER by Jan 23.** ([Click here.](#)) For last minute registration, please contact the class coordinator to be sure space is available. This event is not sponsored by the Dallas Public Library.

Place: Preston Royal Branch of Dallas Public Library, 5626 Royal Lane, Dallas 75229. ([Directions](#))

Time: 10am - 3:30 pm, with a break for lunch

Price: \$25, includes light lunch of backpacking food and take-home materials.

Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-207-4997



BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, February 15 – Monday, 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 for details and registration.



Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting via Zoom - Tuesday, February 13

Tour Nature's Beauty with Photographer Dale Edelbaum

Dreaming of places to explore in 2024? Tired from the holidays? Sit back, relax, and join us Tuesday, February 13 for a photographic tour as we welcome back our own long time Sierran and nature photographer extraordinaire Dale Edelbaum. Feel your blood pressure lower and your sense of adventure rise as we enjoy Dale's program of special places from beaches to mountain, critters large and small, flowers of amazing colors, our amazing feathered friends, and more! Accompanied by the perfect background music and a Q & A at the end, this meeting will be a real treat for nature lovers one and all!

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