



Dallas Sierra Club

“When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe.” ~John Muir

Musings From The Chair....



Dear Friends,

As Spring approaches and the political season heats up, mark your calendars because there is another No Kings March on March 28, 2026. Please let your voices be heard and show up to one of the many protests in the Metroplex. Please visit the [No Kings](#) website to find out about a protest near you..

Cheers,
Victoria



Did you know that the Dallas Sierra Club has a monthly Happy Hour at different locations around the Metroplex? If you'd like to join the fun, please email me at victoria@dallassierraclub.org to have your name added to the email notification list.



SIERRA CLUB
LONE STAR CHAPTER





Small plastics are creating big problems for our beloved waters, and thousands of volunteers in Texas and beyond are stepping up to help. Join us next Monday to learn about pre-production plastics (aka “nurdles”) and how Nurdle Patrol - an international citizen science program - helps protect Texas waterways and coastal ecosystems from plastic pellet pollution.

Meeting details:

- When: **Monday, March 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- Speaker: Jace Tunnell, Harte Research Institute, TAMU-CC
- Register here: <https://bit.ly/march-wpec>

About the speaker:

Jace Tunnell is Director of Community Engagement at the Harte Research Institute at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi. He is the founder of Nurdle Patrol, a citizen science project that tracks plastic pellet pollution worldwide to raise awareness and inform policy. Jace also directs and produces Beachcombing, a video series that highlights unusual items washing up on Gulf Coast beaches and the stories they tell about marine life and ocean processes. His outreach extends through a weekly Beachcombing newspaper column in Texas publications, a weekly NPR radio segment, and televised episodes aired on PBS-KEDT. His conservation work focuses on engaging the public in marine science, increasing awareness of plastic pollution, and protecting coastal resources. Jace earned his Master’s degree in Marine Biology from Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi in 2001.

As always, please help us spread the word by sharing this invitation through your networks. The more people involved, the greater impact we can make!

If you're interested in joining the [Sierra Club's Water for People & the Environment Committee](#) and stay informed about our future meetings and opportunities, please sign up [here](#).

WHITE ROCK LAKE MONTHLY CLEAN UP



White Rock Lake Clean Up Saturday, March 14th at 8:30 am

Help pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Dallas Sierra Club's adopted section of the lake.

Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. The lake and your karma will thank you..

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March General Meeting - Palo Pinto Mountains State Park

**Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm -
Zoom**

 Kate Fisher

Please join the Dallas Sierra Club as we welcome Palo Pinto Mountains State Park Interpreter/ Ranger, Kate Fisher (aka Ranger Kate), as she delves into all things Texas Parks and Wildlife. As a native Texas born and raised in Fort Worth, despite limited access to the outdoors growing up, Kate's fascination for animals and the natural environment persisted from a young age. This quickly turned into a deep-seated passion for protecting wildlife and wild spaces.

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Out and About...

Dallas Sierra Club Outings

Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area Day Hike – March 21st Registration Required



Want to enjoy the natural beauty of the DFW area? Join the Dallas Sierra Club on a hike to experience the variety of flora and fauna at the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area. For details and registration [click here](#).

Ouachita Trail Hike for Experienced Backpackers - April 2nd – 5th Registration Required



Do you want to experience the beauty of the Eastern Oklahoma and Western Arkansas mountains? If you are an experienced backpacker and want to kick start your 2026 backpacking season, join us for a long weekend hike along the Ouachita Trail. This hike will include mountain climbs and river crossings with camping in a National Wilderness area. For details and registration [click here](#).

Eisenhower State Park Camping Weekend April 10-12!



SPRING CAMP OUT RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN!

April is the perfect time for a relaxing weekend under the stars! Tent campers of all levels and anyone wanting to test their backpacking skills and gear would enjoy this weekend at Eisenhower State Park, just an hour and a half drive north of Dallas. Hikes of various lengths will be offered including the trail at the park and, weather permitting, nearby Cross Timbers Trail. We have a cluster of campsites reserved and space is limited so sign up now. Pre-registration is required. For complete details and to make your reservation and payment, [click here](#).

Great Trinity Forest Day Hike - Saturday, April 18th – Registration Required



Dallas Sierra Club is excited to offer a day hike in the Great Trinity Forest in Dallas. This will be a unique opportunity to hike off trail in the wilds of Dallas. For details and registration [click here](#).

Ouachita Trail Beginners Backpacking Trip – April 24th – 26th – Registration Required



Want to get away for a short backpacking trip to the mountains? The Ouachita trail is a beautiful mountain hike that begins in Eastern Oklahoma about 3 ¾ hours from Dallas. The Dallas Sierra Club is hosting a trip starting from the Winding Stair trail head. Whether you are looking for your first overnight backpacking experience, want to test out your latest gear or just enjoy a weekend in the woods, this is the hike for you. We are happy to help you prepare for the trip! For details and registration [click here.](#)



Great Smoky Mountains National Park hike - June 13 - 20

NOTE: Registration is full

Contact Mark Stein at mark@steinplanning.com to be placed on the waiting list.

This will be a beautiful hike from Twenty-Mile Trailhead on the southwest edge of the park (North Carolina), backpack to Rich Gap and Gregory Bald on the Tennessee border, then loop downhill to the starting trailhead. Trip details and registration are available [here.](#)

Give yourself the gift of becoming an Outings Leader....

Texas-wide, the Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter is looking to sponsor and certify Outing Leaders around the state. Certified Outings Leaders create and participate in: local day-hikes, local or day-long bike trips, camping at the numerous Texas area campgrounds, backpacking in the wilderness, and paddling on our beautiful waterways. We have a program that utilizes both online and in-person training to guide and help you become a Sierra Club Outings Leader – it is easier and more satisfying than you think! We will guide you through the process and make sure you are comfortable and ready to lead. Please contact me ,Jim Robarge at robargeDSC@gmail.com ,if you have interest or questions in joining with those who are benefiting from the beauty of the outdoors.

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Big Bend Trip Recap

The Big Bend of Texas has a wide variety of biomes, flora and fauna. The area changes from scrubby desert to canyons and forested mountains. Eighteen hikers enjoyed the opportunity to experience this unique area with the Dallas Sierra Club in February. This annual outing was again a success with three different hikes offered for a variety of interests.... Here are some pictures from our adventures!



The day-hike group enjoying the hike to Burro Mesa Pour-off



Heading out on another great day hike! Christian Costello led a group backpacking up into the Chisos Mountains. They set up a camp in the mountain at the Colima camp site, and then enjoyed hikes to the beautiful views of the South Rim and Emory Peak. On Sunday, they hiked the Oak Spring Trail to Sam Nail Ranch to see another area of the park.



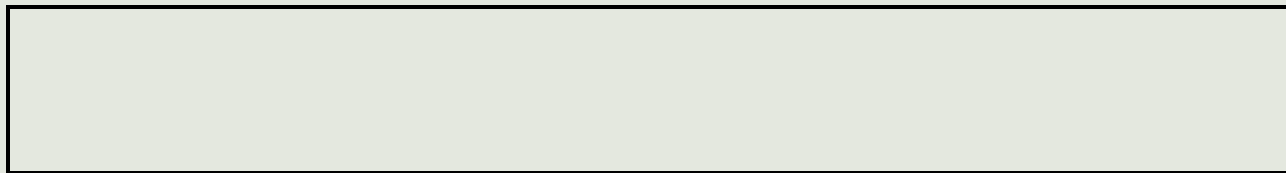
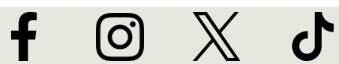
The view from the South Rim. A group of experienced backpackers hiked the Outer Mountain loop. The challenging hike is 31 miles up through the Chisos Mountains and down across the desert to the South.



The Outer Mountain Loop crew looking ready to head off on their trip..



Camping amongst the briars and cacti on the Outer Mountain Loop



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