

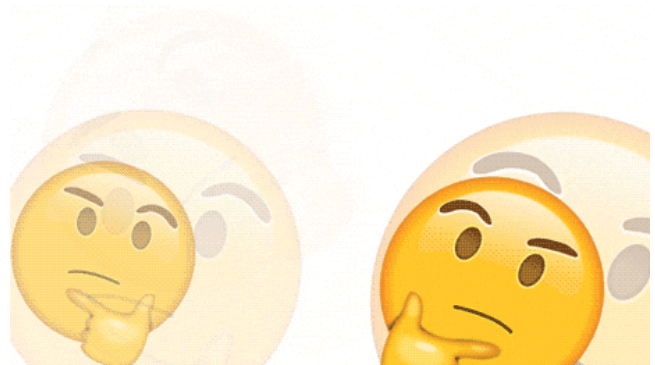


Dallas Sierra Club

“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,
We have a wonderful new Program Chair in the Dallas Sierra Club! Our longtime friend and colleague, Liz Wheelan, has graciously taken over the position and wants to hear from you with your ideas for future programs! If there's an interesting speaker, an environmental issue, or you want to learn more about a special place in nature, Liz wants to know about it. Please email her at: Lizwico@aol.com
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@dassierraclub.org to have your name added to the email notification list.



SIERRA CLUB

LONE STAR CHAPTER



Dear Water Advocates,

Join us today (Monday, May 11th) for a conversation on a new Sierra Club project examining how energy generation in Texas affects our water resources. The speakers will share insights from their recently released report on this issue and highlight key concerns, opportunities, and recommendations for decision-makers.

Meeting details:

- When: **Monday, May 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- Speakers: Lindsay Mader and Noah Ver Beek, Sierra Club
- Register here: <https://bit.ly/may-wpec>

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](#).

We're excited to have you with us!



**White Rock Lake
Clean Up Saturday, June 13th 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..

Please visit www.dallassierraclub.org for information..

**May General Meeting - Data Centers and
the Rising Threat to Our Communities-**

7:00 pm, Tuesday, May 12 via Zoom

Texas is second in the nation for the explosive growth of data centers powering artificial intelligence and cloud computing. While DFW is the second

largest data center market in the  data center nation, our surrounding counties are being inundated with data center applications, often co-located with natural gas power plants.

This rapid growth is spurring a significant increase in power demand, testing our water supplies, and poses a threat to air quality, and our open spaces.

Learn more about the national and statewide implications this growing industry may have on local communities and on your pocketbooks.

Rita Beving

Rita Beving has a thirty-five year history of working on environmental and energy issues in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and statewide.

Rita currently serves on the Dallas Environmental Commission as a technical advisor. She was formerly the Vice Chair of the Environmental Task Force for the Dallas

Comprehensive Environmental and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) for the City of Dallas Rita currently works with Public Citizen and has formerly worked with both the Sierra

Club and the Clean Water Fund. She is a graduate of Iowa State University and resides in the Dallas area with her husband, attorney David Griggs.

Please visit www.dallassierraclub.org for log in information..

Out and About...

Dallas Sierra Club Outings

Great Smoky Mountains National Park hike - June 13 - 20

This outing is currently full – if you are interested in being placed on the waiting list contact Mark Stein at mark@steinplanning.com . Please include the hike name, the names of those interested and your phone number.



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](#).

Looking forward to the Fall

As the summer heat begins to take hold, we look to the Fall with cooler temperatures and beautiful changes in flora. The Outings Group is working hard on planning our Fall offerings. Reservations will be available in early summer. To keep up to date on all the goings-on make sure to visit our outings page (www.dallassierraclub.org). While you're there, register for our Outings Newsletter as well!

Save the Date - Sangre de Cristo Wilderness and Great Sand Dunes National Park hike September 2nd – 6th



See highly contrasting landscapes with a hike to the Dunes Visitor Center from Mosca Pass and back to camp in the pass. Next morning, backpack the scenic Comanche-Venable loop over two alpine passes, including the amazing Phantom Terrace. Trip details will be available later in the Spring.

[Save the Date - Dinosaur Valley \(Glen Rose, Texas\) Camping October 16th-18th](#)

[Save the Date - Day Hike in the Great Trinity Forest in Dallas \(September\)](#)

[Save the Date - Day Hike in the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area \(October\)](#)

[Save the Date - Backpacking the Ouachita Trail \(October\)](#)

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.

Dallas Sierra Club Outings... What We've Been Doing

Successful Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area Visit

The Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area hikes were successes!

This Spring two groups of hikers braved the heat and enjoyed the beauty that the Lewisville Lake

Environmental Learning Area has to offer (woods, birds, snakes, deer etc.). In addition to views of nature, one group had a surprise tour of the Minor-Porter log cabin by experts dressed in periods costumes! The other group joined in World Migatory Bird Day with experts lending their knowledge. We are excited to be able to offer more day hikes at local natural areas in the future.

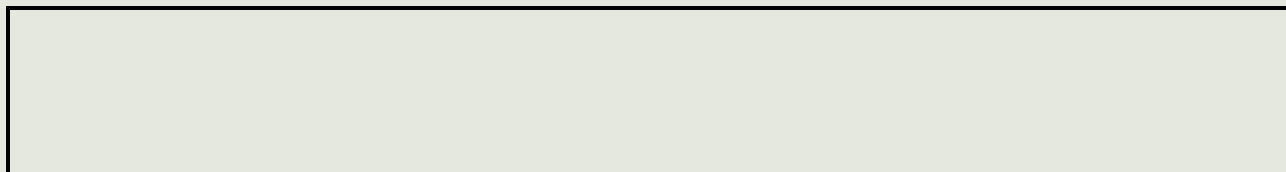
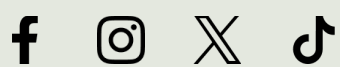


Spring Fun was had under the stars at Eisenhower State Park

Spring fun was had under the stars at Eisenhower State Park!

(Ok, stars and some clouds, even a few early morning raindrops, but still a great weekend outdoors at Eisenhower State Park by Lake Texoma in North Texas.) Campers of various ages and experience pitched their tents and enjoyed hiking the park's trails of diverse flora, fauna, fossils, and lake views. Evenings and free time allowed great conversation, and Saturday night dinner ended up being a shared smorgasbord that included fried chicken and campfire grilled sausage, capped off with lots of s'mores! Some of us had known each other for years, others we met for the first time, but with a weekend of laughter, jokes and sharing, we all came away friends.

Sound like something you'd enjoy?



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