



SIERRA CLUB
FLORIDA CHAPTER

Tampa Bay Group



Time to Vote - Primary Elections

By Janet Stanko, Chair Sierra Club Tampa Bay Group

Sierra Club members VOTE and vote FOR the environment! Your Florida Chapter and your local political committee have been hard at work reviewing, interviewing and endorsing candidates. Please ensure you are ready. This is a critical election year—both for the general election Nov 3rd, and for the primary August 18th.

Many races will be decided on August 18th, including all of the school board races. There are 3 ways to vote:

- **Vote By Mail:** All voted ballots must be in the elections office no later than 7 p.m. August 18, 2026
- **Early Voting:** August 3 through August 16, 2026 at locations throughout the county.
- **Election Day:** August 18, 2026 at your assigned location.

Check our [Tampa Bay Group Website](#) for endorsements.
Or follow our group social media pages for the latest endorsements on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Here are some other things you can do to prepare:

- [Check your voter registration](#) Don't assume that because you voted in the last election, you are still registered or able to vote by mail.
- [Check your Federal House Representative](#) It may have changed in the last round of redistricting.
- [Check your Florida House Representative](#) Your Florida state district has not been affected by redistricting.

Aspire to become more social media savvy. This is the year to get to the next level. If you have aspirations of doing more social media, start now. Not only SC friends, but everyone in your circle. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn—whatever you are comfortable with.

If you are interested in helping to get Sierra Club candidates elected, or want to participate in our candidate review and selection process, contact [Gary Gibbons](#).



For more events and updates go to the calendar on the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Home Page:

Events Calendar

Movie Night August 25

The Little Brown Bird

America's Most Endangered Songbird is Saving a Landscape

Join us for an amazing and uplifting story! A tiny sparrow is a barometer for the health of our delicate Florida environment. This documentary has won eight film awards for its excellence.

**Date and Time:**

Tuesday, August
25

6:30-8:30 PM

Location:

C. Blythe Andrews
Public Library
2607 E Martin
Luther King Jr Blvd
Tampa 33610

Once thriving across Florida's dry prairies, the Florida grasshopper sparrow saw its population crash to fewer than 80 individuals in the wild due to extreme habitat loss. The species is a non-migratory bird found exclusively in the south-central Florida dry prairies. The film follows an unlikely, diverse team of conservationists, biologists, Air Force personnel, and ranchers uniting to save the species. The narrative captures the massive efforts to protect both the bird and the shrinking headwaters of the Everglades ecosystem.

The movie goes beyond a simple wildlife rescue story; it uses the sparrow as a barometer for the health of the broader Florida environment. By focusing on a "keystone" species, the film highlights the critical need to preserve the Florida Wildlife Corridor. It emphasizes the complex teamwork required between scientists and the military to maintain public and private lands, showing that saving a species requires protecting the entire ecosystem upon which it relies.

(Produced by: Wildpath and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Made available by: The Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation.)

Register Here

Virtual Film Screening: VS. GOLIATH: Greater Chaco

Date and Time:

Tue, Sep 1, 2026; 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (Eastern)

Location: 4101 N Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33603, USA

Join us at Angry Chair Brewery to have a Watch Party of Sierra Club's new monthly series "vs. Goliath" [Home](#) | [Vs Goliath](#)
—a powerful, award-winning new documentary series following everyday people across the

United States as they stand up to the fossil fuel industry and fight for the future of their communities.

Film Description: The sacred Greater Chaco region of New Mexico, the ancestral homeland of the Pueblo and Diné peoples, is under siege by a relentless surge in oil and gas extraction. After a life-changing call to Standing Rock, young Sandia Pueblo leader Julia Bernal returns home to confront the same forces threatening her own community. Uniting with Diné elder Daniel Tso and an intergenerational coalition, they lead a powerful fight to defend tribal sovereignty and protect Chaco for future generations.

Following the film, watch Bill McKibben, and others for a live Q&A.

Vs. Goliath tells stories of courage and resistance from the frontlines of the climate crisis. Each month, we'll screen one episode and hear directly from the people living these stories. Save the date for other upcoming screenings:

- October 6 — *Vs. Goliath: Port Arthur*

The *Vs. Goliath* screening series is co-sponsored by Center for Biological Diversity, Climate First!, Climate Hawks Vote, Climate Reality Project Greater New Orleans, Food and Water Watch, Fossil Free Media, GreenFaith, People Vs. Fossil Fuels, Sierra Club, Third Act, Union of Concerned Scientists, Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community, 198 Methods, and 350 Local Groups Network.

We will have time in the beginning to share what our partner organizations are doing, socialize and network for 30 minutes.

Register to join the watch party and discussion on September 1.

Cost: FREE

Register here for VS Goliath

Conservation Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 6:30-8 PM

We will discuss local environmental issues of concern, including these below. If you have others, please feel free to reach out to Mary Willa Matz or Nancy Stevens.

- Creating a Preserve at the German American Club
- HC-CPA 25-37, Two Rivers Development

For more information and to register go to the [September registration page](#).

GET
OUTDOORS!
MAKE
FRIENDS!
HAVE
FUN!

Outings

Outings Information

The latest outings can be found on our website: <https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/tampa-bay/outings>.

Are you a member of the military? The Tampa Bay Sierra Club has entered into a partnership with Four Star Families based out of MacDill Air Force Base to establish Tampa Bay Military Outings. See more info and the calendar at <https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/tampa-bay/military-outings>

Registration is required for all outings. Unless otherwise noted, outings are free though there may be site entry fees. Liability waivers are required, and anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian. No pets.



Tampa Bay Group

Committee Meetings

Executive Committee

1st Wednesday of every month, 6:30 pm. Virtual.
Meetings are open to every member. To get the virtual link please contact chair@tampabaysierraclub.

Conservation Committee

We meet the 2nd Monday, every other month.
To get the next meeting date go to the events calendar on our [web page](#).
Contact [Mary Willa Matz](#), if you have a topic you would like to discuss.



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VOLUNTEER with Tampa Bay Group

Volunteers Needed!

Social media - help us reach out to more people! Assist our Social Media coordinator with postings to Instagram, LinkedIn, MeetUp, Facebook. Contact [Carl Bailey](#).

Would you like to see more events? We need more volunteers!!!

Programs chair - organize our General Meetings, including getting the speakers and logistics. Contact [Janet Stanko](#).

Outings leaders - will be trained to lead outings. This includes a 2-year certification (free) in basic first aid. Contact [Ed Shindle](#).

ICO leaders will be trained to lead ICO trips. This includes a 2-year certification (free) in basic first aid. Contact [Emilie Joyce](#).

About our Events

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise noted, events are open to the public. Registration is required for many events, and some events are limited to members.

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