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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Members and Supporters,

When the coast redwood near my home starts to drop leaves and cones, and the vines of our tomato plants get long in the tooth, it's impossible to ignore - summer is winding down. That's usually OK with me (fall is my favorite season) though I admit that between headlines of wildfires, predictions about a drenching El Niño, and a high-stakes midterm election, only time will tell what fall will bring us this year.

I hope your summer, like mine, was sweet. One of my happiest adventures was camping along the South Fork of the American River in July. My kids and I swam in the icy water and spied on a group of river otters playing at dusk. The next day we watched from the shoreline as bright blue rafts filled with young people and guides floated by our campsite. I recognized those rafts! They were filled with youth and guides from ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors — learn more and support their amazing efforts at sierraclub.org/sfbay/activities#ico).

The rafts were too far off shore and moving too fast for me to share my enthusiasm with them, but it gave the rest of the weekend a certain sheen; the SF Bay Chapter was here.

Closer to home, the SF Bay Chapter is everywhere. The Tri Valley and Southern Alameda County Group volunteers helped defend Measure D, the Save Agriculture and Open Space Lands Initiative, ensuring the protection of open space in Alameda County. Political Committee volunteers have been meeting with candidates up and down the ballot to determine which environmental champions we will support in November (see page 3 for more on that). In San Francisco, Kieran Farr and the Green SF Now team celebrated their first Community Corner (read more on page 6). And on September 26th, we'll gather on Ocean Beach in San Francisco for Hands Across the Sand, a statewide demonstration to show that our oceans and coastlines are off-limits to oil drilling and destruction.

Whether you're a casual reader or a lifelong member, I am so glad you're here, and I hope there's something in these pages that grabs your sense of wonder!

With appreciation,



Sarah Ranney
CHAPTER DIRECTOR



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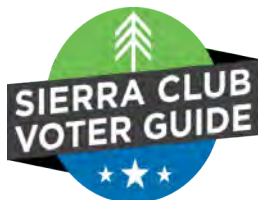


FALL 2026 CHAPTER NEWS

Endorsements Out Now

Ballots are soon to land in mailboxes, and the November election season means it's time to figure out how to vote. But don't worry - the Sierra Club has done the hard work for you. We have analyzed the ballot measures, interviewed the candidates, and done meticulous research to bring you endorsements you can trust from the local level on up.

Check out our endorsements at sierraclub.org/sfbay/2026-endorsements and vote for clean, healthy, and sustainable communities this fall.



Chapter and Group Elections Season Begins

Our Chapter and Group Elections season has officially begun! This is a great opportunity to get involved by applying for a leadership position, and then voting (starting in November) for your local Executive Committee members. While the general nominations period is now closed (as of August 21st), you can still apply for leadership positions by petition before September 13th.

Additionally, you can speak with your vote: ballots will be released online on November 9th and in the Winter Yodeler. More information about applying, timelines, candidate statements as they come in, and general updates can be found at sierraclub.org/sfbay/chapter-elections. In the meantime, join or renew your membership online at sierraclub.org/sfbay before October 31st to ensure you are eligible to vote. You can contact the Nominations/Elections Committee at any time at elections@sfbaysc.org.

Help Reduce Emissions from Shipping and Warehouses

Tired of trucks idling in your neighborhood? Unhappy with warehouse pollution? Want to make your voice heard? You're not alone! The Bay Area Air District (BAAD) is resuming meetings in September, and we at the Chapter want to help you make your voice heard.

In April 2026, the Air District released a concept paper at baaqmd.gov/en/Rules-and-Compliance/Rule-Development/Warehouse-ISR for a warehouse indirect source rule (ISR), a critical tool to reduce deadly emissions generated by the goods movement industry.

Warehouses are pollution magnets, bringing thousands of polluting truck trips through already overburdened frontline communities every day. Warehouse ISRs have proven to be a practical and effective tool to meaningfully reduce pollution and accelerate the transition to non-polluting zero- emissions technologies.

Please send any testimonials, support for the rule, and critiques of polluting industries to Chapter Organizer Mars Keith at mars.keith@sierraclub.org. This is a rolling call.

Find an updated public comment guide at bit.ly/warehouse-isr-comment.

Say No to Deadly Air Pollution in the Bay Area

The gas industry is trying to take us backwards on clean air. Gas furnaces and water heaters are one of the largest sources of smog-forming pollution in our region, contributing more nitrogen oxide (NO_x) pollution than all the cars on our roads combined and contaminating the air you and your family breathe every day.

The Bay Area made a major clean air decision in 2023. We demanded the Air District adopt strong zero NO_x standards to phase out new gas furnaces and water heaters that pollute our neighborhoods, worsening asthma and heart disease. Now those rules are moving toward implementation, but the gas industry is trying to take advantage of this opportunity to undercut the rules to keep their corporate profits high.

Sign on to support keeping life-saving clean air standards strong at bit.ly/CleanAirNowBayArea. Interested in getting more involved? Reach out to Chapter Organizer Tracy Flor Figueroa at tracy.figueroa@sierraclub.org.

Introducing: Chapter Organizer Tracy Flor-Figueroa



Our chapter is thrilled to introduce our newest staff member and Clean Heat organizer, Tracy Flor-Figueroa. We are stoked to have her on the team!

A NOTE FROM TRACY:

Hi everyone!

My name is Tracy Flor-Figueroa, and I am excited to be joining the Sierra Club as a Chapter Organizer.

My background is environmental justice, community engagement, and environmental education. Over the years, I've worked with nonprofits, government agencies, schools, and community organizations across the Bay Area to help connect people with environmental resources, lead-

ership opportunities, and the outdoors.

What I enjoy most about this work is bringing people together, building relationships, and creating opportunities for communities to thrive and have a voice in the decisions that affect them. I am passionate about making environmental spaces and advocacy more accessible, inclusive, and community-driven.

Outside of work, I enjoy exploring new foods and listening to songs in languages I don't speak. You might catch me attempting to sing along in a language I am not fluent in. I love learning about how different communities experience and connect with the world around them, which is probably why I enjoy community engagement work so much.

I'm honored to be here, learn from all of you, and contribute to the incredible work happening across our chapter.

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Labor and Environment: C&H Sugar Strike

ASHIA AJANI

Exploitation of sugar connects many of our diasporas. An insatiable taste for sugar was a primary driver of European colonization throughout the Caribbean, Latin America and Asia – so much so that it used to be called “white gold.”

A now controversial and highly contested additive in numerous foods and beverages, processed, refined sugar has been far removed from its origins as a woody-stalk crop in New Guinea. Though traded throughout India, West Asia and eventually Europe, sugar did not make its way to the Americas until Christopher Columbus brought cane plants to the Americas during his return voyage in 1493.

During the expansion of European colonization in the New World, harvesting sugar was brutal labor performed by enslaved Africans. The canes can grow up to twenty feet

tall, and they must be felled and processed within a day, as sugar cane spoils quickly. Fatal injuries often occurred on the production line: boiling sugar burns, accidents with heavy rollers and punishment from overseers meant life was both short and cruel.

But as long as sugar kept coming from the colonies, Europeans couldn't care less about the horrifying extraction and environmental degradation happening. Grown as monoculture, sugar leads to deforestation, soil erosion and decreased soil quality, among other environmental impacts. As synthetic fertilizers became more common, modernized sugar cultivation contributes to water pollution from agricultural runoff and intensified water usage.

Post-emancipation, the transition to landless peasantry across the Caribbean collided with a Western reliance on sugar, and production became transitioning towards Asia, largely through colonial corporations. In the case of Hawai'i, thousands of Chinese, Japanese and Filipino laborers were brought in to fill the gap from the loss of enslaved and indentured servants.

Why rehash all of this history? To contextualize the ongoing struggle for labor rights and environmental safety.

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Even to this day, work in the sugar industry remains notorious for poor working conditions. And this is no different for the workers in our home state.

The California and Hawaiian (C&H) Sugar Factory was founded in 1906 and has been a leading sugar brand because of their exclusive use of cane sugar (as opposed to beet sugar). Today, the C&H factory refines over 750,000 tons of cane sugar yearly, which equals 10% of U.S. production. The refinery is located in Crockett, near the Carquinez Bridge in unincorporated Contra Costa County, California. Formerly reliant on sugar cane from Hawai'i, C&H now gets its sugarcane from Brazil, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Now, C&H is at the center of labor and public health disputes. This is not the first time C&H has engaged in labor battles with unsatisfied workers: in 1938 (cocohistory.org/essays/sugar-wars-and-the-bloody-streets-of-crockett), disputes between two unions, CIO Sugar Workers Union and American Federal of Labor (AFL) lasted for 41 days, leading to violent conflict between warehousemen and AFL members. In 2003, workers walked out in solidarity with sugar employees.

This most recent walkout by workers with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) marks the first strike since 2003. Led by Warehouse Local 6, the strike began in mid-June over cuts to benefits and increases in pay, which workers say is not a fair compromise. C&H workers are refusing to cross the picket line in Crockett, so the company has moved operations to the Levin Terminal in Richmond, CA, unloading raw sugar in the same area where coal and oil are unloaded. While the Bay Area Air District has inspected the site and documented no handling or cross-contamination violations (kqed.org/news/12090638/cb-sugar-striking-workers-to-meet-for

first-time-in-month-long-strike), workers are unhappy with the handling of sugar products, and C&H's refusal to acknowledge the harm being done both onsite and offshore.

From 1492 to 2026, from Philippines to Crockett, sugar production exposes the necessity for improved labor conditions, transnational solidarity and environmental protections along the entire supply chain.

Ashia Ajani is the Organizing Manager of the SF Bay Chapter.

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AND

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San Francisco's First Community Corners Take Root

KIERAN FARR

On a Saturday morning this July, a corner in Bernal Heights filled with neighbors from young kids to retirees hauling planters, turning soil, and setting plants into what had been a stretch of bare asphalt. In just two hours, as part of One City Day, San Francisco's first citywide day of service, volunteers expanded the city's first Community Corner at Cortland and Moultrie, in front of the Bernal Heights Library.

It may be a small patch of green, but it's a big idea about what our streets are for, and a big next step for our urban greening campaign *Green SF Now*.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY CORNER?

California's daylighting law now keeps cars from parking right up against crosswalks so drivers and pedestrians can see each other. That safety requirement leaves thousands of newly cleared corners across San Francisco – and with them an opportunity. A Community Corner takes one of those corners and adds planters, murals, and other placemaking elements, so drivers slow down, the no-parking zone is protected against illegal parking, and neighbors get a little pocket of green.

On June 16, after more than 20 residents spoke in support and emails poured in from across the city, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors approved Community Corners as a two-year pilot program. Any neighborhood group can now register a corner with the City and start planting.

WHEN INSTITUTIONS STALL, NEIGHBORS ACT

Longtime readers may recall the larger story that inspired us to start Green SF Now. San Francisco remains the only coastal city in California with a combined sewer system, regularly discharging sewage into the Bay during storms. Last year, we covered the Supreme Court ruling that weakened Clean Water Act enforcement (a case San Francisco itself brought), and before that, the fight to restore natural waterways in the Mission.

The lesson we drew then holds now: we cannot wait for courts or the political process to green our city. The



Green SF Now campaign, anchored by the Sierra Club San Francisco Group, was built on the conviction that natural infrastructure makes San Francisco healthier, protects against flooding, and fights climate change, and that residents can lead the way.

RESILIENCE THAT BRINGS NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

The first corner on Cortland was a genuine coalition effort: the Civic Joy Fund's Green Streets Guild, GreeningProjects.org, architect Alec Hawley of Fauvescraper (who coined the term "Community Corner"), the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, Bernal Safe Streets, Streets for All, SF Beautiful, Bernal Beautiful, Supervisor Jackie Fielder's office, and SFMTA staff who championed the program from inside City Hall. Local artist Jennifer Keith is designing asphalt art murals for nearby corners next.

Making local connections is the quieter benefit of this work. Every planter is an excuse for neighbors to meet, and every corner becomes a commons. Climate resilience isn't only measured in gallons of stormwater absorbed; it's measured in whether a block knows itself well enough to act together.

THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

Make no mistake: this is an early experiment, and that's exactly the point. Community Corners test a simple but radical theory, that the asphalt in our shared right of way can serve a different purpose than storing cars. Every corner that blooms proves the theory a little more.

And if these small experiments succeed, they become the perfect stepping stone to something far bigger: true, deep green infrastructure. Where a planter sits today, tomorrow a rain garden or bioswale can capture stormwater

PHOTOS: The before and after comparison of the first pilot Community Corner. Planters protect the daylighting zone while creating a welcoming public space. Photos courtesy of Kieran Farr.

before it overwhelms our sewers, recharge the aquifers beneath our feet, cool overheated blocks, restore native ecosystems, and keep untreated sewage out of the Bay and Ocean. Less gray, more green: first at the corner, then down the block, then through the watershed.

We're not just putting some planters in the street; we're reinventing urban greening, one neighbor at a time.

TAKE YOUR CORNER

Gather a few neighbors, pick a corner, and visit *communitycorner.fun* to learn how to register it and make it compliant. Then join us: *greensfnow.org* has upcoming events, and the Sierra Club San Francisco Group always welcomes volunteers for outreach and advocacy.

A new kind of urban green density is possible, and it can start on your corner!

Kieran Farr is a member of the Sierra Club San Francisco Group Executive Committee and an organizer with the Green SF Now campaign.



The Community Corner coalition spans neighborhood groups, city staff, artists, advocates ... and kids! Photo courtesy of Kieran Farr.

Matt's Corner Fall 2026

MATT BIELBY

Hey everyone, Matt here again. I wanted to talk to you about monthly giving. Beginning back when we still had a phone fundraising program, almost 20 percent of our annual budget has consistently come from our monthly installment donors. This reliable stream of C4 monthly donations affords the Chapter a strong base. If you are already a monthly donor of the SF Bay Chapter, *thank you!!* If you've ever considered becoming a monthly donor, there has never been a better time than now:



Starting this summer, Chapter monthly donations now count towards your membership fees. So please – **scan and become a Chapter monthly donor today.**

Matt Bielby is the Development Director for the SF Bay Chapter.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Ensure your environmental legacy by naming the Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay Chapter in your will or trust.

If you have named your local Sierra Club chapter as a beneficiary or would like to discuss doing so, please contact us today:

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ABOUT THIS CALENDAR

Activities listed here are abbreviated. For full listings, registration, and waivers visit: sierraclub.org/sfbay/activities. The online calendar will also include changes, cancellations, and outings submitted after the print deadline.

Hike and backpack ratings

Hike ratings are based on distance and elevation gain (the sum of all gains in elevation per day):

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. up to 6 miles | A. under 1,000 feet |
| 2. 6 - 10 miles | B. 1,000 - 2,000 feet |
| 3. 10 - 15 miles | C. 2,000 - 3,000 feet |
| 4. 15 - 20 miles | D. over 3,000 feet |
| 5. over 20 miles | E. over 3,500 feet |

Backpack ratings include a third digit for travel:

- T. trail
1. limited/easy crosscountry
 2. moderate crosscountry
 3. strenuous/difficult crosscountry

What to bring

For day hikes, always bring lunch and enough water. Consider layered clothing, sunscreen, good hiking boots with treads, and hiking poles. Non-service dogs are allowed only if specified in the listing; canine hikers should bring leashes, litter bags, and water for their dogs.

Liabilities

To participate in a Sierra Club outing, you will need to sign a liability waiver. To read a copy of the waiver form, call (415) 977-5630.

COVID-19 Protocol

Masks are optional for adults in outdoor areas but required in indoor close quarters such as vehicles, public transport, restaurants, or visitor centers. Vaccinations are not required, so please be aware you may be on trips with unvaccinated individuals. Masks are required at all times for unvaccinated minors. If you are experiencing any possible COVID-19 symptoms, do not attend the outing and contact the outing leader. Report any positive COVID-19 tests after an outing to the outing leader.

Carpooling

Carpooling helps the environment and allows people without cars to participate. You can arrange carpools on our Meetup group: meetup.com/sanfranciscobay. Outings will be listed there 2 - 3 weeks prior to the event. Masks are required in carpools.

FALL 2026
OUTINGS
CALENDAR

WEEKLY • TUES

Lake Chabot Reservoir 1A Hike. Scenic weekly 3-mile hike. Park free on street, \$5 in lot, or annual pass from East Bay Regional Park District. MEET: 4:00 pm at boathouse/cafe. LEADER: Roger Mills (510) 907-1424 or roger_mills8080@outlook.com. (Solo Sierrans)

WEEKLY • WEDS

Lafayette Reservoir 1A Hike. Enjoy the lovely weather while walking around the beautiful reservoir. We have both faster and slower walkers, or you can walk at your own pace. COST: 5 quarters for 1hr, 15 minutes of parking. MEET: 4:00 pm at the west end of the parking area near the picnic tables and permanent bathrooms. LEADER: William Gilbert, wmglbrt@gmail.com. (Solo Sierrans)

SECOND SUNDAYS AND FOURTH SATURDAYS

SEPT 13 • SUN | SEPT 26 • SAT |

Let in the Wow: Luxurious Walking in Delight Zen Mindfulness is a slow walking practice designed to relax and balance yourself resulting in deepening connection to your inner nature. It is often accompanied with an experience of delight. Attendees report a change in awareness and some report their heart opening. We walk in luxurious awareness and share during check ins. Led by author of *Walking Into Enlightenment* out April 27th. Please sign up online. Limit 12 people. BRING: Clothes for weather changes in your area. MEET: 11:00 am at 1853 Solano Ave, Berkeley, in the parklet nestled between Pegasus Book Store and Zachary's Pizza. ENDS: 12:30 pm. LEADER: Halley, sierragreenforest@gmail.com. (Hiking)

SEPT 19 • SAT

Point Reyes Laguna Trail to Woodward Valley. This 10 mile loop begins at the Laguna trailhead near the Point Reyes Hostel. We make our way up to Sky Trail and then take the Woodward Valley Trail down to Coast Trail and the southern end of Limantour Beach. The terrain includes beautiful woods along one of the less traveled trails in Point Reyes. The pace will be moderate but this hike entails a good deal of elevation gain, so it is recommended for strong and experienced hikers only. BRING: Lunch, snacks and a good supply of water. Wear hiking boots and layered clothing. MEET: 10:30 am at Fire Lane Tr, Point Reyes Station. LEADER: Jeffrey Sanchez, amagi@pacbell.net. (Sierra Singles)

SEPT 28 – 30 • MON – WEDS

Mt. Tamalpais BP: Pantoll to Steep Ravine Campsite. Camp overlooking the ocean from Steep Ravine Campsites. Go on a day hike to Muir Woods. Sign up online at sierraclub.org/sfbay/events and waiver required.

COST: \$50.00 plus \$24 parking fee for 3 days of parking. **BRING:** Food is an individual commissary. You will need backpacking gear, a tent, a sleeping bag, a stove, and food. I will supply a detailed list after you have signed up. **MEET:** 8:00 am at Bootjack Campground Parking Lot. **ENDS:** 1:00 pm on Wednesday. **LEADER:** Diane Appel, (925) 360-2249 or diane_appel@yahoo.com. (Backpacking)

OCT 3 – 7 • SAT – WEDS

Yosemite BP: Vogelsang Peak to the Valley. Explore Yosemite in the Fall. Hike from Tuolumne Meadows up to Vogelsang Peak and then down to Merced Lake, Little Yosemite Valley, ending in Yosemite Valley. Sign up online at sierraclub.org/sfbay/events and waiver required. We will meet at the North Pines Backpackers Camp the night before or the morning. Half the cars will stay at the Curry Village dirt lot, and the others will be parked at Tuolumne Meadows Trailhead. **BRING:** Food is an individual commissary. You will need backpacking gear, a tent, a sleeping bag, a stove, and food. I will supply a detailed list after you have signed up. **COST:** \$90.00 plus additional \$8 fee for the Backpackers campsite. **MEET:** 8:00 am. **ENDS:** 1:00 pm on Wednesday. **LEADER:** Diane Appel, (925) 360-2249 or diane_appel@yahoo.com. (Backpacking)

OCT 4 • SUN

Angel Island Hike. From Tiburon we will sail across Raccoon Strait into Ayala Cove and then hike up and around Mount Livermore. Afterwards we will head down to secluded Perles Beach. This hike features a wide variety of terrains and (weather permitting) spectacular views of the bay. **BRING:** Lunch, snacks and a good supply of water. Wear hiking boots and layered clothing. **COST:** The Tiburon-Angel Island ferry (round trip) tickets are: Adults (ages 13 -64) \$18.00, Seniors (ages 65+) \$16.00, plus parking (\$5.00 and up). **MEET:** 9:30 am at the Tiburon Ferry Terminal at 21 Main St., Tiburon, CA. **LEADER:** Jeffrey Sanchez, amagi@pacbell.net. (Sierra Singles)

OCT 10 • SUN

Montara Mountain - San Pedro Valley Park Hike. This 7 mile loop begins in San Pedro Valley Park and enters McNee Ranch State Park as we make our way up Montara Mountain. The pace will be leisurely. With the recent rains Brooks Falls should be flowing nicely and, weather permitting, we will have a wonderful view of the entire Bay Area at the summit. **COST:** Parking is \$6.00 per vehicle. **MEET:** 9:30 am at 600 Oddstad Blvd, Pacifica, CA. **LEADER:** Jeffrey Sanchez, amagi@pacbell.net. (Sierra Singles)

OCT 16 – 17 • FRI – SAT

Point Reyes BP: Wildcat Beach in Fall. Camp near the beach this weekend. Sign up online at sierraclub.org/sfbay/events and waiver required. **BRING:** Food is an individual commissary. You will need backpacking gear, a tent, a sleeping bag, a stove, and food. I will supply a detailed list after you have signed up. **COST:** \$50.00. **MEET:** 10:00 am Bear Valley Visitor Center, 1 Bear Valley Visitor Center Access Road, Point Reyes Station, CA. **ENDS:** 1:00 pm on Sunday. **LEADER:** Diane Appel, (925) 360-2249 or diane_appel@yahoo.com. (Backpacking)

OCT 17 • SAT

Muir Beach to Tennessee Valley Beach. This 7.5 mile loop hike begins at Muir Beach where we will make our way over to Tennessee Valley Beach and back. If the weather is clear we will have some spectacular views of the coast. While the pace will be moderate we will be making some steep climbs so this hike is recommended for strong and experienced hikers only. **BRING:** Lunch, snacks and a good supply of water. Wear hiking boots and layered clothing. **MEET:** 10:00 am at the Muir Beach parking lot, Golden Gate National Recreational Area. **LEADER:** Jeffrey Sanchez, amagi@pacbell.net. (Sierra Singles)

OCT 18 – 19 • SUN – MON

Point Reyes BP to Coast Camp. Camp near the beach this weekend. Sign up online at sierraclub.org/sfbay/events and waiver required. **BRING:** Food is an individual commissary. You will need backpacking gear, a tent, a sleeping bag, a stove, and food. I will supply a detailed list after you have signed up. **COST:** \$50.00. **MEET:** 8:00 am Bear Valley Visitor Center, 1 Bear Valley Visitor Center Access Road, Point Reyes Station, CA. **ENDS:** 1:00 pm on Monday. **LEADER:** Diane Appel, (925) 360-2249 or diane_appel@yahoo.com. (Backpacking)

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HANDS ACROSS THE SAND

Join together to say no to offshore oil drilling



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Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the California Coastal Act with a demonstration and beach gathering to say no to offshore oil drilling off our state's wonderful coast and cheers to clean, renewable energy.

Date: Saturday, September 26th 2026
Time: 11:00 AM - 1 PM
Where: Ocean Beach, San Francisco

To RSVP and get location details, scan or tap the QR Code





Ocean Beach, San Francisco 11-29-2024 - Flickr - Sharon Mollerus.jpg

FALL 2026 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Wilderness First Aid in Oakland



Learn how to recognize and avoid wilderness hazards and do first aid outdoors with wilderness emergency expert, Stephen Donelan. There is an opportunity for a one-day class to receive the Basic Wilderness First Aid certification of the National Association for Search and Rescue, which is essential knowledge for any frequent backpackers, hikers, or outdoor enthusiasts. You can also sign up for a two-day course and receive the higher-level WFA certification. For more information, go to wildernessemergencycare.com. Certification by the National Association for Search and Rescue is valid for two years and is included in the course fee.

*****Editor's note: Our Fall 2026 Wilderness First Aid class is SOLD OUT. Please email firstaid@sfbaysc.org to join the waiting list. Keep an eye out for future classes in January, April, and October of 2027.*****

BECOME AN OUTINGS LEADER

If you enjoy exploring wild lands, meeting new people, and leading adventures for them, you could make a great Sierra Club outings leader!

The Sierra Club's outdoor activities aim to connect all people with the natural world and with the Club. As an outings leader with the San Francisco Bay Chapter, you can join others in exploring wild lands, grappling with conservation issues, and even changing perceptions. Because trips are often specialized around a unique theme or activity, you could be hiking, backpacking, kayaking, bicycling, or doing service work – it's up to you to choose, because you ultimately design and lead your very own trip.

To be an outings leader, you must be a current Sierra Club member, at least 18 years of age, and have completed First Aid training and the Sierra Club Outings Leader Training. You then must choose a current outing leader to act as your mentor and lead your provisional outing with them in attendance. Following the outing, the mentor leader will provide feedback. After a positive evaluation, you will be a full-fledged outings leader and able to lead outings on your own. And then, Happy Trails!

You can choose what type of outing you would like to lead and which activity section you would like to affiliate with. For more information on requirements, trainings, mentors, and more, head to sierraclub.org/sfbay/how-become-outings-leader.

Open Call for Yodeler Contributors

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Keep In Touch: Join Our Email List!

The SF Bay Chapter sends monthly email bulletins that include up-to-date information on events and campaigns around the Bay Area with a special focus on things specific to your region or group. We also send petitions and action alerts on the Bay's most pressing issues, so you can make a difference from the comfort of your own home. Don't miss out! Sign up online today at sierraclub.org/sfbay/email.

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