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### General Meeting Program - May 10, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### Urban Wildlife: The Truth is Stranger than Fiction

Discover why coyotes, foxes, bobcats, raccoons and opossums are thriving in urban areas. Find out how to prevent problems with these city critters. Learn what to do if you find an orphaned or injured wild animal. Presented by Bonnie Bradshaw, Texas Master Naturalist, Certified Wildlife Rehabilitator and president of 911 Wildlife.

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

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) of our website for more information and a map.



### Outings Highlight

#### May 21 (Sat) Cedar Ridge Preserve Trail Clean Up

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### **Aug 31-Sep 6 (Wed-Tue) Labor Day Bus Trip to the Weminuche Wilderness in Colorado**

Escape the Texas heat this Labor Day weekend and join us for our trip to the cool Colorado mountains of the Weminuche Wilderness. This trip has mountains, lakes, streams, and valleys. Trips will range from car camping with day hikes to strenuous long hikes. The Weminuche Wilderness offers a great diversity and all the miles you want to hike. It is a hidden jewel and one of our most popular trips. Complete information is available [here \(PDF file\)](#). To sign up, download and print the information file, fill in the forms, and send them with your check to the address provided. Bus trip leader: [Kathryn Hurn](#) 214-321-4030(c)

For a complete list of our outings, [visit our outings page](#).

## **Recycling Round-Up**

by Rita Raccoon

### **Recent Recycling News - May 2011**

#### **Coalition to Push Healthcare Recycling**

Eight healthcare, recycling and waste-management companies said they formed a coalition to increase the recycling of plastic products and materials used in the delivery of healthcare.

The founding members of the Healthcare Plastics Recycling Council are Becton, Dickinson and Co., Franklin Lakes, N.J.; Cardinal Health, Dublin, Ohio; DuPont, Wilmington, Del.; Hospira, Lake Forest, Ill.; Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, N.J.; Kimberly-Clark, Dallas; Engineered Plastics, Erie, Pa.; and Waste Management, Houston.

"The potential for plastics recycling is significant to both reducing environmental and human health impacts," according to a news release from the coalition.

The coalition has three objectives: healthcare plastics value chain mapping, design for recycling guidelines and pilot studies, according to the news release. In addition, the coalition plans to

expand its pilot programs, create a healthcare facility advisory board, and launch recycling-design guidelines in 2011 and 2012, according to a spokesman.

### **Battery Recycling Summit**

Barbara Carr (aka Rita Raccoon) was invited to take part in a battery recycling summit in April to brainstorm ideas about recycling non-rechargeable batteries. The 2011 Battery Summit included key stakeholders including representatives from battery manufacturers (Duracell, Eveready), device manufacturers (Dell, Sony), retailers (Lowe's, Staples, Radio Shack), state, local and federal government, waste management companies (Waste Management), materials recyclers, NGOs and industry associations.

The vision was to describe a nationwide system which maximizes reuse of spent battery materials with a goal of zero waste. Challenges to successful recycling include a product which is small and relatively cheap and a spent product which is only marginally hazardous. The cost to recycle batteries is about \$1.03 per lb (or about seven cents a battery).

Through a uniquely designed, collaborative process, all 75 participants had the opportunity to both learn and provide their perspectives on the respective components of a national battery recycling system. Particularly impressive was the group's ability to share innovative ideas surrounding these components, as well as the high degree of involvement, engagement, and excitement among the participants. Diverse participant groups were tasked with designing a national system based on the input of all stakeholders and experts.

Common themes and principles of a national system:

- Consumers are key – system must be convenient and convenient for customers
- Industry-led and market-driven
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration
- Net positive environmental and social impact, as well as sustainable economics

The Battery Recycling Project Council is refining and reviewing proposed action plans and system designs, which will form a recommendation to the Battery Recycling Board, comprised of the battery industry company presidents.

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## **Calendar**

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at [www.dallassierraclub.org](http://www.dallassierraclub.org).



### **May 7 (Sat) Dayhike on the Chisholm Trail in Plano**

Meet at 9:00 AM in front of the Starbucks/Barnes Noble (north side of 15th just west of US 75). We will walk 5-6 miles on a paved path. Bring water. No reservations, just show up. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Judy Cato 972-238-5738(h)



### **May 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Our May General Meeting features two great programs. First, it's city council election time. Find out what you need to know to make an informed decision to protect our local environment. Next up is Wild Neighbors, humane solutions to common urban wildlife problems. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come early for snacks, fellowship and information about what's going on in the Dallas Sierra Club. Click over to our [home page](#) for details.



#### **May 14 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup**

Walk and talk while helping to pick up trash and recyclables at the Sierra Club's adopted section of White Rock Lake Park. Meet at 8:15 AM at the Love of the Lake office on the Northeast corner of Garland Rd. and Buckner Blvd. Look for a crowd of people drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. provided. 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. Brunch afterwards. Leader: [Carol Nash](#) 214-824-0244



#### **May 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

Meet in the upstairs program room at REI (on north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 6:30 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning local outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome. Ask Bill to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Contact: [Bill Greer](#) 972-247-0446



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#### **May 24 (Tue) Monthly Inner City Outings Meeting**

Come at 6:30 for New Volunteer Orientation. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Inner City Outings ("ICO") is an outreach program of the Sierra Club comprised of volunteers who provide wilderness experiences such as day hikes and camping for disadvantaged youth. ICO meets on the fourth Tuesdays at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch). All volunteers and those considering becoming an ICO volunteer are welcome. To receive future announcements and meeting information you may sign up for our [email list](#). For more information: [Liz Wheelan](#)



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#### **Jun 1 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch). Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



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