

dallas sierra club news

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General Meeting Program - July 12, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Cambodia

Our speaker for the July General meeting will be Dallas Sierra Club member Martha Ohlson. Martha spent 4 weeks in Cambodia this past Christmas season. Her adventures there included a kayak trip on the Mekong River through the flooded forest area near the Lao border (a Ramsar Wetlands like our own Caddo Lake) and to the deep pools where the rare, endangered Irawaddy dolphin lives. She also went on a trek in Ratanakiri province, in the northeast part of the country. This is a remote area, inaccessible by road. In Phnom Penh, the capitol city, she attended the wedding of a cousin of a co-worker. In Siem Reap, she visited Angkor Wat, the largest temple complex in the world. Her last week in Cambodia was spent on the seacoast, where she went sea kayaking and spent a night on a remote island.



Martha has been a member of the Dallas Sierra Club since 1988. She is a former photo section chair and a former outings leader. She has given several presentations at past Sierra Club meetings, including trips to Nepal, Antarctica and Africa.

More information about each of these programs is available on our [website](#).

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.

TCEQ SIP Hearing - July 14

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enough to get DFW to clean up the air to protect our health. TCEQ has both 10 am and 6:30 pm sessions at the Arlington City Council Chambers, 101 W. Abram St. in Arlington.

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Outings Highlight

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

Recycling Round-Up

by Rita Raccoon

Recent Recycling News - July 2011

Appliance Recycling

Getting a kitchen upgrade with all new appliances? Recycle those oldies but goodies. You have several options:

- some retailers will take your old fridge or stove off your hands,
- Salvation Army will pick up your old appliance for sale in their thrift stores - call for information (214) 630-5611
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore will also take your appliances

(For those of you with a "house porn" habit, like moi, ie, you love to look at home furnishings, an insider's place to go for salvaged Park Cities and Preston Hollow kitchen cabinets, countertops and appliances is Discount Home Warehouse at 1758 Empire Central off Harry Hines. I'm talking \$50K value cabinets, granite countertops, and even a SubZero refrigerator every now and then. Be aware - stock changes weekly (which is why I go back regularly) so you never know what you might find.

TV TakeBack Law Passed: Texas hold'em? Not so much anymore

Last month, Gov. Rick Perry signed the TV TakeBack Recycling bill into law. An estimated 25 million TVs are disposed of each year in the U.S., according to the Texas Campaign for the Environment, an Austin-based statewide organization focused on recycling and trash issues. Old-style cathode ray tube TVs contain 4-8 pounds of lead, while most new flat-screen TVs contain mercury bulbs.

The measure requires manufacturers that sell TVs in Texas to offer free recycling programs, putting the onus on electronics companies to comply and meet standards. It's an excellent example of the nation's move toward extended producer responsibility and will free up tax dollars, observers said.

"Producer takeback recycling ends the existing system of local taxpayers subsidizing waste, shifting the cost of waste management from governments to producers. Producers have the control over design and should be responsible for the solutions," according to advocates at TexasTakeBack.org.

"By making the producer responsible for their end of life products, there is a market-based incentive to start designing for reuse, recycling and with safer materials."

Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at www.dallassierraclub.org.



Jul 11 (Mon) Sierra Singles Monthly Dinner

Hello Everyone! You're all invited to the next Sierra Singles Dinner gathering on the 11th of July at the Thai Banana Leaf Restaurant at about 6:30 PM. Note that the date is the 11th of July, not the 4th of July, because of the Holiday! The Thai Banana Leaf is at 17370 Preston Rd, in Dallas TX 75252, and their number is 972-713-0123, and their website is ThaiBananaLeaf.com if you'd like to look at the menu and location details. Your host this time is the wonderful and personable Brian Shade, and his number is 972-467-7049 if you have any questions. The co-host will be Ginger, and her number is still 469-223-7902! Hope to see a lot of you there, you dont have to be a member of the Sierra Club, just come out and meet some new people! No RSVP needed. There is Beer & Wine also. Coordinators: Brian Shade 972-467-7049 and [Ginger Bradley](mailto:GingerBradley@sierraclub.org) 469-223-7902



Jul 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Attend our July General Meeting and take a trip to Cambodia with photos by Martha Ohlson. 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 about our next General Meeting.



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Jul 16 (Sat) Trail Maintenance and Nature Walk

Howdy everyone. Its fun and its helpful to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve in Dallas to help upgrade some of the beautiful walking trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve, just south of Dallas. The address is 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75249. Its a great morning workout, and the scenery is exceptional. No tools are required, (maybe gloves) just show up and be ready to lend a

hand or two. We'll work from 9 AM to 11 or so, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Its on Saturday the 16th of July, please see their website www.audubondallas.org/cedarridge.html for directions and info. Their number is 972-709-7784 See you then! If you wish to carpool, then let me know, and we'll arrange a meeting spot. Come on out and stay green, people! Coordinator: [Ginger Bradley](#) 469-223-7902



Jul 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Twentieth Annual Bastille Day Canoe Trip

Celebrate this French national holiday marking the beginning of the French revolution with our annual canoe trip on the Red River. We'll put-in on Saturday under the Interstate 35 bridge (north of Gainesville). The rest of the day will be spent swimming and relaxing as we paddle down to our campsite on a large sandbar. Sunday we'll canoe on down to the takeout with a few swim stops on the way. This is a very nice section of the Red River, with very little development along the banks. Some canoeing experience is required and you must furnish your own canoe and camping equipment. Also, you must bring something French, or you will be guillotined at dawn. Leader: [Arthur Kuehne](#) 214-608-3210



Jul 20 (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



Jul 26 (Tue) Night Hike at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve

Night Hike at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve Meet at 7:30PM near the pavilions. Arbor Hills is located at 6701 W. Parker Rd. in Plano just west of Midway Rd. We will walk 5 miles mainly on a paved path. No reservations, just show up. Optional frozen yogurt afterwards Leader: [Judy Cato](#) 972-238-5738



Aug 3 (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.



Aug 13 (Sat) Beginner Backpacking Class

This class is an ideal way to learn about backpacking. Topics include: wilderness ethics, outdoor clothing, boots, backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, cookware, food, preparing for a trip and even a short, late afternoon breakout session to discuss men's and women's outdoor 'issues'. Instructors are experienced Dallas Sierra Club leaders. There will be time for questions and a hands-on look at outdoor gear. Lunch of backpacking food is included. You will also have the opportunity to learn about, and sign up for, several beginner backpacking trips. The fee is \$20 for Sierra Club members and \$30 for non-members (cash or check only). You can sign up to be a Sierra Club member at the class. No reservations are necessary, just show up. The class will be held at the Dallas REI store, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Welch and Midway). Class - sign in at 10:15am, start promptly at 10:30 AM and end about 5:00 PM. Coordinator: [Liz Wheelan](#) 214-368-2306



Aug 13 (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



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Aug 23 (Tue) 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](mailto:Liz.Wheelan@sierraclub.org)



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