



dallas group
lone star chapter

Explore, enjoy and protect the planet

dallas sierra club news

September, 2011: In This Issue. . .

- [Notes from the Chair](#) - A Different Kind of Climate Change
- [Sierra Club General Meeting](#) - Tuesday, September 13
- [Northwest Earth Institute Courses](#) - Discussion courses you can lead
- [Advanced Backpack Class](#) - Learn more about backpacking
- [Picnic](#) - We're having a picnic in September - don't miss it
- [Outings Highlights](#) - Our Last Bus Trip of the Summer
- [Recycling Roundup](#) - by Rita Raccoon
- [Calendar](#) - Find out what's going on in the Dallas Sierra Club

Notes from the Chair

A Different Kind of Climate Change

The record heat of another summer is now past us and the climate change doubters have come out from under their air-conditioned rocks to continue their assault on the environment. At your Dallas Sierra Club, we are gearing up on multiple fronts to battle gas fracking, dirty coal and a very dangerous Tar Sands oil pipeline which will split the beautiful Piney Woods of Texas right down the trunk. In order to meet these challenges, we need new volunteers to assist our core leadership. Whether you are a new member or a life-member, we need your help in the following areas:

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE - Help Robin, Rita, Molly and the rest on the front lines of our Club's fight to keep Texas safe and livable for all.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Help with the meeting set up at REI and greet new members and visitors. Help plan social events such as the holiday party, picnic, new member dinners or whatever the committee desires to put together.

VIDEO COMMITTEE - We need someone to film our General Meetings and possibly undertake some other video projects such as training and recruitment.

SECRETARY - We need a person to attend the once a month Executive Committee meeting and take minutes of the official Club discussions and votes.

YOUNG SIERRANS - Help Peter Wilson and Young Sierrans transition to new leadership. Plan every month or so happy hours/meet ups for the next generation of environmental activists to trade ideas and meet new friends in the "green" community.

OUTINGS COMMITTEE - We are always looking for new leaders for all levels and kinds of trips. Help take people out to show them why we are trying to protect the small remaining fragments of wilderness left on your public lands. We offer all the training and experience you'll need to do a good job and enjoy yourself doing it.

If you are ready to move up in the ranks and help out, this is a great time to do it. Just call me at 972-416-2500 or talk to me at any General Meeting or Executive Committee meeting.

Your Dallas Chair,
Wendel Withrow

General Meeting Program - September 13, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Tar Sands Crude -- A Toxic Threat to Texas?

TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL project is designed to carry unrefined tar sands oil 1700 miles from Alberta, Canada southward through several states including Texas to be refined and shipped from Port Arthur. Tar sand crude threatens landowners and waterways throughout the US as it is highly corrosive and acidic compared to Texas crude. Tar sands represent an unstable blend of bitumen (which looks like asphalt) which needs to be liquified with natural gas and other chemicals, which is then highly pressurized to travel through a single wall pipeline.

Currently, the US has NO guidelines for tar sands pipelines posing serious threats and damage to their communities and drinking water. In Texas alone, the pipeline crosses rivers and streams more than 32 times. The U.S. State Department is now under tremendous pressure to grant the pipeline's permit. Learn more about how this pipeline puts US taxpayers at risk while allowing Canada and foreign buyers of oil all the reward.

Japan and Alaska Landscape and Wildlife Photos



Dan Leffel will present scenic landscape and wildlife images from his recent trips to Japan in winter of 2011 and Alaska in summer of 2011. Dan has won numerous photography contests in the Dallas area, and is a frequent presenter to local camera clubs and organizations in the DFW area.

Dan Leffel has been an avid photographer for over 40 years, and has been pursuing photography full time since he retired 10 years ago from EDS. His passion for photography includes shooting fine art, scenic landscapes as well as commissioned portraits and model portfolios in his studio. Dan's photography has taken him on two 12 day rafting trips through the Grand Canyon, an 11 day rafting trip through the Alaskan wilderness, and on trips spanning North America to Antarctica. He recently hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru and photographed Iceland. He frequently photographs New England, the Colorado Plateau, the four corners area, all parts of California, the Canadian Rockies, and the Northwest.

Dan has earned first place awards in the Dallas Sierra Club photography contest and the Heard photography contest, as well as at many Plano Photography club competitions. Dan's photography is marketed globally by the ageFotoStock company, based in Spain. Before "retiring" from club competitions he won "Photographer of the Year" honors with the Plano Photography Club for the last three years he competed.

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.

Northwest Earth Institute Discussion Courses

The Dallas Sierra Club is using environmental discussion curricula from the Northwest Earth Institute (www.nwei.org) for small group discussions, and we're looking for people interested in organizing groups. Most groups have 4-10 people, and usually meet once a week for 4 to 7 weeks. The format of these groups is like a book club -- everyone reads that week's chapter (about 1 hour of advance reading each week) and comes prepared to discuss it. Group members take turns facilitating the discussion using questions provided in the reading materials.

A discussion group is very easy to coordinate! No expertise is required, and you are not required to read the material in advance. I have taken several courses, and I will help you start a group. Here's what you need to do:

1. Read the course descriptions at http://www.nwei.org/discussion_courses and decide which one interests you. I have copies of some of the course books that I can loan if you want to review one.
2. Decide what part of town you want to meet in, and look for locations. Some groups meet in a person's home. Restaurants that have a quiet corner where people can hear each other are an option. Also consider libraries or other public buildings that have conference rooms. Choose the day and time, and get the facility manager's permission (if not a person's home).
3. Collect money/checks for the course books and send it to the Club treasurer.
4. Distribute the books to group members and have your meetings.

Although we'll promote the course through our website, emails, newsletter, and meeting announcements, we're happy for you to publicize it to your friends and colleagues as well.

Please contact me if you are interested. I can help you each step of the way; it really is easy to do. [Kirk Miller](#), 972-699-1687

Advanced Backpack Class - Thursday, September 29

You've got a few local weekend backpacks under your belt; so you want to do more: a fly-drive or multi-night outing, or even try a cold weather trip. This class will cover advanced backpacking tips and skills including winter camping, fly-drive planning and equipment, bear barrel packing, and week-long

trekking. Location: upstairs clinic room at Dallas REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch). This class will start promptly at 6:30 PM and will finish at about 8:45 PM. The fee for the class is \$15 for Sierra Club members and \$20 for non-members (cash or check). No reservations are necessary; just show up. Coordinator: [Liz Wheelan](#) 214-368-2306

Sierra Club Picnic - September 24

Join the Sierra Club of Dallas for an afternoon of fun and food and fellowship at our annual picnic and party celebration. Its at Churchill Park in Dallas on a Saturday in September, the 24th to be exact. From 2 to 6 PM to be even exacter. Churchill Park is at 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas TX 75230. [Here is a Google map.](#)

This event is a casual community picnic, with an ecology "Green" theme, and we welcome all groups and individuals to attend, and find out what the Sierra club is all about, among other things.

We will have lots of fun stuff to do, including face-painting and horseshoes, and there are basketball courts and tennis courts at the park as well. Please bring some picnic food, a cooler with your favorite beverages, and whatever munchies you want for your afternoon. We welcome all kids and all dogs, but they must be on a leash! (not the kids). We'll be under the pavillion, so its rain or shine, charcoal grills are and allowed, just no gas grills. Bring some lawn chairs, blankets and outdoor entertainment if you want, and bring your musical instruments as well! We'll have a great time and get to talk about the environment, and how we can improve our excellent surrounding in and around Dallas.

See you all there. You can contact Ginger for more info if you want, her cell is 469-223-7902.

Outings Highlight

Sep 24 (Sat) Sierra Club Picnic and Party for New Members and Volunteers and Everyone!

Join the Sierra Club of Dallas for an afternoon of fun and food and fellowship at our annual picnic and party celebration. Its at Churchill Park in Dallas on a Saturday in September, the 24th to be exact. From 2 to 6 PM to be even exacter. Its a casual event to welcome new members, and appreciate volunteers and the whole group. There will be something for everyone. Invite your friends and family, and dogs and kids are welcome. The park is at 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas TX 75230. More info [above](#).

Oct 21-23 (Fri-Sun) Beavers Bend Fall Campout

Our spring campout at Colorado Bend was so much fun we decided to do it again. This time we'll enjoy the scenic beauty and fall woods of Beavers Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma. Our group camp area offers your choice of shared cabins or tent camping (same price). The site also includes a dining hall with fire place so we can have s'mores rain or shine and yes, even a bath house with hot showers. Activity options will include various hikes with our group or you can be on your own and enjoy a number of options including horseback riding, renting a boat or just relaxing by the river. Complete details are on the [Dallas Sierra Club's home page](#). Coordinator: [Liz Wheelan](#) 214-368-2306

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

Recycling Roundup - by Rita Raccoon

Recent Recycling News - September 2011

Drop-Off Shredding

The Raccoon has a confession to make. She lets her shredding accumulate and accumulate until she has a pile of documents that will take forever to shred. One Friday afternoon, after having spent an hour, she barely made a dent in the stack. (In her defense, she had a bunch of old income tax and financial records to dispose of.)

Then came the light bulb moment! Surely other people have the same dreadful stacks of papers to be shredded. Surely there must be a place where you can drop off your documents. Maybe even watch them being shredded.

Thanks to the wonders of the internet, the Raccoon found a place that will take drop-off shredding and charge a mere pittance. You can watch your stuff being shredded! I can't name names because the Club does not endorse commercial ventures, but I'm sure your Google talents will soon find an appropriate place.

Now there are other options too - Bachman Transfer Station had a large bin with slots in it where you can drop off paper (checks/bank statements/love letters from old flames, etc.) to be shredded and recycled (it is at the Dry Gulch Recycling Station). Other City of Dallas transfer stations may have similar facilities. Also, many churches have free shred days.

Dallas to Accept Milk Cartons in Recycling Bins

The City of Dallas with the support of Greenstar North America and the Carton Council will host a press conference to introduce the addition of food and beverage cartons as new acceptable items in the city's highly successful curbside recycling program.

With this announcement, Dallas will be the first major city in Texas to include cartons in its curbside recycling program. Under the new initiative, residents will be able to place all empty cartons " such as milk and juice cartons, along with soup and broth, soy milk and wine cartons" in their blue recycling bins or community recycling drop off containers.

UNT Recycles 2011!

The University of North Texas (UNT) is recycling in a big way this year:

- More than 20,000 - the cubic feet of landfill space saved by UNT's recycling efforts annually.
- More than 1,606,000 - the gallons of water expected to be saved through UNT's recycling efforts this year.
- 2,180 - the number of recycling receptacles available on the UNT main campus.
- UNT's new stadium features 21 luxury suites, 750 club seats, banquet space and a team spirit apparel store. The new stadium will also feature renewable energy by providing power through three 121 foot wind turbines with 30 foot long blades.

"We are the mean green and we mean green," Athletic director Rick Villarreal says. "Part of the process of building this stadium was identifying materials, the ways to chill different parts of the stadium by putting in turbines, different things that allowed us to reduce the amount of emissions that we use and the amount of water that we use."

"We recycle water out of the stadium to water outside the stadium in our grass areas and used non-toxic paints. As a university, they're very important to us."

Calendar

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



Sep 10 (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



Sep 13 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Attend our September General Meeting as we welcome back one of our favorite presenters, Dan Leffel with Bold Light Photography. Dan will show us scenic landscape and wildlife images from trips to Japan in winter of 2011 and Alaska in summer of 2011. 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.



Sep 17 (Sat) Upgrading Trails and Walk at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Howdy everyone. Its fun and its helpful to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve to help upgrade some of the beautiful walking trails 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 12 or earlier, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Its on Saturday the 17th of September, and please see their website at 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! Organizer: [Ginger Bradley](#) 469-223-7902



Sep 21 (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



Sep 21 (Wed) General Meeting of the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club

World traveler and Sierra Club member, Martha Ohlson will share her pictures and adventures on a recent trip to Cambodia. 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. The third Wednesday of each month we share conservation news, outings info and enjoy a presentation by a guest speaker. Speaker will be followed by refreshments, club business and announcements. Location: Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Moncrief Garden Center, Azalea Room; 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. at University Drive, north of I-30, Fort Worth. (817) 871-7686.



Sep 22 (Thu) Night Hike at Arbor Hills Nature Preserve

Celebrate the Last Day of Summer. Meet at 6:30PM near the pavilions. Arbor Hills is located at 6701 W. Parker Rd. in Plano just west of Midway Rd. We will walk 4.5 miles mainly on a paved path. No reservations, just show up. Optional frozen yogurt afterwards. Leader: [Judy Cato](#) 972-238-5738



Sep 24 (Sat) Sierra Club Picnic and Party for New Members and Volunteers and Everyone!

Join the Sierra Club of Dallas for an afternoon of fun and food and fellowship at our annual picnic and party celebration. Its at Churchill Park in Dallas on a Saturday in September, the 24th to be exact. From 2 to 6 PM to be even exacter. Its a casual event to welcome new members, and appreciate volunteers and the whole group. There will be something for everyone. Invite your friends and family, and dogs and kids are welcome. The park is at 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas TX 75230. More details to follow. Save the date!



Sep 24 (Sat) White Rock Creek Trail Dayhike

Come join us as we day hike 7 miles on the northern reaches of White Rock Creek. This is a very urban, paved trail but it is actually very nice as it follows the creek under all the main thoroughfares of north Dallas. No pets, please. Bring water and a snack as we will be walking all morning. We will leave the trail head promptly at 9 AM. To reach the trailhead from the intersection of I-635 and Hillcrest Rd., go north on Hillcrest a short distance turn right on Valley View and turn right into the second parking lot. Remember, the second parking lot on the right. I will be near the restrooms and playground. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: [Mark Adams](#) 972-658-1281



Sep 24 (Sat) Smarter Water for North Texas

There is enough water in existing lakes to meet the DFW area's projected water demands for at least fifty years. Texas Conservation Alliance will train you to deliver this crucial message to YOUR groups! Sign up now for a Smarter Water for North Texas training session Saturday, September 24, at 11:30 am at the Trinity River Audubon Center. [More information \(pdf\)](#).



Sep 27 (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](#)



Sep 29 (Thu) Advanced Backpacking

You've got a few local weekend backpacks under your belt; so you want to do more: a fly-drive or multi-night outing, or even try a cold weather trip. This class will cover advanced backpacking tips and skills including winter camping, fly-drive planning and equipment, bear barrel packing, and week-long trekking. Location: upstairs clinic room at Dallas REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch). This class will start promptly at 6:30 PM and will finish at about 8:45 PM. The fee for the class is \$15 for Sierra Club members and \$20 for non-members (cash or check). No reservations are necessary; just show up. Coordinator: [Liz Wheelan](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack Trip to the Caney Creek Wilderness

Join us for one of the Dallas Sierra Club's favorite local backpacking trips. We'll backpack in about 4 1/2 miles along Caney Creek, cross it a few times, and climb some small hills. After setting up camp near a waterfall, we'll do a short day hike as time permits. Leader: [Bill Greer](#) 972-247-0446(h)



Oct 5 (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.



Oct 8 (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



Oct 8 (Sat) Day Hike the Trinity River Greenbelt

3rd ANNUAL Octoberfest 10K DAYHIKE Hike 10K (6 miles) on the Lake Ray Roberts Greenbelt Corridor. This is an easy trail running along side the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. No reservations required, just show up. Well behaved pets on a leash are allowed. Bring water and snacks. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Highway 380 Trailhead Park. Admission to the park is \$5.00 per person or free with a Texas State Parks Pass. There will be an optional lunch afterwards. The Park is on US Hwy 380 2.1 miles west of Hwy 377 or 2.8 miles east of Loop 288 in Denton. Highway 380 can be reached from Central Expwy, Preston Rd., or the Tollway. Bring extra shoes in case the trail is muddy. Leader: [Mark Adams](#) 972-658-1281



Oct 12 (Wed) Wilderness Navigation Class - Part 1

Learn the fundamentals of finding your way in the wilderness in this two evening class. Among the subjects covered are: purchasing maps, how to read maps, how not to get lost, what to do if you do get lost, GPS, different kinds of compasses, and how to use your compass. If you have a compass, bring it to the class. If you don't have one, we will show you what to look for when you purchase one. The class will be held at REI (second floor program room). REI is at 4515 LBJ Freeway, north side, between Midway and Welch. This two-night class (second night October 13) will start promptly at 6:30 PM and will finish at about 8:45 PM. The fee for the class is \$15 for Sierra Club members and \$20 for non-members (cash or check). No reservations are necessary; just show up. Contact: [Bill Greer](#) 972-964-1781(h)



Oct 13 (Thu) Wilderness Navigation Class - Part 2

This is the second day of a two day class. See the listing class information on October 12 for details. Contact: [Bill Greer](#) 972-964-1781(h)



Oct 15 (Sat) Upgrading Trails and Walking at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Howdy everyone. Its fun and its helpful to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve to help upgrade some of the beautiful walking trails 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 12 or earlier, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Its on Saturday the 15th of October, and please see their website at 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, the fall colors will be in full force! Leader: [Ginger Bradley](#) 469-223-7902



Oct 15-16 (Sat-Sun) Wilderness Navigation Field Trip

If you completed the Wilderness Navigation Class in October, or you took the navigation class a year or two ago and you want to refresh your wilderness navigation skills, this trip is for you. We will hike the Buckeye Mountain Trail and do some off-trail route finding in the Caney Creek Wilderness in Arkansas. We will only hike about 8 or 9 miles so we will have plenty of time to practice our navigation skills. Note that this is not a beginner trip. Participants must have some backpacking experience. Signup is not required for the class, but it is required for this backpack trip. Contact Bill to sign up or sign up at the Wilderness Navigation Class. Leaders: [Bill Greer](#) 972-247-0446 and [Arthur Kuehne](#) 214-902-9260



Oct 15-16 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack Trip in Beech Creek National Scenic Area

Backpack approximately 10-miles round trip in this beautiful and remote area of the Ouachita Mountains in southeastern Oklahoma. We'll hike about 5 relatively flat and easy miles each day in the basin area of this 8,000 acre Oak-Hickory-Pine-Beech forest. There's just enough challenge to practice your skills, including two rock hop crossings of Beech Creek and some minor ups and downs, but not so much that it's ever demanding. All in all, this is a great hike in a beautiful area. This trip is rated Easy and preference will be given to graduates of the August 2011 beginning backpacking class. Last day to sign up is Oct. 8, 2011. Leader: [Marcos Jorge](#) 214-682-6555



Oct 19 (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



Oct 21-23 (Fri-Sun) Beavers Bend Fall Campout

Our spring campout at Colorado Bend was so much fun we decided to do it again. This time we'll enjoy the scenic beauty and fall woods of Beavers Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma. Our group camp area offers your choice of shared cabins or tent camping (same price). The site also includes a dining hall with fire place so we can have s'mores rain or shine and yes, even a bath house with hot showers. Activity options will include various hikes with our group or you can be on your own and enjoy a number of options including horseback riding, renting a boat or just relaxing by the river. Complete details and reservation information is available [here](#). Coordinator: [Liz Wheelan](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 25 (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](#)



Oct 28-30 (Fri-Sun) 3 day Backpack at Caney Creek Wilderness, Arkansas

Hike two of the most scenic Wilderness trails in Arkansas in the Caney Creek Wilderness of west central Arkansas. Friday we'll hike in from the east side about 8 miles to camp at the last trail crossing of Caney Creek. Saturday we'll enjoy the views from atop the ridge on the Buckeye Mountain Trail. Sunday we'll hike out along the Buckeye Trail. We'll have 3 days to do some serious exploring of the Caney Creek Wilderness. This trip is rated moderate and would be suitable for beginners in good

shape. The 3 day weekend will cover about 18 trail miles. Saturday includes an 800 foot uphill section. We'll camp Thursday night near our cars, Friday night near the creek and Saturday night on top of Buckeye ridge. Leader: [Mark Adams](#) 972-658-1281

The Dallas Sierra Club News e-newsletter, sent monthly (and occasional for late-breaking news or events), keeps you up-to-date on meetings, activities, issues and special events. Visit us at www.DallasSierraClub.org.
[Join the Sierra Club](#)