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Notes from The Chair

Earth Day Events You Need to Know About

In case you haven't noticed, the interest in 'going green,' 'sustainable living' and especially saving money has boomed and your Dallas Sierra Club receives numerous requests to attend Earth Day events in April. These events include the Dallas Earth Day on April 20-21 which covers a large part of the State Fair of Texas grounds and the smaller, but well attended, Oak Cliff event on April 21st.

If you want to join your fellow members to hand out Sierra Club information, answer questions, or just meet fellow conservationists from all parts of Texas, set aside a couple of hours on any of these days. There are also smaller school and church events which start calling in the next few weeks.

If this interests you or you want more information, just sign up at the general meetings in March or April or call me at 972-416-2500. We can work around your schedule.

Your Dallas Chair
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General Meeting Program - March 12 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Our March General Meeting will feature an important film about how our earth cares for a population of 7 billion.

Population

Gayle Loeffler, member of the National Sierra Club's Global Population and Environment Committee, will show the hour-long film *Mother, Caring for Seven Billion*. The film brings to light an issue that silently fuels our most pressing environmental, humanitarian, and social crises – human population growth. In 2011, the world population reached 7 billion, a startling seven-fold increase since the first billion occurred 200 years ago.



Before the film, Gayle will give a brief pictorial presentation of her two-week study tour to attend the United Nations Conference on Population, Health, and Environment (PHE) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The trip also included site visits to remote villages that were beneficiaries of the environmental and reproductive health programs of the UN, USAID, and several non-governmental organizations.

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. but come at 6:30 for snacks, information and fellowship. Our meeting takes place at REI, 4515 Lyndon B Johnson Freeway, Dallas, TX 75244. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) of our website for more information and a map.

Dallas St. Patrick's Day Parade - Volunteer Recycling Team

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This will be our 6th year (!!) to help make St. Patrick's Day in Dallas even greener! We've collected over two tons of materials in that time and are seeking volunteers to join the 2013 Parade Recycling Team to help divert as many recyclables as possible from the landfill!

[Click here](#) to RSVP (Eventbrite RSVP - select the Volunteer ticket):



General Info:

- Date: Saturday – March 16th, 2013!
- Approximate Volunteer Time: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm (4 hrs) – Rain or Shine!
- What to do between now and then? RSVP to Volunteer on Eventbrite (click the link above)! Share with your friends and social networks (Dallas Sierra Club Facebook Page Events)!

More details will be provided to RSVPs as the event nears. All are welcome to participate.

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We'll be meeting on March 27th at 7:30 pm at [The Hacienda](#), 2326 N. Henderson, Dallas, TX 75206. The Hacienda has a great menu and even provide a vegan/vegetarian menu.

RSVP for the meet and greet at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5756786704> and let's get rollin' for 2013!

Hope to see you there!

Advanced Backpacking Class - Wed, March 13

Great - you have a few weekend backpacks under your belt; now you want to do more challenging backpacking to explore even more. This class will cover advanced backpacking tips and skills including winter camping, fly-drive planning, equipment, bear barrel packing and week+ long trekking. Location: Guadalupe Peak clinic room (2nd floor) at Dallas REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 (north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch). The class starts promptly at 6:30 PM and finishes about 8:45 PM. Cost is \$15 for Sierra Club members and \$20 for non-members. Handout provided. Please bring water bottle and writing utensil if you want to take notes. No reservations are necessary; just show up. Contact: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446

Calendar

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



Mar 9 (Sat) Knob Hill Trail Dayhike Flower Mound, TX.

Come join us as we day hike 6 miles on the northern reaches of Denton Creek. This is a packed dirt trail used by mountain bikers and hikers heading to Grapevine Lake. 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 HWY 377 & FM 1171, go south on 377 about 1/3 mile and the trailhead will be on your left just before the road crosses the creek. From Dallas go north on 114 West past DFW Airport and thru Grapevine to Roanoke. Turn north on HWY 377 and go approximately 2.5 miles. The trailhead will be on your right after crossing the second bridge. I will be near the trailhead sign in a red GMC. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



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Mar 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Car Camp / Beginner Backpacking at Scenic Eisenhower State Park

Have you been wanting to learn about backpacking and maybe test out your gear but needed a relaxed, easy setting to get started? Here's your chance! Join us at this popular park nestled on the bluffs along the south side of Lake Texoma, just northwest of Denison, TX. The park offers miles of rolling, wooded trails, some with scenic overlooks. This weekend is perfect for those from the Beginner Backpacking class and others wanting to base camp and also spend some time practicing their skills, checking gear, hiking and learning to backpack. Arrive between Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. After breakfast Saturday we'll discuss and practice packing your backpack, then spend parts of the day on different trails so those wanting to can get the feel of carrying a backpack while hiking. Sunday we'll break camp and you may explore more of the park on your own. Participants pay their own \$5 per day park entrance fee, plus prepaid, non-refundable campsite fees. Bring your own food and gear. No pets allowed. Contact trip leader ASAP for more information and to make a reservation (required). Campers of all levels/interests are welcome but priority will be given to those from the class and beginner backpackers. Leader: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Mar 16 (Sat) Upgrading Trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve

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 16th of March, and please see their website at www.audubondallas.org/cedaridge.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 [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



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Mar 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack at McGee Creek, Oklahoma

NOTE! AT&T has decided the Sierra Club is a spammer so they are blocking the email address used when this outing was first listed. If you enquired and got no answer please try again. This will be an easy hike in a pleasant, little used forest. The area is designated as a natural scenic recreation area and has thick woods, scenic bluffs, and interesting trails going down to the lake. Saturday morning we'll hike about 1.5 flat miles to camp, then leave our big pack for an optional dayhike. Sunday will feature another dayhike to a nice overlook, then we'll take a different route back to our cars. McGee is close enough to leave Dallas for the trailhead Saturday morning. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](mailto:billgreer@sierraclub.org) 972-247-0446



Mar 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 [Send Email](mailto:billgreer@sierraclub.org) 972-247-0446



Mar 24 (Sun) Annual Sierra Club Azalea Dayhike in Highland Park

Leisurely 1.5 or 2 hour walk through Turtle Creek and Flippen Park. Meet at 2 PM in the shopping strip on Oak Lawn (4200 block) just north of Wycliff. Take Oak Lawn Exit off I35 or Fitzhugh exit off Central Expressway. No reservations needed. Leader: Austin Brouns [Send Email](mailto:austin@sierraclub.org) 214-528-3812



Mar 26 (Tue) Inner City Outings (Outreach) - Volunteer Orientation & Meeting

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION, 6:00 pm PIZZA/MONTHLY MEETING, 6:45 pm/7:00 pm Looking for meaningful volunteer work where you can enjoy the outdoors and give back to kids? ICO is the place for you! For over 25 years, amazing and dedicated Inner City Outing volunteers have provided opportunities for underserved kids to get off the cement and explore the great outdoors. Activities are mostly on Saturdays/weekends and typically include outings to such places as nature centers, wildlife refuges and state parks to enjoy day hikes, camping, service work and occasional backpacking and canoeing. Being an ICO volunteer doesn't take much time but the impact is immeasurable. To learn how you can be a part of this rewarding and fun Sierra Club program, attend the ICO orientation (required before you may volunteer for an outing.) Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For more information and to make a reservation, please contact Liz. Contact: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](mailto:liz@sierraclub.org) 214-368-2306



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Mar 28 (Thu) Sustainable Living Summit

Green is a state of mind, not simply recycling a bottle or a can. Sustainability is a way of life, not just a one-time project. Together, both concepts provide the foundation and focus for the Dallas County Community College District's 2013 Sustainability Summit, scheduled Thurs., March 28, at Mountain View College in Dallas.



Mar 30-31 (Sat-Sun) Weekend Backpack at Buckeye Mountain Trail, Arkansas

Hike one of the most scenic Wilderness trails in Arkansas in the Caney Creek Wilderness of west central Arkansas. Saturday we'll enjoy the views from the ridgetop Buckeye Mountain Trail. Sunday we'll hike out along the creek bottoms of the Caney Creek Trail. With any luck the wildflowers will be starting to emerge. This trip is rated moderate and would be suitable for beginners in good shape. Both days cover about 4 1/2 miles. Saturday includes an 800 foot uphill section. We'll camp Friday night near our cars, Saturday night near a nice little waterfall. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



Apr 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) at 6:30 pm. Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



Apr 6 (Sat) Dayhike White Rock Creek Trail-Moss Park

Meet at 9:00 am at Moss Park (SE corner of Greenville Ave and Royal Lane). Hike 5-6 miles along paved trail. Bring water. No reservations necessary. Just show up. Optional lunch at local restaurant. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



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