

dallas sierra club news

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General Meeting Program - May 14, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Our May General Meeting features an international destination and a wonderful spot a lot closer to home.

Cedar Ridge Preserve

Cedar Ridge Preserve (formerly the Dallas Nature Center) is a slice of the hill country just 20 minutes from downtown Dallas. It is a natural habitat of 600 acres featuring 9 miles of trails, native trees, grasses and wildflowers, butterfly gardens, picnic areas, and wild mammals, birds, insects and reptiles. Ginger Bradley will tell us about some great opportunities that await you at Cedar Ridge Preserve.

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

Twende Kenya: Conservation, Communities, Culture and Adventure in East Africa

Located northwest of Mt. Kenya, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a model of successful community based conservation in Africa. It also served as a catalyst for the development of the Northern Rangelands Trust, which is comprised of 19 communities who manage an area greater than 20,000 square kilometers (over 7,700 square miles). Lewa's community programs promote development and ensure security, access to clean water, healthcare and education of the neighboring communities in the value of wildlife. It is home to critically endangered species including Black Rhino and Grevy's zebra. There are 440 species of birds and over 70 different mammals in Lewa's extremely diverse range of habitats. Each year, the American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK, Inc.) holds a national fundraising effort, Bowling for Rhinos (BFR). Donations support Lewa, the International Rhino Foundation and Action for Cheetahs in Kenya. Local chapters hold individual events with 100% of the donations being sent to these in situ conservation areas.



Linda King has led trips to Lewa and the surrounding area so that keepers, volunteers, friends and donors are able to see the result of their efforts first hand. During her 23 years at the Dallas

Zoo, Linda has worked as a volunteer, keeper, senior keeper and currently supervisor of Zoo North Primates, Tigers and Otters. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, focusing on Wildlife Biology. Linda has been involved in her professional association (AAZK, Inc.) at both the local chapter level and serving four years on the national Board of Directors. Linda's volunteer job as a zoo group trip leader is the perfect marriage of her passion for travel and wildlife conservation, and she looks forward to sharing that with as many people as possible.

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.

Cedar Ridge Preserve Hike-a-Thon

This year's Hike-a-Thon will offer participants a total of four different courses, each course showcasing a different part of Cedar Ridge Preserve. This is the Preserve's major fundraiser to raise money for improvements. In addition to hiking, there will be several informational booths (Dallas Sierra Club will be present!). Food and drinks will be available for purchase. The Preserve will be open to non-participants. For participation Prize and Cost information, please visit the [Cedar Ridge Preserve's website](#).

When: May 11, 2013 (rain or shine)

Time: 7 am - 10:30 am

Where: Cedar Ridge Preserve (7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX 75249 - [map](#)) Contact: Robert Rinker [Send Email](#) 817-881-2736

Memorial Day Bus Trip to Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico

Backpacking and day hikes from the campground - this promises to be a Memorial Day weekend to remember! This scenic and historic destination we love so much experienced a fire just after our 2011 visit. Now the trails have reopened and it's time to go back and explore this beautiful area northwest of Santa Fe, NM. Trip options have been designed for backpackers and campers of all skill levels. In addition to backpacking options, this year we're excited to also offer a base camp with day hikes from the Ponderosa campground and the Juniper campground! Everyone on this trip will have time to learn about Native American history and explore their ruins in this unique area. Complete trip details and reservation information are [in this PDF file](#). There are only a couple of seats left, so sign up soon.



Fourth of July Bus Trip to the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness in Colorado

Plan an extended Fourth of July weekend of backpacking in the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Area, a protected part of the San Isabel National Forest since 1993, near Westcliffe, Colorado. The spine of this north-south mountain chain is typically near 12,000 feet, with peaks of more than 14,000 feet. After



breakfast in Westcliffe, participants in four groups will explore the foothills, high valleys and crests. Destinations include Venable Falls, the Goodwin Lakes, Phantom Terrace, Comanche Lake, Music Pass and the Sand Creek Basin of Great Sand Dunes National Preserve. Daily mileages for all groups will be short, but altitude and daily climbs (9,000 to 11,700 feet sleeping elevations and climbs of 1,500 feet on at least one day for each group) make one previous overnight backpacking trip a requirement. [Click here for trip details and registration forms.](#) .

Calendar

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



May 11 (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 [Send Email](#) 214-824-0244



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May 15 (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](#) 972-247-0446



May 18 (Sat) Trail Maintenance at Cedar Ridge Preserve

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, and then

walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Its on Saturday the 18th of May, and please see their website for directions and info. Their number is 972-709-7784. If you wish to carpool, then let me know, and we'll arrange a meeting spot. Come on out and stay green, people! It's good for the soul. Organizer: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



May 24-28 (Fri-Tue) Memorial Day trip to Bandelier NM - Backpack or Camp/day hike

Hurry! Only a few seats remain for our trip to this New Mexico jewel. Enjoy beautiful hikes with your choice of camping in the developed campground or by throwing on your backpack for a weekend in the backcountry. This amazing site offers canyons and mesas, cliff dwellings and ruins. This promises to be a Memorial Day weekend bus trip to remember. It's time to explore this beautiful area northwest of Santa Fe, NM. Trip options have been designed for outdoor enthusiasts of all skill levels - your choice of backpacking or camping at the Juniper campground with day hike options and backpacking two miles downhill the last day. Everyone on this trip will have time to learn about Native American history and explore their ruins in this unique area. We leave Friday night and return early Tuesday morning so you may not even need to miss work. RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 20 OR UNTIL LAST FEW SEATS SELL OUT. Review complete trip details and reservation information [in this PDF](#) document. Bus trip leader: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



May 28 (Tue) Inner City Outings (Outreach)

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. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Meet/greet at 6:45pm, meeting at 7:00pm. For more information and to make a reservation, please contact the Coordinator. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



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



Jun 8 (Sat) White Rock Lake Cleanup

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Jun 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

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