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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

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Notes from the Chair

Sierra Club Elections

As many of you know, the activities of our local Group are directed by the Executive Committee (Excom) which meets on the first Wednesday of each month at REI in Dallas. We currently have 9 members who serve 2 year terms. You must be a Sierra Club member and it is preferred you have experience in the Club and a willingness to move into a leadership position. If you are interested in running for one of the terms which will begin January 2014, contact any Excom Member for more details.

If you are interested in getting more involved, but not ready for Excom, there are always committee positions open for you to try.

This last year has been one of great challenges and great victories. Your Excom has been at the heart of these extraordinary efforts. Let me know if you would like to join us.

Your Dallas Chair
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General Meeting Program - October 8, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

At our October General Meeting, learn about coping with climate change and a proposed free trade agreement.

Urban Resilience and Climate Change

Ann Drumm will talk about urban resilience in the context of climate change. Now that 2 degrees C or more of warming appears to be built into the climate system, efforts to increase resilience to climate impacts are now considered as important as efforts to mitigate greenhouse gases. She will discuss the draft National Climate Assessment and other reports as they pertain to anticipated climate impacts in North Texas, give some highlights of a recent urban resilience conference sponsored by the Dallas Institute, and talk about the prospects for regional multi-stakeholder climate resilience planning in North Texas.



Ann Drumm was Chair of the Dallas Sierra Club from 2003 to 2007. She is currently working with The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture to program educational events about sustainability, and she serves on that organization's Board. She has also led environmental projects for Texas Business for Clean Air, Greenhill School and Unity of Dallas. She has a B.B.A., a B.A. (History), and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University.

Trans-Pacific Partnership

Learn about the potential impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a controversial proposed free trade agreement to integrate Asia-Pacific markets. Negotiations have been criticized because of their secrecy and how the agreement could undermine consumer protections.

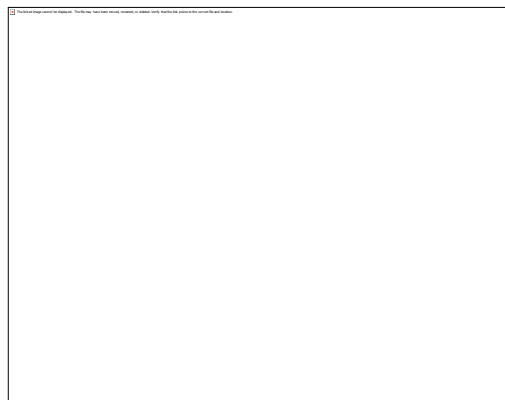


Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We'd love to meet you.

Our General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm 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.

Liz Wheelan Recognized with Sierra Club National Award

The Dallas Group's very own Liz Wheelan was recognized on September 21st at the 2013 Sierra Club "Modern-Day Muirs" Awards ceremony in San Francisco. Each year, the national club honors those who have exemplified the courage and dedication of the Sierra Club's founder John Muir. Liz was nominated for and selected to receive the "Madelyn Pyeatt Award" which "honors Sierra Club members who have made outstanding contributions through working with youth." The award comes with a monetary stipend to further the work of the recipient.



For several years, Liz has been a leader in the Dallas Group's Inner City Outings (ICO) program, and has made significant contributions to the lives of many young people by introducing them to the outdoors.

The Dallas Group wishes to congratulate Liz on this accomplishment and to thank her for her many years of service.

The photo shows Liz being recognized by Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune at the National awards ceremony in San Francisco.

A Night with Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune

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The event entitled "Building the Next Environmental Movement in Texas" follows Brune's panel discussion at the popular South by Southwest Eco Conference event in Austin.

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013

PLACE: Malverde

ADDRESS: 400-B W 2nd Street in Austin, TX 78701 TIME: 6-8 pm

REFRESHMENTS: Hors d'ouvres and beverages provided

This event is a fundraiser for the Lone Star Chapter. Individual Tickets start at \$100.00. Sponsorships include: Champions (\$1000 - 8 Tickets), Guardians (\$500 - 4 tickets), and Protector, \$250 - 2 tickets.

Fall Campout at Scenic Beavers Bend State Park, Choctaw Program, Oct 18-20

Gather your friends and family for this special weekend relaxing under the tall pines and fall foliage of beautiful southeast Oklahoma! Your choice of a rustic cabin or pitching your tent on the grassy lawn of our group compound. We'll offer a variety of activity options including hiking, birding, paddling, mini clinics on beginner car camping, backpacking and new this year - nature photography with Sierran and professional photographer James Wilson. Or you can relax and enjoy any of the activities offered by the State Park (including horseback riding, canoe rental, tennis). Sound too strenuous - just throw out a fishing line or sit by the river - it's up to you!



There's something fun to do for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Our group camp includes a stone dining hall built in the 1940s by the CCC and a bathhouse with hot water and flush toilets - what more could you want (ok, yes there will be chocolate too)! Special Saturday evening program by Choctaw historian and flute maker Presley Byington who has enlightened and entertained audiences from Oklahoma to the Smithsonian's new National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. Reservation deadline is October 15. For more details and reservation information, [click here](#).

Annual Bus Trip to Big Bend National Park

It's the perfect time of year to explore this unique and very special area of Texas. Our trip is a few weeks before Thanksgiving so you can join in the fun and still spend Thanksgiving with your family. There will be several hike options of various difficulty levels, through different parts of this very scenic National Park. If you've never been to Big Bend National Park, you owe it to yourself to explore this amazing part of Texas. If you have been there before, come hike a different area. Our chartered sleeper bus leaves Dallas at 7:00 pm Wednesday and returns early morning on Monday (Veteran's Day - a day off for some of you). Some backpacking experience is required. Complete information about the trip and sign up requirements are in [this PDF file](#).



Sierra Club Annual Holiday Party - Sunday, December 15



Mark your calendar. Our annual Holiday Party will be held at El Fenix Restaurant at 255 Casa Linda Plaza. We'll party on Sunday, December 15 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [Here is a Google map.](#)



Club members and guests will share the holiday spirit, some great Mexican food, and the company of others at this annual event. Join us for some camaraderie, door prizes, silent auction, and perhaps some surprise speakers, you never know. We'll celebrate some of our outstanding volunteers and have plenty of time to mingle. There's bound to be talk about issues of the day -- air, water, veganism, fracking, coal, nuclear, whatever strikes your green fancy. The entire menu will be available so you can order whatever you want to eat or drink, including liquid spirits. We'll provide a free round of margaritas. Support the Club by getting a 2014 Sierra Club Calendar or Planner!. Invite your family and friends. So come on out for a great party, low price, no clean up, and lots of like minded people. What could be better? See you there, and bring your appetite. Happy Holidays!!

Calendar

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



Oct 5 (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 and a snack as we will be hiking all morning. No reservations necessary. Just show up. No pets please. Optional lunch at local restaurant. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



Oct 5 (Sat) National Solar Home Tour

The National Solar Home Tour provides an opportunity for the public to talk directly with homeowners who are using solar energy, wind energy, solar hot water, and other energy-efficiency measures for their homes. The 2012 ASES National Solar Tour drew more than 90,000 people in 38 states to 578 registered Solar Tours. Nationally, there were over 9,000 sites people could visit to learn about renewable energy and building sustainably. A majority of the tours featured residential properties, with a third of the tours featuring commercial and municipal buildings as well. Read the well-written article about the 2013 Solar Home Tour published by [Green Source DFW](#). Visit the [DFW Solar Home Tour Website](#) (under construction) for home locations involved in the 2013 DFW National

Solar Home Tour. The website will list the participating homes, details about each home, and information about the [National Solar Home Tour](#).



Oct 8 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Ann Drumm will discuss North Texas climate impacts and prospects for climate resilience planning, which is as important as mitigating greenhouse gases. And Gary Stuard will talk about the potential impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a controversial proposed free trade agreement to integrate Asia-Pacific markets. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



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Oct 12 (Sat) Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event

The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) will hold an electronics recycling and document shredding event Saturday, October 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, at the Richardson City Hall south parking lot, 411 West Arapaho Road. There is no charge to drop off items, but donations toward the CPAAA scholarship fund will be accepted. Electronic items accepted: cell phones; GPS devices; calculators; MP3 players; PDAs; CD and DVD players; desktop and laptop computers; computer components and speakers; servers; CRT and LCD monitors; car and home amplifiers, receivers, and speakers; headphones; cable and satellite boxes; DVD recorders; multimedia projectors; televisions; VCRs; cameras; camcorders; copiers; fax machines; inkjet cartridges; printers; scanners; shredders; typewriters; routers. Shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car. The documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely. For more information, contact Bruce Murphy at 214-707-1945 or warrriors1959@sbcglobal.net



Oct 12-13 (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. E-mail the leader to be put on the list. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



Oct 18-20 (Fri-Sun) Beavers Bend State Park Fall Campout

This fall camp out has been such a success the last few years that we're making it an annual

event! Join us to enjoy the scenic beauty and fall colors of Beavers Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma. Our group camp area offers your choice of rustic cabins or tent camping on the grassy lawn or by the river. 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 flush toilets and hot showers. Activity options will include various hikes with our group or you can be on your own to enjoy a number of options including horseback riding, renting a canoe, tossing some horseshoes or just relaxing by the river. Saturday night offers a good old fashion country dinner (optional) and guest speaker. Complete trip information is in [this PDF file](#). Plenty of space still available but act NOW - reservations needed by Tuesday, October 16 Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306 This fall camp out has been such a success the last few years that we're making it an annual event! Join us to enjoy the scenic beauty and fall colors of Beavers Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma. Our group camp area offers your choice of rustic cabins or tent camping on the grassy lawn or by the river. 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 flush toilets and hot showers. Activity options will include various hikes with our group or you can be on your own to enjoy a number of options including horseback riding, renting a canoe, tossing some horseshoes or just relaxing by the river. Saturday night offers a good old fashion country dinner (optional) and guest speaker. Complete trip information is in [this PDF file](#). Plenty of space still available but act NOW - reservations needed by Tuesday, October 16 Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 19 (Sat) Upgrading Trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve

It's so 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 19th 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 and stay green, people! Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



Oct 19 (Sat) Day Hike the Trinity River Greenbelt

Hike 10K (6 miles) on the Lake Ray Roberts Greenbelt Corridor. This is an easy trail running alongside the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. No reservations required, just show up. Well behaved pets on a leash are allowed. Bring water and a snack as we will be hiking all morning. 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. This hike will be canceled if it is raining at the trailhead. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



Oct 26 (Sat) Ft. Worth Nature Center & Refuge

Join us for a great time on one of the best dayhike places in the area. We will meet at the Shoreline Rd. and Greer Pavilion parking area at 9:30 AM and hike about 6 miles (2 to 2.5 hours). The Canyon Ridge Trail climbs and descends through an interesting landscape of dry creeks, lakeviews and, often, wildlife. After our hike, bring a fresh shirt for our lunch at a nearby Chili's. On our way out of the park, we can check out the visitor's center and maybe see some of the bison herd. This is a fun, but serious trail. Please bring a liter of water, a little energy snack and wear sturdy walking/hiking shoes. [Fort Worth Nature Center](#) Call me at 214-662-3224 for a spot on this hike. Group size is limited to 10. The Park charges a \$5.00 per person fee. They give you a map to help find our parking area. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224



Nov 2 (Sat) Texas Trees Foundation JFK Grove Tree Planting

The Texas Trees Foundation invites you to help plant tree groves in ten cities on one day in

memory of President John F. Kennedy. Each grove will consist of 50 trees planted in a public space by volunteers in each community. And 150 trees will be given away to each grove's volunteers to take home and plant. With your help, we will pay tribute to the life of President John F. Kennedy by planting 2,000 trees on November 2, 2013. The Dallas Sierra Club is supporting this effort by donating \$500 to the Texas Trees Foundation and by encouraging people to volunteer on November 2. The Texas Trees Foundation will provide trees, tools, and technical assistance. You provide a positive attitude and the people power. For more information, call Matt at 214-953-1184, call Kirk at 972-699-1687, or click this [link](#).



Nov 2-3 (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 and energy permits. For many of us this was our first Wilderness hike and it's still one of our favorites. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



Nov 6 (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.



Nov 6-11 (Wed-Mon) Bus Trip to Big Bend National Park - Cactus, canyons, mesas and more!

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