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Dallas Sierra Club News - April 2014

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General Meeting Program - April 8, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Howard Garrett - Organic Gardening and Landscaping

Howard will explain how a simple, natural organic program for gardening and landscaping on residential and commercial projects works better in every way – including from an economic standpoint. He will show how his management program can result in a 40-50% cost savings in water use and will also answer specific questions from the audience about pests, plants and procedures.



We will give away 3 of Howard's books as door prizes. You can buy Howard's books before or after the meeting, and have them autographed. And, the books will be discount priced to save you some green. Get to the meeting early for a good seat.

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.

Earth Day Events - Volunteers Needed

The Dallas Sierra Club will be participating in three major Earth Day events this year and we could use your help to staff our booths and tables. The job is fun and rewarding. You get to meet a bunch of great people, hand out some literature, and talk about the Sierra Club. Here is information about the events:

April 12 - Learn 2 Live Green

Plano's Learn 2 Live Green event will be at The Shops of Legacy (Legacy Dr, east of Dallas North Tollway in Plano) on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This annual free event attracts

thousands of people interested in learning about Renewable Energy, Organic Foods, Green Building/Remodeling, Water Conservation and much, much more. [More information.](#)

April 12 - Oak Cliff Earth Day - Celebrating the Planet

You are invited to the fabulous and informative Oak Cliff Earth Day Fair! It starts at noon and goes until 5:00 pm. It is located at Lake Cliff Park, near the corner of Zang and Colorado Blvds., by the Methodist Hospital. Visit OakCliffEarthDay.com for more details and directions. It will be a great chance to find out all you wanted to know about environmentalism, Art and culture, and of course, the Sierra Club. [More information.](#)

April 26-27 - Earth Day Texas

Earth Day Texas (formerly, Earth Day Dallas) is an annual, outdoor festival seeking to elevate environmental awareness and influence the way Texans think, live and work. The family-friendly and free-admission event allows leaders in the corporate, academic and non-profit worlds to unite and show Texans how green lifestyle choices can lower their cost of living, improve their health, and help save the environment. [More information.](#)

Sacramento Mountains, Cloudcroft, New Mexico Bus Trip - May 23-27

We're now accepting registrations for the Memorial Day weekend sleeper bus trip to this new destination ten miles east of Alamogordo. Our trails are in Lincoln National Forest at elevations from 7,800 to 9,500 feet, forested with fir, pine and aspen. We've reserved a group shelter for breakfast on arrival. One trip option is day hikes from this appealing base camp with vault toilets and a fire pit amphitheater. All other trips will continue after breakfast to trailheads along the Rim Trail. Thirty-one miles in all, the Rim Trail generally follows the divide between the Rio Grande and Pecos watersheds, with occasional views to White Sands and the Tularosa Valley far below. The Rim Trail was the first National Recreational Trail in New Mexico. Area history is tied to logging and the "Cloud-Climbing Railroad" that hauled out timber and brought in vacationers. Railroad grade and trestle remnants are prominent features on the day hikes. Departure is Friday evening, with return before dawn Tuesday. [Click here for complete trip details and registration application forms.](#)



Bus Trip to the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico - July 3-9

We're now accepting applications for the fabulous Fourth-of-July high country backpacking trip to northern New Mexico! This is a backpacker's paradise - a high basin of forests and meadows on the eastern slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Snow cornices may be visible in July on the tallest peaks and ridges. The awesome landscape supports elk, bighorn sheep, marmots and more. Alpine vegetation and breathtaking vistas are rewards for reaching the Skyline Trail as it curls around the high altitudes at or above tree line. Five trip options ranging from moderately strenuous to strenuous include five trail days and four nights. Our sleeper bus departs Dallas on



Thursday night at 8:00 and returns at daybreak Wednesday. Complete details and application forms are in [this PDF file](#). Bus trip leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

Calendar

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



Apr 8 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Howard Garrett - Organic Gardening and Landscaping Find out how organic programs can save 50% of irrigation costs, and learn about various organic gardening techniques that benefit you and our environment. **We will give away 3 of Howard's books as door prizes.** You can buy Howard's books before or after the meeting, and have them autographed. Get to the meeting early for a good seat. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Apr 12 (Sat) White Rock Lake Clean-up

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, northeast corner of Garland Road and Buckner Boulevard. Look for a crowd of people drinking free juice and coffee. Gloves, trash bags, etc. will be provided. Our area includes one of the wonderful prairie restoration areas, so there are always birds and wildflowers to enjoy. Brunch afterwards. Leader: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-824-0244



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Apr 12 (Sat) Northeast Texas Trail Dayhike

Meet us as we explore the newest long trail in Texas - the Northeast Texas Trail. This Rails to Trails conversion will someday boast a length of 132 miles from Farmersville in North Central Texas to New Boston in East Texas. We'll hike Section 2 from Merit to Celeste. This will be an easy 3-hour hike of 7.7 miles on a flat trail with a break for lunch. Bring a sack lunch and 2 liters of water. No pets, please. We'll run a short car shuttle to facilitate a point-to-point hike. The meeting place will be the Post Office in Merit, Texas, on FM 36, near the intersection with FM 2194. FM 36 intersects US 380 27.6 miles east of US 75. Check a map for shorter routes if coming from east Dallas County or Rockwall. We'll meet at 10 AM in Merit. There will be an alternative meeting point at 9 AM for all who wish to car pool from the Walmart store at the NE corner of US 380 and US 75 in McKinney. Meet under the big wind turbine in the parking lot. We'll leave the parking lot promptly at 9. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



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North Tollway in Plano) on Saturday, April 12, from 10 am to 4 pm. This annual free event attracts thousands of people interested in learning about Renewable Energy, Organic Foods, Green Building/Remodeling, Water Conservation and much, much more. The Dallas Sierra Club will host a booth and invites you to assist. Entertainment at Learn 2 Live Green includes the Safari Show with Critterman; the TI Jazz Band; Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Birds; Michael Fitzsimmons Drums of the World and more. Your Dallas Sierra Club is participating in this free family event by hosting a booth to introduce your club to area people. Your help will be very much appreciated for an hour or more to assist in the manning our booth to introduce the Sierra Club to people who don't know us yet. Coordinator: John Lingenfelder [Send Email](#) 972-468-1127

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Apr 16 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

Meet upstairs at the REI Dallas store, north side of LBJ Freeway between Midway and Welch Roads, 6:30 PM. Tonight's agenda will include reviewing progress at arranging summer 2014 bus trips and setting training programs through 2014. Outings leaders, prospective leaders, and people interested in outings are welcome. Ask Mark to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Apr 16 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

The Outings Committee meets tonight at 6:30, upstairs at the REI Dallas store on LBJ Freeway, between Midway and Welch Roads. The agenda will include a review of major outings scheduled through the end of summer and setting training programs through the end of the year. Outings leaders, prospective leaders, and people interested in outings are welcome. Ask Mark to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Apr 19 (Sat) Upgrading of Trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve

It's fun 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. It's 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 ish. then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! There are 10 miles of trails all in all. Bring some water. Its on Saturday the 19th of April, Please see the website at www.audubondallas.org/cedaridge.html for directions and info. The 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! Leader: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



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May 7 (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.



May 13 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Just because you live in the city doesn't mean you can't grow fresh food. Leslie Halleck will give tips for growing vegetables and for composting. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details will be on our [home page](#) about a month before the meeting.



May 21 (Wed) No Outings Committee Meeting

There's no Outings Committee meeting this month. The Outings Committee will meet next on June 18. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

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