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Dallas Sierra Club News - May 2014

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

Urban Vegetable Gardening & Composting

As a community, we are healthier when we actively garden and engage directly with our food. For many, a foray into gardening begins with an interest in vegetable gardening. Just because you live in the city doesn't mean you can't grow fresh food. Learn some tips for growing great vegetables and how to recycle all the leftover organic matter with basic composting techniques.



Leslie Halleck is a degreed and certified professional horticulturist with more than 20 years of green industry experience and many more of hands on gardening. When she's not gardening or helping green industry businesses grow, she's writing about gardening for a number of media outlets and her blog, growLively. Leslie is also a regular gardening contributor on WFAA Channel 8's Good Morning Texas TV program.
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Using Social Media

Robin Sowton will discuss how the Dallas Sierra Club is using social media to promote outings and conservation efforts. Using examples (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Meetup) and our website, she will explain how you can help with this effort.



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.

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

It's not too late to register for the Memorial Day weekend sleeper bus trip to this new destination. Our trails are in Lincoln National Forest at forested elevations from 7,800 to 9,500 feet. Trips backpack or day hike segments of the Rim Trail, just below the divide between the Rio Grande and Pecos watersheds, with occasional views to White Sands and the Tularosa Valley below. 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.](#)

Pecos Wilderness Adventure, Northern New Mexico Bus Trip, July 3-9

Sign up now for a backpacking adventure in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains! This is a favorite location for its cool mountain air, roaring streams, wildlife and spectacular panoramas. Five trail itinerary options fan out to different parts of this vast basin preserve in Santa Fe National Forest. We provide transportation from Dallas to trailhead via sleeper bus with professional drivers and trained volunteer backpacking leaders to bring



you home safe, happy and inspired from five memorable days of backpacking and camping. It's a great value at \$290 per person through June 16 or \$320 while seats last. Part of the trip price benefits the conservation and outings programs of the Dallas Sierra Club. [Click here](#) for details and registration forms.

Calendar

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



May 10 (Sat) White Rock Lake Clean-up

Walk and talk while picking 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 the crowd 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



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 are on our [home page](#) now.



May 17 (Sat) Upgrade Trails at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Help upgrade some of the more beautiful trails in Dallas. It's a great morning workout. No tools are required, although bringing gloves and drinking water would be smart. Just show up,

ready to lend a hand. Work from 9:00 to noon. then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers. There are ten miles of trails. Check www.audubondallas.org/cedarridge.html for directions to 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway in Dallas and more information. Come on out and stay green! Leader: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



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



May 23-27 (Fri-Tue) Sacramento Mountains, Cloudcroft, New Mexico

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.](#) Email the Bus Trip Coordinator for inquiries. Bus trip leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jun 4 (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 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Overnight Canoe Trip On The Sulphur River In East Texas

A local landowner with land that would be drowned by the proposed Marvin Nichols reservoir has offered to guide us on an overnight canoe/kayak trip down this little traveled river. The Sulphur runs through East Texas southeast of Paris. So it's in our back yard and it's time we got to know it! More details will follow after a scouting trip in early May. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



Jun 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

The movie *Cry Heard 'Round The World* focuses on the rally in Washington, D.C., on February 17, 2013, where 50,000 people from around the country came in freezing weather and said NO to the Keystone XL pipeline. 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.



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Jun 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

Meet upstairs at 6:30 at the Dallas REI store, north side of LBJ Freeway, between Midway and Welch Roads. This month's agenda will include a review of the Sacramento Mountains trip and final drill for the upcoming Pecos Wilderness trip. Outings leaders, prospective leaders, and people interested in outings are welcome. Ask Mark to be placed on the email list for an agenda.

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Jul 3-9 (Thu-Wed) Bus Trip to the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico

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

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