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Dallas Sierra Club News - June 2014

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General Meeting Program - June 10 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Movie: Cry Heard 'Round The World

Movie night! We will furnish popcorn, drinks, and snacks. The movie 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. It includes footage on the Texas bus that traveled 34 hours to the rally, along with *exclusive* footage and interviews with residents affected by the devastating oil spill in Mayflower, Arkansas.



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.

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.



Jun 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Movie night! We will furnish popcorn, drinks, and snacks. 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 and said NO to the Keystone XL pipeline. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Free! Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Jun 14 (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



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 critique of the Sacramento Mountains trip and trip leader review of plans 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. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jun 21 (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



Jul 2 (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.



Jul 3-9 (Thu-Wed) Fourth-of-July Bus Trip to Backpack in the Pecos Wilderness, New Mexico

Register now for the fabulous Fourth in northern New Mexico! This is backpacker's paradise -- a high basin of forests and meadows on the eastern slopes of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The awesome landscape supports elk, bighorn sheep, marmots and more. Alpine vegetation and breathtaking vistas are rewards for reaching the Skyline Trail at tree line. Five fun trip options ranging from moderately strenuous to strenuous span five trail days and four nights. Your sleeper bus departs Dallas on Thursday night at 8:00 and returns at daybreak Wednesday. Trip details and registration forms are in [this PDF file](#). Bus trip leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jul 8 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Trammell S. Crow, who transformed Earth Day Dallas into the largest Earth Day celebration in the world, will talk about Earth Day Texas' future plans. 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.



Jul 16 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

Meet upstairs at the REI Dallas store on the north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch at 6:30 PM. The agenda will include review of the Pecos trip, early decisions about a winter trip and planning for fall weekend trips. 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



Aug 6 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

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Aug 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

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.



Aug 16 (Sat) Beginner Backpacking Class - Make It Safe, Make it Easy, Make It Fun

Come for a fun day of learning so you'll be ready to explore new special places this fall. This comprehensive class is ideal for learning all about backpacking or for refreshing old knowledge and skills. We'll cover backpacks, boots, clothing, tents, sleeping bags, cookware, food, water treatments, wilderness ethics and even short sessions to discuss men's and women's outdoor "issues". Instructors are experienced Dallas Sierra Club leaders who can relate "wish someone had told me that before" tips from years of trail and camp experiences. We encourage questions and a hands-on look at outdoor gear and food items.

Participants get priority for weekend beginner backpacking trips designed specifically for those in the class. A class booklet and lunch of backpacking food are included. Bring your refillable water bottle and any snacks you'd like. The class fee is \$25 for Sierra Club members, \$35 for non-members. No reservations - just show up. Payment by CASH or CHECK is preferred. The class meets in the Guadalupe Peak Room, 2nd floor of the Dallas REI store, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Dallas 75244 (north side of LBJ between Welch and Midway). Arrive around 10:15 AM to register and get settled. The class will begin at 10:30 and end about 4:45. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



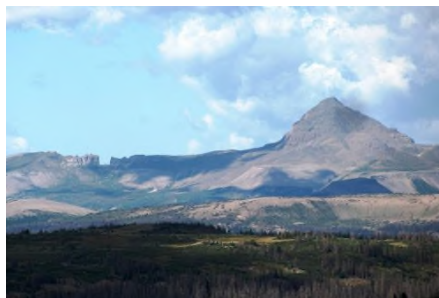
Aug 20 (Wed) No Outings Committee Meeting

There's no Outings Committee meeting tonight. The Outings Committee will meet next on September 17. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Aug 27-Sep 2 (Wed-Tue) Labor Day Backpacking in the Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado

Escape the Texas heat this Labor Day weekend. Join this trip to the cool Colorado mountains of the Weminuche Wilderness, west of Creede. This is the largest designated Wilderness in Colorado, with a variety of terrain in mountains, green valleys, high lakes and streams. Trips will range from moderately strenuous backpacking with day hikes to strenuous hikes crossing the Continental Divide multiple times. The Weminuche offers all the miles you want to hike. It's a hidden jewel and one of our most popular trips. Details and sign-up information will be posted here in early summer. Bus trip leader: Kathryn Hurn [Send Email](#) 214-321-4030



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