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**Dallas Sierra Club**  
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## Dallas Sierra Club News - July 2014

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### General Meeting Program - July 8 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### Earth Day

Trammell S. Crow, who transformed Earth Day Dallas into the largest Earth Day celebration in the world, will talk about Earth Day Texas, its purpose, its importance, and plans for the future. He supports various non-profit organizations that are active in family planning, education, the environment, community initiatives and political causes.



**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.

### Dallas Sierra Club Sponsors Exciting Fall Energy Summit - October 4-5

The Dallas Sierra Club and other organizations are sponsoring an exciting, two-day energy conference the weekend of October 4-5 at the Addison Conference Center in North Dallas.

The Earth, Wind and Fire Energy Summit is the first energy conference of its kind in Texas. While most conferences focus on a single form or a narrow selection of energy sources, this weekend event promises to provide attendees a global view

**Earth, Wind, & Fire**  
ENERGY SUMMIT

of America's energy portfolio and then turn to energy issues in Texas, discussing not only traditional and renewable forms of energy but also new, emerging energy technologies. Discussion will also focus on the environmental and human impacts associated with these forms of energy and probe into some of the challenges and compelling questions facing these sources.

Topics include geothermal, wind, solar, waste-to-energy, coal, nuclear, natural gas, and oil. Confirmed speakers from across the country will include academics, policymakers, and professional representatives from associations that focus on energy issues.

Our mission is to educate the public and those who work to influence policy on the public's behalf regarding environmental issues associated with energy. Our aim is to answer some of today's pressing questions raised by the public and in the media surrounding energy issues.

Space is limited-- so make your reservations now to attend this exciting event. Early Registration: \$55 (before August 15). Late Registration: \$75. Visit [earthwindfiresummit.org](http://earthwindfiresummit.org) for more information and to register. For questions concerning this event, email [rita@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:rita@dallassierraclub.org).

## Calendar

Here is our calendar for the next two months. For complete listings, visit us at [www.dallassierraclub.org](http://www.dallassierraclub.org).



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



### **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 consider recent history of bus trips and implications for planning future 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**

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.



### **Aug 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

See **live raptors** -- hawks, owls, falcons -- up close and personal. This is a **FREE** family-friendly event. Bring a camera to get pictures of yourself with raptors. 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 Bus Trip to the Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado**

This trip is canceled. The Columbine Ranger District of San Juan National Forest alerted the Dallas Sierra Club on June 24, too late to secure a permit to backpack at reasonable alternative locations, that it will not process a permit for the Club this summer, citing a moratorium on new permits. The Dallas Sierra Club had understood until June 24 that a permit held by the national Sierra Club would allow our use of the area. Devastation by two major fires in the adjacent Divide Range District of Rio Grande National Forest in 2013 further limit opportunities for enough quality backpacking experiences to justify the bus trip. We regret that a Labor Day bus trip will not be offered in 2014. For more information: Mark Stein [Send Email](#)

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