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Dallas Sierra Club
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Dallas Sierra Club News - November 2014

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We Are Moving

As many of you have already heard, the REI store where we hold our General Meetings is moving to Northwest Highway just east of Central Expressway. The new store will not have a meeting room large enough for our General Meetings, so we have had to find a new location.

Starting with the January General Meeting, our new meeting location will be at Brookhaven Community College, just about 1 mile west of our current location.

We'll meet in an auditorium in the Brookhaven College Geotechnology Institute. This building is very easy to find and is right next to lighted parking. We'll have signs directing you to the new location and a map on our website.

General Meeting Program - November 11, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

The Central Oregon Cascades and the Wildlife of the Alaska Inside Passage

Dan Leffel, photographer, will present his experiences in hiking the varied trails of the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon. High alpine trails will be presented as well as waterfalls of Central Oregon. Additionally, Dan will cover the 10 days he lived on a small boat this August in the Alaska Inside Passage, photographing humpback and orca whales, and brown and black bears, all in their natural habitats. *Techniques to improve your photography also will be presented.*



Dan has photographed all seven continents; rafted the Grand Canyon twice; spent a great deal of time in the four corners area of the US, as well as Alaska; hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu; safaried to Namibia and Zimbabwe; photographed Iceland, India, Japan, Australia and New Zealand; and traveled throughout North America. His images have won a number of awards, including selection to multiple North America Nature Photographer Association (NANPA) Showcases and Sierra Club competitions.

He is committed to helping preserve and share the beauty of nature and indigenous cultures through his photographs.

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 Holiday Party



Our annual Holiday Party will be held at El Fenix Restaurant at 255 Casa Linda Plaza. We'll party on Sunday, December 14 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [Here is a Google map.](#)



CClub 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, 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!!

Dallas Sierra Club Seeks to Fill Executive Committee Vacancy

The Dallas Sierra Club requests nominations for a new Executive Committee member to finish the one year remaining in the term of a member who resigned. The committee is particularly interested in strengthening its expertise in connecting to journalists and social media and in reaching the Young Sierra population segment (under 40 years age). People interest in the position should contact Wendell Withrow at wendel@dallassierraclub.org or any other member of the Executive Committee.

Calendar

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



Nov 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Central Oregon Cascades and Wildlife of the Alaska Inside Passage - Dan Leffel, photographer, will present his experiences in hiking trails of the Cascade Mountains of Central Oregon, including high alpine trails and waterfalls of Central Oregon. Additionally, Dan will cover the Alaska Inside Passage, including whales and bears. Techniques to improve your photography also will be presented. 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.



Nov 15-16 (Sat-Sun) Little Missouri River Beginner Backpacking Trip

We'll do a moderately-easy backpack of about 9-1/2 miles over 2 days along one of the most scenic backpacking trails in Southwest Arkansas. Because the trail follows the upper reaches of the Little Missouri River there is minimal elevation change, but do be prepared for a couple of wet stream crossings. Drive up Friday night and return Sunday. Hopefully the Fall colors will still be going strong. This hike is suitable for graduates of the Beginner Backpacking Class who are in good shape. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 972-658-1281



Nov 19 (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.. Tonight we will review the Beavers Bend and Big Bend trips. This will be the final Outings Committee meeting of 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



Nov 22-23 (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



Dec 3 (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.



Dec 9 (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.



Dec 13 (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



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