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**Dallas Sierra Club**  
Lone Star Chapter

## Dallas Sierra Club News - December 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 - December 9, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### Yosemite 150th Anniversary Film

Join us for Ken Burns' *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit*, a documentary film produced to honor the 150th anniversary of the landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias. This act, the first time a government set aside land for public use and enjoyment, gave birth to the national park idea. This inspirational film brings to life an amazing time in America's conservation history. Please join us for this unique experience.



We also will have a short Year In Review summarizing our Club's major activities. **This will be our last meeting at REI Dallas. Our future meetings will be at Brookhaven College.**

**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.](#)



Club 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. 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!!

### Arthur Kuehne Double Award Winner!

Arthur Kuehne has worn most every hat while volunteering for the Sierra Club over the years. One of his most valued roles has been as leader, teacher and mentor in our outings program, both locally and leading national outings. Hundreds of outdoor enthusiasts, from beginners to diehards, have benefitted from Arthur's guidance and expertise, all framed with a dash of humor or patience, often times both.

We're thrilled to say this dedication to getting folks outdoors was recently acknowledged on two levels of our Club. Last month in San Francisco Arthur received the Sierra Club's highest outings related honor, the OLIVER KEHRLEIN AWARD. The Kehrlein Award is for service to the Sierra Club Outings program at either the local or national level over an extended period of time. Arthur was also recently named recipient of the Lone Star Chapter's VIRGINIA MURRAY BREWER AWARD for his contribution to the outings program.



Arthur receives award from Sierra Club President David Scott and Executive Director Michael Brune

Arthur has served as Chair of the Lone Star Chapter, the Dallas Group and our Outings Committee, and other roles for the Sierra Club at local, chapter and national levels. He currently serves as Treasurer and Webmaster for the Dallas Group. The success of the Dallas Group Outings program is largely due to Arthur's talents and dedication for which we are extremely grateful. Congratulations, Arthur!

## Calendar

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



### **Dec 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Join us for Ken Burns' *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit*, a documentary film produced to honor the 150th anniversary of the landmark federal act signed by Abraham Lincoln that preserved Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



### **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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### **Jan 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.



### **Jan 10 (Sat) Hiking and Camping the Great Parks of Texas**

Discover the hidden outdoor gems within a few hours of the DFW concrete jungle in this presentation led by Dallas Sierra Club Chair Wendel Withrow, author of *The Best in Tent Camping - Texas*. Learn tent camping basics and discover some great hiking trails and tips for venturing into the great outdoors. Class location is the River Legacy Living Science Center, 703 NW Green Oaks Boulevard, Arlington, Texas. Time is 1:00 to 3:30. Cost is \$30. To register, call River Legacy at 817-860-6752, extension 102. Books by the author will be available for \$10. Stay for an autograph. Contact: 817-860-6752



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### **Jan 17 (Sat) Backpacking 101**

Leave the crowds in the campgrounds. Backpacking enables you to move into backcountry serenity, expanding your mobility to trails where your car can't take you. Dallas Sierra Club outings leaders with decades of experience leading multi-day backpacking trips will demonstrate what you need to know to begin or enhance your own backpacking experiences. Topics include gear to take versus leave at home (packs, tents, food and cookware, clothing) and safety and comfort tips. This class is for both total novices and intermediate level backpackers who want to refresh their knowledge, skills or gear. Class location is the River Legacy Living Science Center, 703 NW Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington, Texas. Time is 10 AM to 2 PM. Cost is \$30. To register, call River Legacy at 817-860-6752, extension 102. Bring a sack lunch or a drink and a snack. Contact: 817-860-6752



### **Jan 21 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

Outings leaders, prospective leaders, and people interested in outings are welcome to this monthly gathering (typically on third Wednesdays at 6:30) to plan outings. Help us learn from our successes and mistakes. Bring ideas for where to go and what to do. A location for this meeting will be determined later. Ask Mark to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

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