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We Are Moving . . . and Celebrating the New Year With a Raffle

Our New Location:

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 there is a [map on our website](#).

Raffle:

To celebrate the new year and our new meeting location, we will have a raffle at our January General Meeting (information below). You'll get a raffle ticket when you arrive and we'll give away several great prizes during the meeting. And, we have a great program for you. **DON'T MISS IT!**

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

Texas Wildscapes

As human development continues to grow in Texas, habitat for our native wildlife becomes less abundant. To offset this impact, create a Texas Wildscape on your property to provide vital habitat to our local wildlife. This presentation will detail the components of a Wildscape and provide advice on how to create and maintain your Wildscape using native vegetation.

Derek Broman is an Urban Wildlife Biologist in the DFW Metroplex and an advisor for the Cross Timbers Master Naturalist Chapter. Has been with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department since January 2013 and is originally from rural Iowa. He has worked with numerous wildlife species throughout the Midwest, but was in New



England for 3 years before coming to Texas. While there, he studied bobcats for his Master's Degree in Wildlife Ecology from the University of New Hampshire and then studied black bears with the State of Connecticut. He offices out of Cedar Hill State Park, but works throughout the DFW Metroplex.

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 Brookhaven College, Building H, 3939 Valley View Ln in Farmers Branch. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) of our website for more information and a map.

Upcoming Meetings

This year, we will have some of our best General Meeting programs ever, so mark your calendar for these special dates:

February 7 - South America Trip Photos

Join our very own Dale Edelbaum as he explores Los Glaciares National Park, Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego in Chile and Iguassu Falls in Argentina and Brazil, and much more.

April 14 - All About Bats

Kate Rugroden, Director of Special Projects for Bat World Sanctuary will bring a family friendly program featuring live native-species bats. It will be a great opportunity to see these tiny creatures up close.

We'll have information about our March meeting next month.

Bus Trip to Oklahoma City for EPA Hearing - Thursday, January 15

Clean air fans: You're needed on this day trip to support a sulfur dioxide emission standard proposed by the EPA to reduce haze at the places we love in Texas and neighboring states--Big Bend National Park, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, Caney Creek Wilderness Area, Buffalo National River, and right here at home. There is NO CHARGE to participants. The bus is FREE, there's a FREE box lunch and a FREE dinner, all paid by the Sierra Club. An EPA public hearing on the haze rule starts at 5 PM, after a rally to support the proposed rule at 4 PM. The EPA proposes to override the weak rule proposed by Texas that the TCEQ says would achieve "reasonable, natural air clarity" at Big Bend by 2155. Is that good enough? A good turnout of support for better air quality matters. A tougher haze reduction program will benefit quality of life in Texas urban areas, too, and will likely hasten closures of the dirtiest coal-burning electricity generation plants in Texas. The bus departs from the Walmart parking lot at the northwest corner of LBJ Expressway and Midway Road, immediately behind the La-Z-Boy store at 10:30 AM Thursday, January 15 and will return by 11 PM the same day. Contact Rita Beving for more information and to reserve your seats. Bring friends. Your presence is needed but we need an RSVP! Contact: Rita Beving [Send Email](#) or call 214-557-2271

Calendar

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



Jan 13 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Derek Broman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will tell how to create a Wildscape on your property. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Jan 15 (Thu) Bus Trip to Oklahoma City for EPA Hearing on Texas Haze Rule to Protect National Parks and Wilderness Areas

Outings fans: You're needed on this day trip to support a sulfur dioxide emission standard proposed by the EPA to reduce haze at the places we love to hike in Texas and neighboring states--Big Bend



National Park, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge, Caney Creek Wilderness Area, Buffalo National River, etc. There is NO CHARGE to participants. The bus is FREE, there's a FREE box lunch and a FREE dinner, all paid by the Sierra Club. An EPA public hearing on the haze rule starts at 5 PM, after a rally to support the proposed rule at 4 PM The EPA proposes to override the weak rule proposed by Texas that the TCEQ says would achieve "reasonable, natural air clarity" at Big Bend by 2155. Is that good enough? A good turnout of support for better air quality matters. A tougher haze reduction program will benefit quality of life in Texas urban

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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 17 (Sat) Trail Appreciation at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Join us out at the Cedar Ridge Preserve to help upgrade some of the beautiful walking trails just south of Dallas. The address is 7171 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75249. It's a great morning workout and the scenery is exceptional. No tools are required (maybe gloves), just show up and be ready to lend a hand or two. We'll work from 9 AM to 12-ish, and then walk around the preserve and admire the wildflowers and fauna! Bring some water for sure. Click [here](#) for directions and more information about Cedar Ridge Preserve. If you wish to carpool, let me know and we'll arrange a meeting spot. Come on out and bring your friends and families! Stay green with us. Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



Jan 21 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

Outings leaders, prospective leaders, and people interested in outings are welcome for this monthly gathering (typically on third Wednesdays at 6:30) to plan outings. This month we're trying a **different location--Central Market**, SE corner of Greenville Avenue and Lovers Lane, Dallas--in the Community Room. Bring ideas for where to go and what to do. Ask Mark to be placed on the agenda email list. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jan 31 (Sat) 5th Annual Super Weekend 10k Dayhike

Come join us for our annual hike on Super Bowl Weekend! We'll hike 10K (6 miles) on the Lake Ray Roberts Greenbelt Corridor. This is an easy trail running alongside the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. No reservations required, just show up. Well-behaved pets on a leash will be allowed. Bring water and a snack as we will be hiking all morning. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Hwy. 380 Trailhead Park. Admission to the park is \$7.00 per person or free with a Texas State Parks Pass. There will be an optional lunch afterwards. The Park is on the north side of US Hwy 380 2.1 miles west of Hwy 377 or 2.8 miles east of Loop 288 in Denton. Hwy 380 can be reached from Central Expressway, Preston Road, or the Dallas North Tollway. Bring extra shoes in case the trail is muddy. The trip will be canceled if it is raining at the trailhead. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 940-231-8482



Feb 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

See Dale Edelbaum's video presentation of his 17 day trip to South America in 2013. It includes slides from Los Glaciares National Park, Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego in Chile, and Iguassu Falls from both the Argentine and Brazilian sides. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Feb 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 this second Saturday of the month at the Love of the Lake office (How appropriate for the day!), 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



Feb 18 (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. Ask Mark to be placed on the email list for an agenda. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Feb 21 (Sat) Helping Out at Cedar Ridge Preserve

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Feb 28-Mar 6 (Sat-Fri) Big Bend Smorgasbord

Beat cabin fever with adventures in backpacking and day hiking in Big Bend National Park. Car pool from Dallas, departing Feb. 28, or meet in Marathon or Panther Junction the next morning.

Backpack a circuit of moderate difficulty from the Chimneys to Red Ass, Tule and Burro Springs on the first two days, navigating cross-country for part of the loop. Car camp for a night before motoring to the east side of the Park for two days of strenuous backpacking on the Marufo Vega Trails. Check out Rio Grande Hot Springs and short day hikes such as Pine Canyon or Grapevine Hills before heading home on Friday. This trip requires previous backpacking experience and leader consent to participate. Leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733

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