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We Have Moved

Our New Location:

As many of you have heard, the REI store where we held 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 had to find a new location.

Our new meeting location is at Brookhaven Community College, just about 1 mile west of our old location.

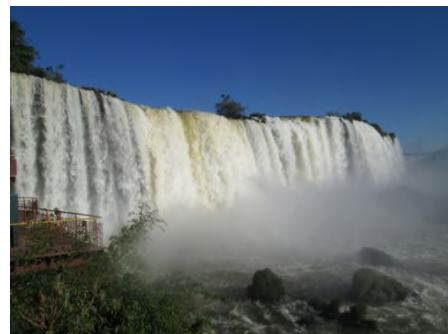
We meet in an auditorium in the Brookhaven College Geotechnology Institute. This building is very easy to find and is right next to lighted parking. We'll have signs directing you to the new location and there is a [map on our website](#).

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

South America Trip Photos

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. The pictures were taken during hikes, a 4 day cruise through the Magellan Strait and Darwin Passage, and from Zodiac boats while visiting the Fjords and Cape Horn.

Dale has been a member of the Dallas Group since 1976 and has served on its Excom, chaired several committees, and has led many outings and bus trips. He has presented several programs in the past, including the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail.



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:

March 17 - The Environment at the State Capitol

Zac Trahan, Program Director for Texas Campaign for the Environment, will lead an interactive discussion about potential environmental bills during the 2015 Texas Legislative Session. It has always been difficult to pass good environmental legislation at the State Capitol, but this year is shaping up to be the toughest challenge yet.

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.

Special Spring Outing at Colorado Bend State Park

Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and abilities are welcome for this weekend adventure at one of our most scenic state parks. Your choice of car camping or car camp/backpack combination. Leave your worries behind and come relax, enjoy fellowship and fun in the beautiful landscape bordered by the Colorado River. Pack your camp chair, hiking shoes, bike, kayak, guitar, telescope and croquet set – whatever you do, join us! This park is four hours from Dallas and the campsite is accessible by car. We'll organize day hikes to Spicewood Springs and Gorman Falls. There will be overnight backpacking options. For full details and information about how to sign up, click on [this link](#).

Calendar

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



Feb 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

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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 14 (Sat) Day Hike - Cedar Ridge Preserve

Hike 4-5 miles. Meet at 9:00 AM at the entrance in the parking lot. No pets. Click [here](#) for directions to Cedar Ridge Preserve. No reservations required. Canceled if raining or bad weather. Lunch afterwards.

Leader: Marcos Jorge [Send Email](#) 214-682-6555



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

It's fun and helpful to get out to the Cedar Ridge Preserve to help upgrade some of the beautiful walking trails just south of Dallas. The address is 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, 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. Please see www.audubondallas.org/cedarridge.html for directions and info. See you then! If you wish to carpool, then let me know and we'll arrange a meeting spot. Come on out and stay green with us! Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



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. After a cabin night in Terlingua, motor to the east side of the Park for a day hike and a soak in the hot springs on the Rio Grande and parts of three days of strenuous backpacking on the Marufo Vega Trails. Finish with a short day hike such as Dog Canyon or Grapevine Hills before heading home on Friday. This trip requires previous backpacking experience and leader consent. Email for more hike details. Leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



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Mar 14-15 (Sat-Sun) Off-Trail Exploration in Caney Creek Wilderness Area, Arkansas

If you need carefully groomed trails for your backpacking adventures this hike is **not** for you. If you would like to explore a scenic, seldom visited part of Arkansas and don't mind stepping off the beaten path this might be just what you're looking for! You will be amazed at how different things look from heavily used trails just a few miles away. We will hike in to Caney Creek Wilderness on the ridgetop Buckeye Mountain trail. After lunch Saturday we will leave the Buckeye Mountain Trail for an

off trail route down into Short Creek where we will camp Saturday night. Sunday we will hike off trail up Short Creek (without a paddle) and loop back to our trailhead. We will only cover about five miles each day but the off trail sections will make it seem like more. Some of the hike up Short Creek follows traces of an old road but there is no trail. Early in the year brush and brambles should be at a minimum. Expect a steep climb out of Short Creek. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



Mar 17 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Zac Trahan, Program Director for Texas Campaign for the Environment, will lead an interactive discussion about potential environmental bills during the 2015 Texas Legislative Session. Learn more about this and other potential environmental legislation -- and get plugged in to ways you can help influence state lawmakers on behalf of a cleaner, greener world. Everyone is invited to the Dallas Sierra Club's General Meeting. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



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Mar 28-29 (Sat-Sun) Weekend Backpack at Buckeye Mountain Trail, Arkansas

Hike one of the most scenic Wilderness trails in Arkansas in the Caney Creek Wilderness of west central Arkansas. Saturday we'll enjoy the views from the ridgetop Buckeye Mountain Trail. Sunday we'll hike out along the creek bottoms of the Caney Creek Trail. With any luck the wildflowers will be starting to emerge. This trip is rated moderate and would be suitable for beginners in good shape. Both days cover about 4 1/2 miles. Saturday includes an 800 foot uphill section. We'll camp Friday night near our cars, Saturday night near a nice little waterfall. Leader: Mark Adams [Send Email](#) 940-231-8482



Mar 29-Apr 3 (Sun-Fri) Backpacking and Spelunking in the Guadalupe Mountains

Join me in the beautiful Guadalupe Mountains National Park as we climb Guadalupe Peak, hike up to McKittrick Ridge and climb down through the beautiful McKittrick Canyon. We will move forward to an evening motel in Carlsbad, New Mexico and a walk-in tour of the Carlsbad Caverns, including reservations to explore the Lower Cave the next day. This trip is rated strenuous because the hike up to McKittrick Ridge is 11 1/2 miles uphill. We will have to carry two days of water as well. Party is limited to ten hikers. We will car camp at Pine Springs two nights, camp in McKittrick Ridge one night and motel two nights. I like to explore and be pampered. Please call me to discuss the trip and answer your questions. We welcome beginners who are in good shape. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224

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