# Dallas Sierra Club News - November 2015

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

#### Movie night! We supply popcorn, snacks, and drinks.

The movie *My Life As A Turkey* tells Jim Hutto's remarkable experience of being imprinted on by group of wild turkey hatchlings, and raising them to adulthood and beyond in the Florida wilderness. You will be <u>amazed</u> by this fascinating, family-friendly story. Hutto was treated as their imprinted mother, so he lived as one of them in the wild. This charming movie is both funny and moving. The turkeys reminded Jim not to live in the abstraction of the future, but to live in the present moment, and afforded him a privileged insight into their world so that he never will see the world the same way again.



Dallas Sierra Club

Lone Star Chapter

**Everyone is welcome. FREE!** 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. Click over to our <u>General Meeting page</u> for more information and a map.

#### Sierra Club Calendars for Sale

Bring your cash or check book to the November General Meeting (and December) and get your 2016 Sierra Club Wilderness Calendars and Appointment Books. These award winning calendars are the best selling calendars in the United States. And they make great gifts, so be sure to get several.

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

**December 8** - Scot Miller will give a multimedia presentation about creating the photographs for *Emerson, Muir, Thoreau: A Photographic Trilogy of American Wildness*, the first book to visually connect the philosophies of Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Muir, and Henry David Thoreau.

**January 12** - Bill Greer will present a short program about a Dallas Sierra Club backpack outing in the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Area. Come share the trip with us and see what New Mexico's newest Wilderness area looks like.

**February 9** - Critterman and his animals - Live! The live animals in this family friendly presentation will be engaging entertainment for children and adults alike. Meet some amazing Lone Star natives.

**March 8** - Our March program will feature a visit to Glacier National Park. Glacier was established in 1910 in northern Montana along the Continental Divide near the Canadian border.

#### **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 13 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. <u>Here is a Google map.</u>



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 (including a NEST Learning Thermostat and some great books), 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 2016 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!!

#### Calendar

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



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#### Nov 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, 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 <u>Send Email</u> 214-824-0244



## Nov 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

We've done sufficient work on outings for 2016 that we'll skip our usual third Wednesday meetings in November and December. The next OC meeting is Wednesday, January 20. If you have business to add to that agenda or an issue that cannot wait . . . Contact: Mark Stein <u>Send Email</u> 214-526-3733

# Nov 21 (Sat) Trail Maintenance at Cedar Ridge Preserve

Come to the hilly terrain of Cedar Ridge Preserve to help maintain one of the better trail networks in Dallas. The Dallas Sierra Club is responsible for the Possum Haw Trail. We work here on third Saturdays of almost every month, starting at 9 AM, working until approximately noon. This project is fun and the landscape is beautiful. We've ordered excellent weather. The Preserve's address is 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas 75249. For directions and general information about Cedar Ridge Preserve, click this link. If you need more information or want to carpool, call or email me. Contact: Ginger Bradley Send Email 469-223-7902



#### Nov 21 (Sat) Dayhike on the Chisholm Trail in Plano

Meet at 9:30 AM in front of the Starbucks/Barnes & Noble (north side of 15th Street, just west of US 75). We will walk 5-6 miles on a paved path. Bring water. No reservations, just show up. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Judy Cato <u>Send Email</u> 972-658-6834



# Nov 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Backpack 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. This is a great trail to work on your map skills. Sunday we'll hike out along the creek bottoms of the Caney Creek Trail. It's a little late for fall colors but we might get lucky. This trip is rated moderate and would be suitable for beginners **in good shape**. Both days cover about 4 1/2 miles. Saturday includes a 500 foot uphill section. We'll camp Friday night near



our cars, Saturday night near a nice little waterfall. Leader: Bill Greer Send Email 972-247-0446



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