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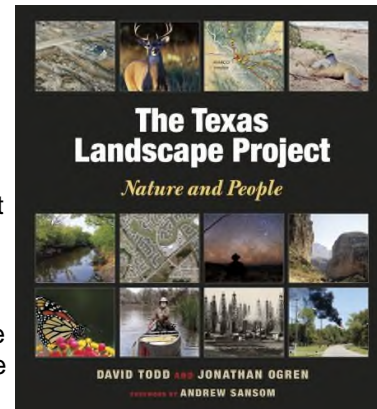
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General Meeting Program - September 13, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Texas Environmental Atlas

David Todd and Jonathan Ogren will introduce their environmental atlas, *The Texas Landscape Project: Nature and People* (Texas A&M Press 2016). The atlas is a five year effort that resulted in a compilation of some 40 chapters, 300 maps, and 100 images regarding the conservation history of water, land, energy, air quality, and public health in the state. They also will focus on comments about local topics of special interest to Dallas Metroplex residents. For more information about the atlas, [click here](#).

Todd has practiced as an environmental attorney, served as executive director of the Conservation History Association of Texas, and was the co-editor of *The Texas Legacy Project: Stories of Courage and Conservation* (Texas A&M Press 2010). Ogren, a biologist and geographer, is the founder and principal of Siglo Group, a firm that helps clients integrate natural systems into land planning and design.



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 [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

Seventh Annual Solar Tour Saturday, October 1

The North Texas Renewable Energy Group (NTREG) is hosting a DFW solar tour with various residential locations to visit around the metroplex. Sponsored by Dallas Sierra Club and other organizations, you can learn about affordable solar for your home, rainwater harvesting, electric vehicles, energy efficiency, and a host of sustainable subjects of interest. Go to dfwsolartour.org for more information and support clean energy in Texas.

Register Now for an Exciting Water Conference Held September 17

The population of the Dallas-Ft. Worth area is expected to double by 2060. With recent drought, weather extremes, and increasing threats – both man-made and natural – to our state’s water supplies, will DFW have enough water as our area continues to grow?

On September 17, a one-day conference, “DFW: Thirsting for Our Water Future” will be held at the Richardson Civic Center from 9:30 to 5 pm. The event will provide a foundation for understanding the current state of our water supplies and address the challenges we face in maintaining those water resources such as drought, invasive species and more. The event will also highlight cutting-edge technologies for meeting our water needs, and offer practical solutions that homeowners can adopt to save water and save money.



Water will be one of the most challenging environmental issues of this century. “DFW: Thirsting for Our Water Future” is a unique opportunity to learn from experts and water professionals about water quality, water conservation, and how we can secure future water supply.

Register now for this event at dfwwaterconference.org - there is limited seating for this one-day event. Cost is \$35 (includes lunch) through Sept. 1 and then increases to \$55. Clean Water Fund is hosting this event along with Dallas Sierra Club and other organizations. For more information, email Rita Beving at rita.beving@gmail.com or call 214-557-2271.

Fall Outing at Beavers Bend State Park October 14 - 16

Celebrate fall and join us for this relaxing event in the beautiful mountainous region of southeast Oklahoma. The weekend is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and stages. Families, couples, singles, all are welcome. We have the group compound all to ourselves, complete with your choice of rustic cabin or tent camping, dining hall with kitchen, optional catered dinner and (drum roll please)... yes, even a bathhouse with hot showers and flush toilets! On Saturday we'll offer various levels of hikes or you can be on your own to enjoy many fun activities offered by the park.



Plan an active weekend or hang out on the porch, whichever you would enjoy. Cabin requests are on a first come basis so make your plans now! [Click here](#) for more information and required registration forms. Don't wait to sign up. This camp out sells out fast.

Earth, Wind, & Fire Energy Summit II Focuses on Energy - October 22-23

Sign UP NOW before Registration Increases for the Earth, Wind, & Fire Summit II Event to Focus on All Forms of Energy

Register now before the price increases or it sells out. The Earth, Wind & Fire Energy Summit II will be held on October 22-23 at the Addison Conference Centre. Back by popular demand, this 2-day event will focus on all forms of energy, including both traditional and renewable forms of energy as well as the environmental and human impacts these energy sources have on communities and the environment.

The logo features the text "Earth, Wind, & Fire" in a light blue, sans-serif font, with "ENERGY SUMMIT II" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The text is set against a dark blue rectangular background.

Registration is now open for this exciting event at earthwindfiresummit.org.

Discussion and speaker highlights include:

- Energy/Climate Change by Katherine Hayhoe – International climate scientist, one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people
- Earthquakes and Deep Injection Wells by SMU's Dr. Bryan Stump – Studied the earthquakes in the DFW area
- First Texas City to Become 100% Renewable by Chris Foster – City of Georgetown
- Battery Storage for Renewable Energy by Jack Farley of APEX

There are more than 12 others speakers to talk wind, geothermal, nuclear, coal, and other sources of energy. Check out the fabulous credentials of the speakers who are coming.

The 2014 events sold out 10 days ahead of time. Early registration is \$55 through Oct. 1 and \$75 thereafter. The event is hosted by the Dallas Sierra Club, DCCCD, and a number of other groups. For more information or to learn about exhibitor opportunities, contact Rita Beving at rita.beving@gmail.com.

Sierra Club Volunteers Nominated for Green Source DFW Award

The Dallas Sierra Club is proud to announce that Chris and Dick Guldi have been nominated for a Green Source DFW Sustainable Leadership Award. Please support the Guldys by voting for them.

Chris and Dick Guldi are dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to improve our environment. Their myriad efforts on many fronts in conjunction with the Dallas Sierra Club, Citizens Change Lobby, Public Citizen, North Texas Regional Energy Group, Downwinders At Risk, and Environmental Defense Fund, and individual efforts are exemplary. Dick and Chris Guldi truly "walk the walk" trying to improve the environment.

[Click here](#) to log on to the Green Source DFW website.

You must be a registered user to vote.

At the website, scroll down past the picture and click LOG IN OR REGISTER HERE.

After logging in or registering, scroll down to the bottom of the nominees and click on VOTE HERE!!

You can vote every day, so vote early and vote often!

If you are not familiar with Green Source D/FW, its goal is to advance the environmental movement in the Dallas-Fort Worth area by promoting: green living, sustainable practices, nonprofit environmental organizations, eco-friendly green businesses, environmental education, scientific information, public policy discussions, and socially responsible investing.

Here is a link to their website: www.greensourcedfw.org/ where you can read about events, projects, and other environmental projects. Sign up for their weekly e-newsletter by providing your name and e-mail address (in the upper right corner of their home page).

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

October 11 - Carbon Tax?

Ricky Bradley will explain a carbon tax; he is the Dallas chapter leader of Citizens' Climate Lobby, an organization laser focused on passing federal legislation to price carbon in a revenue neutral way.

November 8 - Hilites from Iceland, Patagonia, and Storm Chasing

Dan Leffel, photographer extraordinaire, will cover 3 of his latest photography trips: to Iceland in winter, Patagonia in their fall, and storm chasing on the high plains this past spring. From the Iceland trip Dan will share unique images of the northern lights, which he photographed on 6 different occasions during 11 days in the country. His Patagonia images will include treks made in both Fitz Roy and Torres del Paine. His storm chasing images will include stories of the 12 tornadoes he photographed over a span of just 4 days - a very active weather period this past May. He was able to capture an image with 3 tornadoes on the ground at the same time, a rare occurrence. There will be ample time to ask questions regarding any of the other places Dan has travelled, or about his presentation.

Calendar

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



Sep 10 (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 [Send Email](mailto:Carol.Nash@sierraclub.org) 214-455-2115



Sep 13 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Learn about an environmental atlas, *The Texas Landscape Project: Nature and People*, a compilation of 40 chapters, 300 maps, and 100 images regarding the conservation history of water, land, energy, air quality, and public health in the state. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Sep 17 (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 Sierra Club is responsible for the Possum Haw Trail. We work here on third Saturdays of almost every month, starting at 8 AM, working until approximately 11:00. The Preserve's address is 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas. 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



Sep 21 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

The Outings Committee meets tonight at 6:30 at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas, upstairs. We'll review recent outings and plan future ones. An objective for tonight will be to set our annual calendar of dates and destinations for major trips. Bring your research and recommendations. Anyone interested in outings is invited. Reply to Mark to be added to the advance agenda email list or to suggest an agenda item. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Sep 24 (Sat) Dayhike on the Chisholm Trail in Plano

Meet at 9:00 AM in front of the Starbucks/Barnes & Noble (north side of 15th 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 [Send Email](#) 972-658-6834



Sep 28 (Wed) Wilderness Navigation Class - Part 1

Some walks in the woods are easy, but journeys of all lengths can turn from amazing to catastrophic if you can't find your way. Learn the fundamentals of navigating your way in the wilderness in this fun and comprehensive two-night class. Among the subjects covered are: looking for and purchasing different type maps, how to read maps, how not to get lost, map use if you do get lost, different kinds of compasses and how to use your compass. There will be some discussion about GPS, but our main focus is learning how to use a map and compass so you're not trusting your navigation (and life) to something that takes batteries. If you have a compass, bring it. If not, we'll have extras you can use and will show you what to look for when you purchase your own. The class will be held in the upstairs meeting room at Whole Foods Market, southeast quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane in Dallas. This two-night class (second night Thursday, September 29) will begin at 6:30 PM and finish about 8:45 PM. The class fee is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Cost covers both nights and handout materials. We encourage online signups by the Monday before the class ([click here](#)) or you can pay with cash or check at the door. A half-day hike the following Saturday or Sunday with a class instructor will be offered to class participants who want to practice their new skills. Contact: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Sep 29 (Thu) Wilderness Navigation Class - Part 2

Join us for this second night of our two-part class that begins Wed., Sep. 28. Both sessions are at Whole Foods Market, Preston Road at Forest Lane. See above for details (Sep. 28). Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 1 (Sat) D/FW Solar Home Tour

At this FREE event, talk directly with homeowners who use solar energy, solar hot water, wind energy, and other energy-efficient measures for their homes, as well as people who drive electric cars (Tesla, Leaf, Volt, and hybrids). [Click here](#) for details about home locations, information about each home, and other information about the tour. [Click here](#) to read an article about the 2015 Solar Home Tour published by the *Dallas Morning News*.



Oct 5 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets upstairs at Whole Foods Market, southeast corner of Preston Road and Forest Lane, in Dallas at 6:30 pm. Contact the [Dallas Group Chair](#) for more information.



Oct 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Learn about (1) a Carbon Tax (2) candidates and issues in the upcoming election.

Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Oct 14-16 (Fri-Sun) Dallas Sierra Club Group Campout at Beavers Bend State Park, Oklahoma

Join us for this relaxing weekend of fall beauty in scenic southeastern Oklahoma. We have an entire group compound reserved, complete with your choice of rustic cabin or tent camping, bathhouse and dining hall with kitchen. We offer Saturday hike options ranging from a one-mile nature trail to a 7-mile roller-coaster trail up and down and over the skyline ridges. The park offers many family-friendly activities you can enjoy. We even offer a Saturday night catered dinner option. Full details and sign-up information is in [this PDF](#).

Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 22-23 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpacking Trip to the Caney Creek Wilderness

This is one of the Dallas Sierra Club's favorite local backpacking trips. Come and join us to practice what you've learned in the backpacking class. We'll hike about 4 1/2 miles one way and camp near a waterfall. We will be hiking along a shallow stream, and go across it a couple of times. There will also be a few small hills to climb. After setting up camp and resting, we'll do a short day hike as time permits. This is a relatively easy backpack outing, suitable for beginners. Priority sign-ups will be given to those who have taken the August 13, 2016 backpacking class. Please contact the leader to sign up. Leader: Marcos Jorge [Send Email](#) 214-682-6555



Oct 22-23 (Sat-Sun) Earth, Wind, & Fire Energy Summit II

Conference Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, with lectures and workshops about the ways we get and use electrical energy, and what its relationship is to conservation and health. For complete information and registration go to [EarthWindFireSummit.org](#) Contact: Rita Beving [Send Email](#)



Oct 27-31 (Thu-Mon) Backpack or Camp and Hike at Buffalo National River, Arkansas

Last October's trip to the Buffalo River valley in northern Arkansas was so much fun that we're returning to those towering bluffs and deep hollows. Leave Dallas on a sleeper bus Thursday night,



eat breakfast Friday in Huntsville, Arkansas and arrive at trailheads Friday morning. That gives three full days for hiking before late Sunday afternoon pick-ups and dinner in Jasper, Arkansas. We'll bring you home before sunrise Monday, Oct. 31, Halloween. We've planned four trip itinerary options, with average daily distances of four to ten miles. Late October is usually an ideal weekend for fall color in the Buffalo valley. It's also a great month for hiking because it's dry season and the Buffalo River trails network crosses the Buffalo at many fords where removing boots isn't usually

necessary in the fall. For trip details and information on how to register, click [this PDF link](#).

Coordinator: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224

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