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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - September 2017

General Meeting Program - September 12, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Fall/Winter Vegetable Gardening in North Texas

The best time for gardening in North Texas is from September until June. You can have fresh tomatoes from your garden for Christmas dinner! Dr. Larry Legg will present a scientific and observational approach for gardening during fall and winter. Larry is a Biology Professor, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Master Wellness Volunteer, and a Conflict Resolution Specialist. He is a country boy from the boondocks where if you did not have a successful garden, you went hungry.



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. The meeting takes place at Brookhaven College. Click over to our [General Meeting page](#) for more information and a map.

North Texas Giving Day, August 14 - Give to the Dallas Sierra Club

Donations to Dallas Sierra Club between 6:00 AM and Midnight on September 14, 2017, at <https://northtexasgivingday.org/npo/sierra-club-foundation-fiscal-sponsor-for-dallas-sierra-club> will be matched by Communities Foundation of Texas.

New this year: You can submit a donation prior to September 14 to be automatically charged on the 14th.



Dallas Sierra Club Picnic - Everyone is Invited

When: September 16, 2007, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Where: Churchill Park, 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas, TX 75230 ([Google map](#))

The picnic is to celebrate new members as well as established members of the Dallas Sierra Club. We will celebrate the over 900 members on Facebook, and the thousands of members in and around the Metroplex.

Please join us for good food, beverages of all kinds, vegetarian fare, cakes and cookies, and hamburgers and hot dogs, veggie burgers included. Salads, chips, dips, and all kinds of good eats.

We'll have some games to play, some water balloons for the kids, and the good ol' cornhole game. We'll have a croquet set, game balls to play with, and other fun things to do.

There will be some door prizes given out, so make sure you get a complimentary raffle ticket when you arrive. We are giving away a \$100 dollar gift certificate to Jackson's and a drone, as well as some pre-paid memberships to our Club and random other free prizes.

So please save the date, mark your calendars, put it in your phone, whatever you gotta do to remember to come on out and bring the whole family. Kids, dogs, ferrets, your weird uncle Bob, whatever or whoever you consider family!

Call Ginger (Dallas Sierra Club Membership Chair) for more info at 469-223-7902 and if you want to help, I would love to have you!

Thanks and see you there.

Wilderness Navigation Class - Wednesday and Thursday, September 27 & 28

Don't miss out! Join us for this outstanding, bi-annual two-night class to help you navigate in the backcountry with map and compass. Part 1 is Wednesday night at 6:30. Part 2 is Thursday night at 6:30. Both sessions are upstairs at the Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane. The fee for the two-night class is \$35 for Sierra Club members, \$40 for non-members. An optional field lab for class participants will be set on Saturday or Sunday. Pay in advance by [clicking here](#) or pay at the door. Bring a compass if you have one. If not, we'll have an extra you can use and we'll advise what to look for when you buy your own. Both sessions will run until approximately 9:00.



Dallas Group Fall Outing at Beavers Bend State Park - October 13-15



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.

Volunteers In Patrol at White Rock Lake

Sierra Club member Sam Jubran is organizing volunteers to help the Dallas Police Department patrol White Rock Lake parks and trails, and other parks and trails in the Northeast Division. If you use one of those parks or trails regularly for recreation, as little as one hour a year of your time could be a great help to the Dallas Police Department.



Volunteers take the four-hour Volunteers In Patrol training class that is offered every two months or so at the Northeast Patrol Division on Northwest Highway. You may already have seen VIP volunteers who live in your neighborhood. VIPs in the parks do not have to live next to the parks. Anyone twenty-one or older, not convicted of a felony, not convicted of a misdemeanor within the last five years, who is trained and who follows VIP rules can volunteer. VIPs, who work in pairs, are taught to notice the details that are most helpful to police when observing improper activity. Anyone can call the police to make a complaint about something suspicious. A VIP's report is more useful than most complaints that are phoned in, because the VIPs have learned what the police need to know. Unlike neighborhood VIPs, who patrol only by driving, park VIPs can patrol while jogging, walking, biking or driving.

To take part, plan to take the next training class, Saturday, September 30th at the NE division from 9am-1pm. The application form can be found at <http://www.dallaspolice.net/community/Shared Documents/VolunteerApplication2009.pdf>. It must be submitted no later than Tuesday, September 26th for the September 30 class, but another training will be offered in six to eight weeks. To send your application you can scan and email it to Officer Kelley or mail/drop it off at the NE Dallas Police Department, Please reach out to Officer Kelley at Kevin.Kelley@dpd.ci.dallas.tx.us or 214-670-7772, or to Sam Jubran at samjubran63@gmail.com for more information

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

October 10 - A Two Part Program:

Dallas Park and Recreation Conservation Initiatives and

Dallas has an amazing resource within in the Dallas Park and Recreation park system. This system includes almost 380 properties, covering over 18,500 acres. Issues such as invasive species control (feral hogs and assorted plant species), pollinator conservation, conflicting value judgments, conservation outreach, and volunteer opportunities will be discussed.

The Wave

Photos of surreal sandstone landscape along the Utah - Arizona Border.

November 14 - Wildflowers of North Texas and Cacti and Succulents: Owners Manual

This colorful slideshow program will take you on a virtual tour through the seasons of some of our last undisturbed natural areas, and introduce some of the amazing plants that once dominated the region. And, we will have a fascinating program about cacti and succulents by the President of the North Texas Cactus and Succulent Society.

Calendar

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



Sep 9-15 (Sat-Fri) National Drive Electric Week

Saturday, 10-12, in Grapevine Mills, see 137 EVs and talk with their owners. Monday-Friday, 12-1, webinars about EVs. See <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/ndew> for details.



Sep 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Learn about fall / winter gardening from Master Gardener Larry Legg. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Sep 16 (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 9 AM, working until approximately noon. (Note that this is an hour later than our summer starting time.) 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



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Sep 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Red River Canoe Trip

We'll put-in on Saturday morning about an hour north of Dallas. The rest of the day will be spent swimming and relaxing as we paddle down to our campsite on a large sandbar. Sunday we'll canoe on down to the takeout with a few swim stops on the way. This is a very nice section of the Red River, with very little development along the banks. Some canoeing experience is required and you must furnish your own canoe and camping equipment. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



Sep 20 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

The Outings Committee meets tonight at 6:30, upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Anyone interested in outings is welcome. Reply to Mark to be added to the advance agenda email list or to suggest an agenda item. Let's finalize a line-up of fall 2017 outings and discuss where we want to go on trips in 2018. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Sep 27 (Wed) Wilderness Navigation Class--Part 1

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Sep 28 (Thu) Wilderness Navigation Class--Part 2

Join us for this second night of a two-part class that begins Wednesday, Sept. 27. Both

sessions are at Whole Foods Market, Preston Road at Forest Lane. See above for details and link to pay online. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 4 (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 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Learn about challenges and opportunities for the **Dallas Park and Recreation Department**, and see beautiful pictures of **The Wave**, a colorful U-shaped trough etched into Jurassic era sandstone on the Arizona - Utah border. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Oct 13-15 (Fri-Sun) Fall Weekend at Beavers Bend State Park, Oklahoma

Make Friday the 13th special and 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 (yes, hot showers!) and dining hall with kitchen. We'll offer Saturday hike options with Dallas Sierra Club leaders, ranging from a one-mile nature trail to a 7-mile roller-coaster trail up, down and over the skyline ridges. The park offers additional activities, including paddling (rentals available), horseback riding and more. We also offer a Saturday night catered dinner option. This weekend is for singles, couples, families, friends, young and young at heart -- a great event for all. Details and reservation information is in [this PDF](#). Don't wait, sign up now! Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Oct 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

It's a third Wednesday of a month, so 6:30 is the time for another gathering to plan outings, upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Anyone interested in outings is welcome to attend and participate. 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

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