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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - December 2017

General Meeting - December 12, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30 - Everyone Welcome

Conservation in the City

The Nature Conservancy has worked for over 60 years and in over 70 countries to protect the lands on which all life depends. As the human population continues to urbanize, the Conservancy has increasingly brought science based conservation to address challenges to both Nature and People in the cities. Dr. Kathy Jack will share the work of The Nature Conservancy's Urban Conservation Program, including initiatives here in Dallas.



Dr. Kathy Jack oversees The Nature Conservancy's Dallas Urban Conservation program where she works with community partners and The Nature Conservancy's North America Cities network to shape and implement strategies to protect, enhance, and best use natural systems for the benefit of nature and people in the Dallas environment. Kathy brings over 20 years' experience in the fields of energy and water efficiency, renewable energy, and green design and planning, primarily in the local government sector. Her focus has been on the intersection of people and the environment with a passion for programs that engage communities with nature. Kathy has her Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University, Masters of Science from Humboldt State University, and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science from University of North Texas.

Zero Waste

Corey Troiani, local program director for Texas Campaign for the Environment, will present on Organizing for Zero Waste in DFW. The presentation will cover the importance of recycling, composting, and waste reduction as a means to reduce our environmental impact, as well as stimulate local jobs and economic growth. Corey will talk about the importance of grassroots organizing, civic-engagement, and strategy when campaigning to expand successful recycling programs. He will highlight his coalition's recent victory in helping pass Fort Worth's latest solid waste plan, and cases in which trash and illegal dumping create environmental justice concerns. Texas Campaign for the Environment has active campaigns in several North Texas cities that aim to pass local ordinances to expand recycling and composting programs to residents and businesses.



In addition to his full-time job with Texas Campaign for the Environment, Corey plays a leadership role in the all-volunteer Dallas Green Alliance, and volunteers for a number of other local campaigns and causes. And he was nominated for a 2017 GreenSourceDFW.org Sustainable Leadership Award.

Population

The global population of 7.5 billion and growing is unsustainable. We are seeing the dominance of the Human system within the Earth system is causing many problems such as Global Climate Change and Refugee Immigration. Growing global consumption is adding to this problem. Please join Paul Rodgers of Population Connection for a discussion about possible solutions.



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.

New 2018 Sierra Club Calendars Available for Sale at the General Meeting

Sierra Club Wilderness Wall Calendars and Engagement Calendars will be available for purchase at the November and December General Meetings (or until we run out). The Sierra Club Wilderness Calendar is the best selling nature calendar in the United States. Don't miss your chance to get one (or several - they make great gifts). The Calendar sells for \$15 each and we pick up the sales tax. We take check, cash or credit cards.

Dallas Sierra Club Holiday Party - Sunday, December 17



Our annual Holiday Party will be held at El Fenix Restaurant at 255 Casa Linda Plaza. We'll party on Sunday, December 17 from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [Here is a Google map.](#)



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, raffle prizes, 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, the election, 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 2018 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!!

Backpacking 101 Class - Saturday, January 27

Learn essentials of backpacking--what it's like, what you need to bring and what you don't need. This class is for never-ever backpackers and also people who want to update backpacking gear or skills. Volunteers with decades of experience leading trips will present a comprehensive range of backpacking topics with candor--packs, tents, food, what to wear, water treatment and lots more. They'll share tips to improve your comfort and keep gear affordable. Unlike stores that offer basic classes, we're not selling merchandise. This class will be particularly helpful for new backpackers on the Labor Day trip to the Pecos Wilderness, the February trip to Big Bend National Park or other outings in 2018. We'll schedule at least one fall outing with spaces reserved for people completing the August 12 class. **Location:** Whole Foods Market, Preston Road at Forest Lane, Dallas ([map](#)). The class is upstairs in the community room.



Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Buy lunch downstairs at the deli or bring a sack lunch. **Cost:** \$35 for

Sierra Club members, \$40 for non-members. You can register and [pay on-line here](#) or you can show up and pay at the door if class space remains available. Interested or have questions? Please contact the class coordinator. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306

Climate Change is Real

Some people just don't believe it, but it is all based on sound science. [Click here](#) to see three short videos that show what happens when you don't believe in science.

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

January 9 - Movie Night

We'll watch the movie *National Parks Adventure*.

February 13 - Pacific Crest Trail Adventures

Hike the Pacific Crest Trail with our very own trip leader Mike Pfoser. We'll also have some fun with **Really Bad Advice for Hikers and Campers**.

March 20 - Sperry Chalet in Glacier National Park and Urban Asthma

Visit the famous Sperry Chalet with Dallas Sierrans Bill and Sue Greer in our short program. In our long program, Dr. Rebecca Gruchalla will tell us why asthma is so bad in urban areas.

NOTE: Because Brookhaven College is closed for spring break on the second Tuesday in March, our General Meeting will be on the THIRD Tuesday.

Limerick of the Month

"What's the name of the forest," said Monique,
"Where some kittens now live by a creek?
There are trees of wood red
In this forest," she said.
"Mewer Woods is the answer I seek."

By Kirk Miller, Dallas Sierra Club program chair and national pun champion.

If you would like to submit an environmental limerick for our new Limerick of the Month feature, send it to editors@dallassierraclub.org.

Calendar



Dec 9 (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](#) 214-455-2115



Dec 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

We will have presentations about **preserving land, zero waste, and population**, from three different organizations. - Everyone is invited. Full details are on our [home page](#) now.



Dec 13 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting and Party

All fans of outings are invited for pizza and beverages at 6:30 at the home of Bill Beach and Rhonda Blair, 5226 Vanderbilt Avenue, Dallas 75206. We'll make the business meeting brief and the pizza hot. RSVP to Bill by Dec. 12 (contacts below) so we know how much pizza to order and beer to buy. You're welcome to include a guest in your RSVP. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224



Dec 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. 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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Dec 17 (Sun) Ride the New Mockingbird Bridge on the Katy Trail

Meet at the Mockingbird Dart Station Park and Ride. **The ride begins at 1:00 PM.** We'll bike to White Rock Lake via the Ridgewood Trail, then head south along the lake to the Santa Fe Trail. Riding the SF Trail, we'll emerge in Deep Ellum, where it'll be time for a caffeine break (Café Brazil?). Then we'll continue through Downtown Dallas (ultra-light traffic on weekends) to the Katy Trail and ride the Katy north to our starting point. The whole triangular trip is 18 miles. Plan on two hours plus the stop in Deep Ellum. Bring your own bicycle. You must wear a helmet. This is an opportunity to experience several popular urban bike trails. Only people who reply with an email address will be alerted to cancelation or other changes. Leader: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224





Dec 22 (Fri) Christmas Lights Walk thru Highland Park neighborhoods

Who says hikes must be in daylight? Come out to “ooh” and “ahh” holiday lights in Highland Park. Meet at the intersection of Beverly and Lakeside Drive at 7:00 PM. (Lakeside parallels Turtle Creek, east of Preston.) Parking is available on both streets. We'll walk until 8:30 or 9:00 with a refreshment stop at Starbucks in Highland Park Village. Replies aren't required, but a reply to Bill will put you on the list for notice if there's a schedule change due to weather. Leader: Bill Beach
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Jan 3 (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.



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Jan 20 (Sat) Coal Plant Closing Celebration

4-7 at Pan-African Connection, 4466 S Marsalis Ave. Dallas
<https://www.panafricanconnection.com/>



Jan 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Eagle Fest

In Emory, Rains County TX <https://www.everfest.com/e/rains-county-eagle-fest-emory-tx>



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