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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - January 2018

General Meeting - January 9, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30 - Everyone Welcome

Movie Night - Free Food, Popcorn, Snacks, and Soft Drinks

Discover the wild places that belong to us all. The movie *National Parks Adventure* takes audiences on the ultimate off-trail adventure into the nation's awe-inspiring great outdoors and untamed wilderness. Immersive cinematography takes viewers soaring over red rock canyons, hurtling up craggy mountain peaks, and into other-worldly realms found within America's most legendary outdoor playgrounds. [Click here](#) to view a movie trailer.



Climate Mitigation Strategy

Steve Smith will discuss how adopting a healthier diet can meet our climate mitigation goals for half the cost. A healthier diet can use 4 times less water, 3 times less energy, 5 times less fertilizer, up to 79% less greenhouse gas emissions, and half the land than the current American diet.

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.

From The Chair's Desk

LONE STAR CHAPTER EXCOM ELECTION

Have you voted for the state chapter's membership to the executive committee (ExCom)?

If you haven't it is very important you do so RIGHT NOW! Voting ends this Saturday, the 6th. So, get it done, do it right now. Your vote is needed for David Griggs.

David Griggs is our representative to the state's ExCom and our area needs him to be there for us. There are seven candidates for five positions. You're not required to vote for five, you can vote for just one – i.e., Do. Vote. For. David!

Note that a joint membership gets two votes. If there is more than one Sierra Club member in your house, share the ballot link with them. This is the ballot link <https://sierraclub.tfaforms.net/240>.

You do need your Sierra Club Member ID to vote. Don't know it? Find your number on the label of your SIERRA Magazine. Follow this link for how to locate you member ID on that label.
<https://content.sierraclub.org/outings/national/locating-your-member-id>

Looking back on 2017 your Dallas Sierra Club has had a very successful year. We had a bunch of remarkable outings with an excellent cadre of trip leaders. The classes for Beginner Backpacking and for Wilderness Navigation have been well attended by many people wanting to get outdoors to see this great country. That means the Dallas Sierra Club needs to train more trip leaders for doing more outdoors outing... so step up. Learn how you can become a trip leader. When you see Mark Stein (Outings Chair), Bill Greer, Arthur Kuehne or Liz Wheelan – let them know you want to become a leader.

Our conservation efforts have been well served by our conservation co-chairs Chris and Dick Guldi. Their efforts in outreach to other area environmental groups has been a huge success. Whether critical support of the Dakota Access Pipeline protests or exposing the hypocrisy of Exxon's "sudden" admission of 30 years of Climate Science denial – our conservation efforts have been on target and led by the best.

If you're not attending your club's monthly meetings at Brookhaven College, you are missing it. Make a resolution to make the time to be there. The programs organized by Kirk Miller have been outstanding! Were you there for the tortoises crawling around or watching the kangaroo hopping? What about the Dirt Doctor's lowdown on organic gardening? Members gave presentations of some really exotic trips? If you haven't been with us, you just have to make the time and be there.

Did you come to the Holiday Party at El Fenix organized by Wendel Withrow? Great group, great time, and great food & margaritas. Join us at the end of this year to celebrate another great year.

And for 2018? What's on tap for your Dallas Sierra Club? There's the annual bus trip to Big Bend National Park at the end of February – and it sold out 3 months in advance [WOW!!]. But don't worry, there are other outings events to check out at the website. Plus, Dick and Chris Guldi have a host of conservation and environmental activities in the works, in case you'd like to make sure there is something to see outdoors when your kids and grandkids are ready to go.

2018 is an election year and your Dallas Sierra Club will be right there in the thick of it. For the first year, we get to participate in the Voter Access Network (VAN) to identify environmental voters. David Griggs, Political Chair, will be looking for you to help get these folks to the polls to get environmentally friendly people elected to local, state and national offices. It's an off-year election, so your efforts, as a Dallas Sierra Club member, can have a YUGE impact!

It will be a very busy year for the Dallas Sierra Club. There is much to do, so step up and be a part of the excitement. Join with us, pick your thing to do, and make 2018 an even better year than the last.

Dallas Sierra Club Chair
John Lingenfelder

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

This will be your last chance to get a 2018 Sierra Club calendar. The Sierra Club Wilderness Calendar is the best selling nature calendar in the United States. Don't miss your chance to get one. The Calendar sells for \$15 each and we pick up the sales tax. We take check, cash or credit cards.

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

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

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

Conservationist's kitten was sprawled
By the toilet, its owner recalled.
When I asked, "What's its name?"
Said the owner of fame,
"A John Mewer is what it is called."

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



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Jan 13 (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 For 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. This event is conducted by For the Love of the Lake. Contact: Carol Nash [Send Email](#) 214-455-2115



Jan 13 (Sat) Clean up Hoblitzelle Park on Russell Creek, Plano

Clean up Hoblitzelle Park on Russell Creek, Plano, with Adam Bell, a candidate for congress. We will be cleaning up litter, plastic, glass, trash, etc. Resources provided such as gloves, bags, litter sticks, and waders if needed. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed toe shoes. Please come out and bring a friend!



Jan 17 (Wed) Outings Committee Pizza Meeting

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. We'll combine a brief business meeting and the holiday party originally scheduled for December. Guests are welcome. Bring five or ten of your favorite outings photos on a thumb drive. If you have photos illustrating blunders that teach a lesson from a DSC or personal outing, bring those, too, for insertion into a show for the Feb. Club meeting. If you'd like to join your name to the monthly OC meeting agenda list, reply to Mark. OC membership is informal and decisions are made by Sierra Club members who participate. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jan 20 (Sat) Community Celebration of Cleaner Air

4-7 at Pan-African Connection, 4466 S Marsalis Ave. Dallas Family Friendly, with activities for kids



Jan 20 (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 Ginger. Trail maintenance events are conducted by Audubon Dallas. Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



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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Feb 7 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

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