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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - May 2018

General Meeting - May 8, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30 - Everyone Welcome

Tent Camping In Texas

Wendel Withrow will talk about exploring the great parks of Texas via his 2018 book: *Best Tent Camping: Texas 2nd Edition, your car-camping guide to scenic beauty, the sounds of nature, and an escape from civilization.*

The Lone Star State provides a spectacular backdrop for some of the most scenic campgrounds in the country, from the High Plains of the Panhandle to the beautiful beaches of the Gulf Coast. But do you know which campgrounds offer the most privacy? Which are the best for first-time campers? Wendel has traversed the entire state and compiled the most up-to-date research to steer you to the perfect spot. This latest edition includes beautiful colored pictures taken at each of the 50 parks described, and suggestions for restaurants in nearby cities. Inside the book you'll find:

- 50 private, state park, and state and national forest campgrounds organized into 7 distinct regions.
- Selections based on location, topography, size and overall appeal.
- Detailed maps of each campground and key information, such as fees, restrictions, date of operation, and facilities.
- Driving directions and GPS coordinates.
- Ratings for beauty, privacy, spaciousness, safety and security, and cleanliness.

Wendel will bring books to the meeting for purchase at a discounted rate. In addition to being an author, Wendel is a lawyer at Withrow Law and is the most recent past Chair of the Dallas Sierra Club.

Liveable Arlington

The citizens group Liveable Arlington advocates for and organizes toward a healthy, environmentally conscious, sustainable city. The group won the 2017 GreenSourceDFW Sustainable Leadership Award for Small Nonprofit. They led a successful grassroots effort to stop a disposal well from being installed next to Lake Arlington, a drinking water source for a half-million people. The victory was hailed as a regional milestone. Liveable Arlington's founder, Ranjana Bhandari, will talk about past successes and future projects.



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.

Help Sierra Club Improve Energy Efficiency Standards for Manufactured Homes



The Sierra Club needs your help. Currently, people living in manufactured homes do not enjoy the same energy efficiency standards as those living in constructed homes. Many of these Americans are low-income and older than the typical homeowner.

The Federal Government has proposed rules that would require better energy efficiency standards (better insulation, etc.) in manufactured homes, but implementation of those rules are being delayed by the Trump administration. The Sierra Club (through our legal arm, Earthjustice), is challenging the delayed rule making for energy efficiency standards for manufactured homes.

Our attorneys must show that the Sierra Club has members who are affected by this delayed rule making. The court accepts this information in something that's called a "standing declaration" – a document, signed by members under oath, a few pages long, with some information about they are affected by this delayed rule making.

The attorneys would like to speak with Sierra Club members in the DFW area who are affected by poor air quality, especially those who have family members with asthma or similar conditions. They are also interested in speaking with members who own, or are in the market for a manufactured home, even if that home isn't their primary residence.

Attorney discussions would be conducted by phone.

If you are interested in helping us with this court case, please contact Isabel G. Segarra Treviño, Associate Attorney, Earthjustice, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 702, Washington, DC 20036-2243, T: 202.745.5219 or 202.667.4500 Ext. 5219

Keep Big Oil Out of America's Last Great Wilderness

Since Congress sneaked a destructive Arctic drilling provision into last year's tax bill, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is now rushing to get drills into the ground. Last Friday, the Bureau of Land Management launched a 60-day public comment period in preparation for holding lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

[Add your comment and tell the BLM that oil rigs should never be allowed in this special place.](#)



Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

June 12 - Wildflowers of Texas and Good Faith Impact

Michael Eason will talk about Texas wildflowers and will explain the diversity of our flora and reasons behind this diversity. His presentation will include numerous photographs of Texas flora and their habitats.

Tracy Wallace will tell us about Good Faith Impact, a non-profit organization focused on workforce development and training in the community for renewable energy jobs and clean technology business practices.

August 14 - Animals - Live!

The wide variety of live animals in this family friendly presentation will be engaging, educational entertainment for children and adults alike. See and learn about unusual structural and behavioral adaptations that make it possible for some of our more interesting critters to survive.

Limerick of the Month

"I will join your club one of these days,"
Is the wrong thing to say, won't win praise.
Our club has what it takes
To reveal your mistakes,
So join now and Sierra your ways.

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

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

Calendar



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May 12 (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



May 16 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

This third Wednesday of a month at 6:30 is time for our monthly gathering to plan outings. Come 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



May 19 (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. (NEXT month (June), we'll switch to summer hours from 8:00 AM to about 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 Ginger. Trail maintenance events are conducted by Audubon Dallas. Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



May 19 (Sat) Sandbranch Clean Up Days

Have time to volunteer? Join in lot clean up every third Saturday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon on these dates: May 19, June 16, July 21, and August 18. **Complete the volunteer release form here BEFORE you come.** Volunteers meet at the Sandbranch Community Center; come dressed to work in long pants, long sleeved shirts, gloves, closed toe shoes, and hats. Call Chris Guldi 972 239-5878 or email caguldi03@gmail.com if you wish to take part. We will arrange carpools.



May 24-29 (Thu-Tue) Bus Trip to Backpack in Tennessee

A Tennessee trip will be a first in forty years of Sierra Club bus trips. Our Memorial Day weekend destination is South Cumberland State Park, east of Interstate 24, between Nashville and Chattanooga. We'll be on the Cumberland Plateau, a hilly upland stretching from eastern Kentucky to northern Alabama, west of the Smoky Mountains and Great Valley. Our hike options are in the Savage Gulf State Natural Area. ("Gulf" is a local term for a wide, deep chasm.) Two options include a day on the rim of Little Fiery Gizzard, another gulf, and at Foster Falls. Waterfalls should be flowing, wildflowers blooming. We'll depart Dallas on Thursday evening before Memorial Day and return by 6 a.m. Tuesday, after the Monday holiday. Trip details, cost information and registration forms are in [this PDF](#). The bus trip is currently sold out, but we maintain a wait list for the bus and can allow a limited number of participants to provide their own transportation at a reduced price. Call for details. Coordinator: Bill Beach [Send Email](#) 214-662-3224



Jun 6 (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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