# **Dallas Sierra Club News - July 2018**

General Meeting - July 10, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30 - Everyone Welcome

#### **Bees**

Dr. Larry Legg will explain variations between native bees and honey bees; for example, native bees are better pollinators and don't sting. Bee-lieve me, you will want to bee there for what should bee an un-bee-table presentation . . . everything it's cracked up to bee. If you bee-hive yourself, there is no admission charge; it is a free bee. So bee there or bee square. Larry is a Biology Professor, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Master Wellness Volunteer, and a Conflict Resolution Specialist.



**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 <u>General Meeting page</u> for more information and a map.

## Labor Day Bus Trip to the Weminuche Wilderness in Colorado, August 30 - September 4

Escape the Texas heat this Labor Day weekend and join us for our trip to the cool Colorado mountains of the Weminuche Wilderness. This trip has mountains, lakes, streams, and valleys. Trips will range from moderate backpacking to strenuous long hikes. The Weminuche Wilderness offers great diversity and all the miles you want to hike. It is a hidden jewel and one of our most popular trips. Complete trip information and sign-up details is



available <u>here</u>. We have not been to the Weminuche in 6 years, so sign up soon. This trip will fill up fast.

# **Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss**

#### 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.

#### September 11 - Fall Elections

Hear about the Sierra Club's campaign to help elect political leaders friendly to the environment.

#### **Limerick of the Month**

I like breezes and think they're okay.
When they're brisk, they make tree branches sway.
The strongest ones are
My favorite by far.
I love wind; it just blows me away.

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

# Jul 7 (Sat) Reinventing Power Watch Party

At 2:00 pm downtown at Goodwork (1808 S Good Latimer Expy, Dallas, TX 75226), see "Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom." Supporting a clean energy future means building a better, more prosperous future for everyone. Over the film's 50 minutes, you'll meet people in eight states whose lives were changed by the renewable energy industry while exploring various aspects of the clean energy industry from innovation to installation. Contact Misti Oquinn at misti.oquinn@sierraclub.org if you have questions.



# Jul 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Larry Legg will talk about **bees**. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our <u>home page</u> now.

# Jul 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club. THIS MONTH ONLY, we will meet at 5:30 p.m. (just prior to our general meeting) at Brookhaven College at 3939 Valley View Lane, just north of LBJ Freeway (IH-635) in the city of Farmers Branch, between Marsh and Midway roads, in Building H, the Brookhaven College Geotechnology Institute building. Contact the Dallas Group Chair for more information.

# Jul 14 (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

#### Jul 18 (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 <a href="Send Email">Send Email</a> 214-526-3733



## Jul 21 (Sat) Sandbranch Clean Up Days Service Opportunity

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.

Jul 21 (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. In June, July and August, we'll start at 8:00 AM, working until about 11:00. The Preserve's address is 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas. For directions and general information about Cedar Ridge Preserve, click <a href="mailto:this link">this link</a>. If you need more information or want to carpool, call or email Ginger. Trail maintenance events are conducted by Audubon Dallas. Contact: Ginger Bradley <a href="mailto:Send Email">Send Email</a> 469-223-7902

Jul 23-27 (Mon-Fri) Holy Cross Wilderness Area, Central Colorado

Arrange to carpool or drive to a group campsite reserved for us near Leadville on Sunday night, July 22. (You may also camp there on July 21). One group will hike 28 miles in five days on the Fall Creek Trail to the ghost town of Holy Cross City, over Fancy Pass and then down via the Cross Creek Trail. Another group, starting at another trailhead, will hike a similar distance to Holy Cross City, Fancy Pass, the Missouri Lakes and Lonesome Lake. Trailheads are west of U.S Highway 24 between Leadville and Minturn. PARTICIPATION IN THIS OUTING HAS REACHED CAPACITY. Coordinator: Mark Stein Send Email 214-526-3733

Jul 28 (Sat) Community Nature Expo

Join us 1:00-4:00 at J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75201, for the second annual Nature Expo, a gathering of community organizations and others interested in facets of the natural world that is all around us. There will be informational tables, exhibits of live animals, and more. For more information see <a href="mailto:dallaslibrary.librarymarket.com/pond-community-nature-expo">dallaslibrary.librarymarket.com/pond-community-nature-expo</a>

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