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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - January 2019

General Meeting Program - Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Wildlife of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands

Journey to uninhabited Laysan Island in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge. See the endemic wildlife, many of which are threatened or endangered, and learn about the threats and challenges that face the wildlife and the island.



City of Dallas' Environmental Action Plan

Learn about Dallas' Office of Environmental Quality and Sustainability, its Environmental Action Plan, and projects involving water conservation, recycling, climate change, etc.

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 Corner

Happy New year fellow Sierrans!

My first order of business is to thank our outgoing and new officers and committee chairs:

John Lingenfelder has served admirably as Executive Committee (ExCom) Chair for the past two years. The new ExCom Chair is Dan Moulton. I (Dan) will continue to coordinate the Outreach Speakers Program.

Bill Greer will hand off the Vice Chair position to Wendel Withrow. Bill is assuming the chair of the Outings Committee from Mark Stein. Mark has done an outstanding job as outings leader, assisted by Liz Wheelan and Ginger Bradley.

Kirk Miller, club punnyman, is handing off General Meetings Programs to Paul Rendon and Victor Zertuche. Kirk has scheduled excellent programs for many years. Now it's time for some new ideas and perhaps directions for our programs. Kirk is taking over as editor of our newsletter from Arthur Kuehne, who continues to serve as Treasurer.

I'm glad to report that Helen Bush will continue as our Secretary. She has also volunteered to assume some pre-meeting duties that I previously performed.

Victoria Howard will chair the new recycling program within the Conservation Committee which is co-chaired by Chris and Dick Guldi.

And lastly, I sincerely thank all the continuing program leaders and chairs for their sustained faithful service to the Dallas Sierra Club and all that it stands for.

I close with this wisdom from Woody Allen-"Ninety percent of life is just showing up."

Sincerely,
Dan Moulton Chair, ExCom

Sierra Club Calendars and Shirts For Sale at Our General Meeting

This is your last chance to get your 2019 Sierra Club wall calendar or planner. The Sierra Club calendar is the best selling calendar in the country. They make excellent gifts.

We also have Dallas Sierra Club T-shirts and polo shirts for sale. Calendars are \$15, T-shirts \$10 and polo shirts \$15. Cash, check or credit cards accepted.



Backpacking 101 Class - New Year, New Adventures!

Don't feel overwhelmed! New year's resolution or life-long dream, you've never tried backpacking or want to brush up on past skills, now is the time to begin your quest for leaving the crowds behind and finding your special place in the wilderness. Join us Saturday, February 9th for our bi-annual class discussing a range of topics to get you prepared for time on the trail. Taught by longtime, experienced Sierra Club leaders who will help you with not only all the essentials but also helpful tips they've learned over the years to help make your trip safer, cheaper, easier, and more fun! Optional one-night spring beginner overnights will be offered to class participants to help you get started. Class price includes a light lunch and handouts so online sign ups by Feb. 6 are greatly appreciated and will be rewarded with chocolate. Scroll down to the calendar for more details and contact information if you have any questions.



Congratulations to Susybelle Gosslee

The League of Women Voters of Dallas will honor longtime Dallas Sierra Club member Susybelle Gosslee at their annual Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon on February 7. Susybelle has been a tireless volunteer for the League and a dependable ally for Dallas Sierra Club conservation issues in Dallas. You can read more about her and the award on the League's website, LWVDallas.org. Congratulations Susybelle!

Dallas Sierra Club Outreach Speakers Program - Speakers for Your Group

The Dallas Sierra Club has started a Outreach Speakers Program to provide outdoor and environmental education in the form of entertaining and informative presentations. To find out how the Dallas Sierra Club can provide a speaker for your group, [please follow this link](#).

Videos of Our General Meetings

We have started posting videos of selected General Meetings on YouTube. Visit our [General Meeting Page](#) to find links.

Future Programs You Won't Want to Miss

February 12 - 50 Year Anniversary of *Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abby

This groundbreaking sometimes radical, and always entertaining book has inspired thousands of environmentalists to stand up for clean air, clean water, and wilderness preservation in all our great park lands, including Arches National Park where the book is set.

Limerick of the Month

The sight of El Capitan's a shock.
Its imposing, sheer face makes us gawk.
It's the tourists' delight,
A magnificent sight.
People say that the cliff sure does rock!

By Kirk Miller

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

Calendar



Jan 23 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

Tonight is a **pizza meeting**. Outings leaders and prospective leaders are encouraged to participate. Business will include trip logistics for the Big Bend bus trip, Dallas Group application of the national Sierra Club's new first aid certification policy and a calendar of outings for late winter and spring. If we intend a Memorial Day weekend bus trip, it's time to set the dates and destinations. This month's **meeting place is Mark Stein's**

home, 3631 Normandy Avenue in Highland Park. Our usual meeting place, Whole Foods Market, is changing its fee policies for meeting space, making that another topic for discussion. Note that the



January meeting is on a FOURTH Wednesday, not our usual third Wednesday date. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Feb 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.



Feb 9 (Sat) Backpacking 101 Class - Don't miss it!

Got winter cabin fever? Yearning to camp away from the crowds and enjoy the backcountry? Want help getting started or brushing up your skills? Join a fun day discussing all the essentials of backpacking. Our outings leaders with years of wilderness experience will present backpacking topics with candor--packs, tents, menus, clothing, hygiene, water treatment and more, including tips to improve your comfort and keep gear affordable. There's even a breakout session so men and women can discuss issues particular to them. Our goal is to help you safely enjoy outdoor trail experiences We're not selling gear or anything beyond our enthusiasm for backpacking. This class will be particularly helpful for new backpackers on our upcoming trips to Big Bend National Park, Colorado Bend State Park and more. We'll also offer easy one-night spring outings designed especially for people attending the class.

Location: Whole Foods Market, Preston Road at Forest Lane, Dallas ([map](#)). **Time:** 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Light lunch included. Please bring water bottle/beverage. **Cost:** \$35 for Sierra Club members, \$40 for non-members. Includes handouts and light lunch. **We encourage and appreciate early sign ups so we'll have enough food and handouts.** You may [pay on-line here](#) or pay at the door if space remains available. Happy trails! Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306



Feb 12 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting Everyone is invited. Full details will be on our home page soon.



Feb 20 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

An Outings Committee meeting is tentatively set for this third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in outings is welcome to attend and participate. A meeting location is yet to be determined. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Feb 27-Mar 4 (Wed-Mon) Annual Big Bend National Park Bus Trip

Note: This trip is now full. Contact the Coordinator about getting on the waiting list. A description of the 2019 Big Bend trip is online. To read all about the trip, including new hike options, [go to this PDF](#). You'll also find information on cost and how to sign up. Our chartered bus leaves Dallas Wednesday night, February 27 and will return before sunrise Monday, March 4. This year's trip has options to backpack in the Chisos Mountains and from the Chisos Mountains southwest to Mule Ears Overlook. It also has options for base camping and day hiking in the east, central and west regions of the park. Coordinator: Ande Johnston [Send Email](#) 214-914-3590

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