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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - March 2019

General Meeting Program - Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Note: This month's General Meeting is on the THIRD Tuesday because Brookhaven College is closed for spring break on our regular meeting night.

In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue and Education Center

Our short program this month will be Angela Culver from In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue and Education Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of neglected, abused and unwanted exotic felines.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Our main program will be Jeff Raska from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Jeff will speak about the services provided by AgriLife including education programs and technical assistance.

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.

Sierra Club Picnic, Saturday, April 6, Churchill Park, Dallas

Bring your friends, families, dogs, cats and whomever else you love to hang out at our twice-annual picnic at Churchill Park, 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas, Saturday, April 6 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. New, recent and prospective members are especially invited. There will be lots of food, veggie burgers, drinks, hot doggies, and chips and dips and salads. We will have some games, some water-balloons and a variety of giveaways; gift cards, backpacks, Sierra club memberships, and random stuff from our collection of never ending goodies! [Here is a Google map to guide you.](#)



Colorado Bend State Park Group Campout - You Are All Invited

Camp, Chill, or Hike at Colorado Bend State Park

Dallas Sierra Club has booked a fantastic riverside group campsite for the weekend of April 26-28. [Click here](#) for details. This is a big State Park near the Bend, Texas, on the north edge of the Hill Country. Spicewood Springs, Gorman Falls, the River Trail or all three are great hike destinations for Saturday morning or afternoon. This trip is good for families, couples and individuals, but you'll need to sign up early, as the riverside group camp allows only forty campers. Take the back roads to the park to see the spring wildflowers and join us for a great weekend campout!



Wilderness Navigation Two Night Class - May 7 and 8 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Some walks in the woods are pretty easy, but journeys of all lengths can turn from amazing to catastrophic if you can't find your way. Learn the fundamentals of navigating your way in the wilderness in this fun and comprehensive two-night class. Among the subjects covered are: looking for and purchasing different type maps, how to read maps, how not to get lost, map use if you do get lost, different kinds of compasses and how to use your compass. There will be some discussion about GPS, but our main focus is learning how to use a map and compass so you're not trusting your navigation (and life) to something that takes batteries. If you have a compass, bring it. If not, we'll have extras you can use and will show you what to look for when you purchase your own.



The class will be held in the upstairs meeting room at Whole Foods Market, southeast quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane in Dallas. This two-night class will begin at 6:30 PM and finish about 9:00 PM. The class fee is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Cost covers both nights and handout materials. We encourage online signups by Monday before the class ([click here](#)) or you can pay with cash or check at the door. A half-day hike the following Saturday or Sunday with the class instructors Arthur Kuehne and Bill Greer will be offered to class participants who want to practice their new skills.

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.

Limerick of the Month

The Sierra Club made a sales pitch
For a knot tying class that's one which
Was run smoothly all day,
Causing people to say
They enjoyed it. There wasn't a hitch.

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



Mar 9 (Sat) Distribute Free Trees

Help distribute trees to people who are PINE-ing to SPRUCE up their yards at this POPLAR event, OAK-ay? Full details are on our homepage now. Contact: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902



Mar 9 (Sat) A Climate Change Walk through Downtown Dallas

This will be an easy 2-mile narrated tour about changes that have already taken place in Dallas and changes that we can expect. We will begin promptly at 10am and return to our starting point at 12:00pm. Participants may optionally get lunch together afterward at the Farmers Market. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Most of the tour is on pavement. The group is limited to twelve. Please send email to get the exact starting location. Leader: Chris Guldi [Send Email](#) 972-239-5878



Mar 16-17 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack Trip In Palo Pinto Mountains State Park

Palo Pinto Mountains State Park is about 70 miles west of Fort Worth in a hilly Cross Timbers area known as the Palo Pinto Mountains. The 4,000 acre park was acquired by Texas Parks and Wildlife in 2011 and it is expected to become one of the most popular parks in Texas. But the Texas Legislature has never funded development and the park is not yet open to the public. This has left the former ranch land about as close to wilderness as you'll find 2 hours from Dallas! The Dallas Sierra Club has special permission for a beginner backpack trip in this park-to-be. It's likely we'll be the only people in the park. **This trip is full. Check back in the fall to see if we can arrange another trip to Palo Pinto State Park!** Several places on this trip will be reserved for those who attend our spring Beginner Backpack Class. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



Mar 19 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

NOTE: This is the THIRD Tuesday in March because Brookhaven College is closed for Spring Break on the second Tuesday. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our home page.



Mar 20 (Wed) NO Outings Committee Meeting this month

There will not be an Outings Committee meeting this month. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, at Whole Foods. Organizer: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446



Apr 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.

**Apr 6 (Sat) Dallas Sierra Club Picnic at Churchill Park, 10 AM to 1 PM**

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**Apr 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Speakers not booked yet. If you have ideas for a Sierra Club General Meeting speaker, or would like to help plan General Meeting speakers, please contact programs@dallassierraclub.org. Everyone is invited. Full details will be on our home page soon.

**Apr 13 (Sat) Electronics Recycling and Documents Shredding**

FREE Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 13, Richardson Square - Most electronics will be accepted. For details, [click here](#). You do NOT have to be a Richardson resident to participate.

**Apr 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Beginner Backpack Trip to the Caney Creek Wilderness**

Join us for one of the Dallas Sierra Club's favorite Arkansas backpacking trips. We'll backpack about 4 1/2 miles along Caney Creek in Caney Creek Wilderness, cross the creek a few times, and climb some small hills. We'll set up camp near a waterfall then do a short optional day hike as time and energy permit. For many of us this was our first Wilderness hike and it's still one of our favorites. Leader: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446

**Apr 17 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

The Outings Committee meets on most third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to plan outings and events. Anyone interested in outings is welcome to attend and participate. Come upstairs at Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Reply to Bill to be added to the advance agenda email list or to suggest an agenda item. Organizer: Bill Greer [Send Email](#) 972-247-0446

**Apr 22 (Mon) Earth Day**

Today is Earth Day

**Apr 26-28 (Fri-Sun) Colorado Bend State Park Group Campout**

Tent campers of all ages and abilities will enjoy this weekend adventure at one of Texas' most scenic state parks. The park is a four-hour drive through the hill country from Dallas to near Bend, Texas, west of Lampassas. We've reserved the large group campsite by the Colorado River for tent camping on Friday and Saturday nights. Pack your tent, camp chair, hiking shoes, bike, kayak, guitar, telescope or croquet set--this park is great for adventure or just relaxing. Everyone will have plenty of time to explore the unique park highlights, including Gorman Falls (pictured at right plunging 65 feet over fern-covered travertine). Spicewood Springs is another attraction, suitable for April soaking in clear water. Details, cost and reservation forms (required) are in [this PDF](#). Sorry, no RVs or pets. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-368-2306

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