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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - June 2019

General Meeting Program - Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

A Visit to Phantom Ranch in Grand Canyon National Park

In Grand Canyon National Park the only lodging below the Rim is at Phantom Ranch. Designed in 1922 by Mary Colter at a time when women were generally not allowed in such professions, Phantom Ranch is little changed today. There are only two ways to get there: you can walk the 10 miles and 5,000 feet downhill, or you can ride a mule the same distance. It's just a matter of what part of your body you want to have hurting.



In January 2019 four Dallas Sierra Club members, Bill and Sue Greer and Mike and Diana Rawlins spent 3 nights at Phantom Ranch. This program will tell you a little about that visit. It snowed the night before we headed down so the hike was a little more "interesting" than expected. You can't really appreciate Phantom Ranch without knowing a little of its history so we will talk about that a bit. And we will give you some hints about how you can win the lottery for a visit to Phantom Ranch!

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.

Volunteers Needed - Secretary, Programs and Refreshments

The Dallas Sierra Club is an all-volunteer organization. We have no staff to keep everything on track, so need your help. We have three key volunteer position open right now that we really need to fill.

The first position is that of Club Secretary. This position required someone willing to come to our monthly Executive Committee meeting and take the minutes. The Executive Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month (with a few exceptions due to holidays, etc.). So the time commitment is for one evening per month to attend the Executive Committee meeting plus a few hours to type up the minutes and send them out.



The second position we need to fill is critical to the success of the Dallas Sierra Club - General Meeting Program Coordinator. This position call for a time commitment of one evening per month at our General Meeting (second Tuesday of each month) and some phone and email time at home. The Program Coordinator job is to find and schedule our General Meeting

programs. Ideally, we would like to find more than one person to fill position so that the duties can be shared.

And last, but not least, is a new position we have created - General Meeting Refreshment Coordinator. We need someone who can come to all of our General Meetings and provide the refreshments. Don't worry, the Club pays for them, we just need someone to buy them and set them up before the General Meeting and clean up after the meeting.

If you would like to volunteering for one of these positions or would like more information, please contact the Dallas Group Chair, Dan Moulton at 972-754-2506 or [via email](#).

Sierra Club National Political Team 'Listening Session'

The National Political Team, a committee of Sierra Club volunteers and staff, will hold a "listening session" on Sunday, June 30th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Communications Workers of America Hall at 1408 N. Washington Ave., Dallas 75204. The national committee believes for the first time in recent memory that Texas could be a swing state next year in the federal elections. This meeting will provide a chance for Dallas Sierrans to impact the 2020 national political process by providing input to decision makers and planners. Your opinions are being solicited now to help mold the selection process for the National Board's endorsement of the 2020 presidential and congressional candidates and to help the national team decide which states to send their staff organizers and financial resources.

The meeting will also provide a chance for Dallas Sierrans to learn more about the Sierra Club election program for next year at both the state and national levels. Plan to attend this important and informative meeting to get involved early and let our National Political Team know how interested and engaged our local members are about Texas. Next year could be a historic year politically for the environment, and you can be a part of the effort.

Your RSVP will be appreciated so that we can plan for room space and refreshments. Contact David Griggs at wdgriggs1@gmail.com

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

In the woods I go out for a stroll.
When I hike, it is good for my soul.
 In my life there's a dearth
 Being with Mother Earth.
I find Nature will make me feel whole.

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



Jun 8 (Sat) Climate Change Walk

9-11AM. A two-mile narrated tour of downtown describing what has changed and what we expect to change in Dallas because of the climate. Reserve your spot in the hike [here](#). Leader: Chris Guldi Send Email 972-239-5878



Jun 11 (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.



Jun 19 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting

The Outings Committee meets on most third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to plan outings. Anyone interested in outings is welcome to attend and participate. The June meeting is at the Whole Foods Market, SE quadrant of Preston Road and Forest Lane, Dallas. Participants in the July backpacking trip to Colorado's Uncompahgre Wilderness Area are invited for a discussion of trip logistics, particularly participants who have not participated in a multi-day backpacking trip at high altitude. We'll also discuss hike choices for the extended Labor Day weekend bus trip to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness, plans for the February bus trip to hike or backpack in Big Bend National Park and other outings as needed. Organizer: Mark Stein Send Email 214-526-3733



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Jul 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee (or Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club. **Our July meeting ONLY** will be held at 5:30 p.m. just before our July general meeting at Brookhaven College. Contact the Dallas Group Chair for more information.



Jul 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 Mark to be added to the advance agenda email list or to suggest an agenda item. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Jul 21-26 (Sun-Fri) Backpack in Colorado

This year's July destination for mountain backpacking is the Uncompahgre Wilderness, southwest of Gunnison. The area's been called the "Switzerland of America." We'll hike a loop using trails by the East Fork and Middle Fork of the Cimarron River. One party will hike 18 miles in four days, including a 12,600' saddle separating the two drainage basins. Two other parties will hike the same trails plus a day hike to 14,301' Uncompahgre Peak, 29 miles in five days. This outing is strenuous due to the high altitude. Participants should have a previous multi-day backpacking experience. For more information and registration forms, contact the coordinator. Coordinator: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-789-4596

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