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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - July 2019

General Meeting Program - Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30



Enjoy stunning photography in the *Mountains* episode of the *Planet Earth II* nature documentary.

The great mountain ranges are some of the planet's most spectacular landscapes, but they are unforgiving places to live in, and only a few animals have what it takes to live at extreme altitude. Mountain animals are among the most elusive in the world, and this film provides unique and intimate glimpses into their secretive lives. Witness the moment four snow leopards come together when a mother and cub become trapped between two rival males. Join grizzly bears as they dance against trees to rub off their winter fur, and soar with golden eagles hunting among Europe's snow-capped peaks.

Also, Chris Dowdy will discuss **Paul Quinn College's new environmental justice course** and their existing environmental efforts.

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.

Pecos Wilderness Adventure, Northern New Mexico Bus Trip, August 29 - September 3

Sign up now for a backpacking adventure in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of northern New Mexico! This is a favorite location for its cool mountain air, roaring streams, wildlife and spectacular panoramas. Four trail itinerary options fan out to different parts of this vast basin preserve in Santa Fe National Forest. We provide transportation from Dallas to trailhead via chartered bus with professional drivers and trained volunteer backpacking leaders to bring you home safe, happy and inspired from four memorable days of backpacking and camping. It's a great value, but you will need to sign up soon. This trip usually fills up fast. Part of the trip price benefits the conservation and outings programs of the Dallas Sierra Club. [Click here](#) for details and registration forms.



New Member Picnic - But Everyone is Invited!

New Member Picnic! All Sierra Club Members welcome also.

When: Sunday, September 29th, 2019. From 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Where: Churchill Park in Dallas; 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas TX

What: Lots of food, vegan and vegetarian and regular, lots of drinks, lots of prizes and free membership giveaways, and some fun and games.



Join us for a fun gathering of people concerned about protecting the local and planetary environment. There will be lots of random giveaways, rest assured, and some new Dallas Sierra Memberships to be distributed as well. Please join us for a fun morning and lunchtime gathering. Bring your kids, dogs, ferrets, and whomever you consider your good friends, furry or feathered.

Thanks and see you there. Yes, we need volunteers, contact Ginger Bradley if you want to help - phone: 469-223-7902, or email: [send email by clicking here](#).

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 Don't Want to Miss

August 13 - Critterman and His Animals

This always popular program returns for another great show. Bring you kids!

September 10 - The Wild Neches River

Charles Kruvad will share scenic photographs and engaging stories from his latest book: *Riverwoods: Exploring the Wild Neches*.

October 8 - Climate Change, Health and Social Justice: Humanity at the Crossroads

Climate Change is here and it is making us sick, but it's making some of us sicker than others. The World Health Organization states that "Climate Change is among the greatest health risks of the 21st Century."

Limerick of the Month

Clear-cut trees: an abomination.
People lack an appreciation
 For the value of trees,
 So I say to them, please,
Let's cut down on deforestation.

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



Jul 9 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

See stunning photography in the *Mountains* episode of the *Planet Earth II* nature documentary. Also, Chris Dowdy will discuss Paul Quinn College's new environmental justice course. Full details are on our [home page](#) now. Everyone is invited.



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) No July Outings Committee Meeting

It's summer. Details of the Labor Day bus trip to the Pecos Wilderness are set and reservations are being accepted. The Beavers Bend outing is set for mid-October. The itinerary for the Big Bend National Park bus trip (Feb. 5-9) is set. We're skipping a July Outings Committee meeting. Contact: 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. The outing is at capacity and closed to additional participants who have not spoken with the coordinator. Coordinator: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-789-4596



Jul 27 (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 click [here](#).



Aug 7 (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.



Aug 13 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Critterman and his animals - Live! The live animals in this family friendly presentation will be engaging entertainment for children and adults alike. Full details are on our [home page](#) now. Everyone is invited.



Aug 21 (Wed) No August Outings Committee Meeting

It's still summer. With plans for great outings in place for late August, October and February, we'll wait for September to convene an Outings Committee meeting. Enjoy the summer heat in Texas. Better still, enjoy the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the high Pecos Wilderness this Labor Day weekend with the Dallas Sierra Club! Contact: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Aug 29-Sep 3 (Thu-Tue) Pecos Wilderness Bus Trip

End your summer with a bus trip to one of the Dallas Sierra Club's favorite backpacking destinations - the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico. High in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains, between Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Taos, the Pecos River flows fast and clear. Conifer and aspen forests and mountain meadows cover the land below alpine tundra at tree line. Elk, mountain sheep, black bears and marmots forage at high elevations in late summer. We have four great hikes that should satisfy any of your late summer backpacking cravings. Our chartered bus fills up quickly, so don't delay. Send in your registration today! For complete details, including information on the hikes offered, trip cost and what you need to do to sign up, [download this PDF document](#). Coordinator: Steve Fleischman [Send Email](#) 972-689-7317

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