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Dallas Sierra Club  
Lone Star Chapter

## Dallas Sierra Club News - August 2019

### General Meeting Program - Tuesday, August 13, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### Critterman and His Animals - Live!

The live animals in this family friendly presentation will be engaging entertainment for children and adults alike. Meet and learn about animals from around the world that can make you squirm! We teach that these animals look the way to survive, not to scare anyone.



Critterman (aka Dave Kleven) has been a professional wildlife educator for more than 25 years. His mission is to clear up misconceptions about, and to foster a healthy respect of and responsibility for, all living creatures with which we share the planet, and to get outside and explore it for yourself. His animal care facility is home to over 50 non-releasable animals who were orphaned, injured, surplus, or cast off by previous owners. These animals now act as ambassadors for their species. It is Dave's belief that if an animal is capable of living in the wild, that is where it belongs.

Dave has appeared on various segments of *The Most Extreme* series which airs on Discovery Network's Animal Planet. He and several Animal Ambassadors have made numerous appearances at events on Discovery Network's behalf. He has had the good fortune to work with Jack Hanna, Steve Irwin, Jim Fowler from Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, Chris and Martin Kratt, and Jeff Corwin. Besides his work as an educator, Dave is a member of American Association of Zoos and Aquariums, American Zoo Keepers Association, and sits on the education committee for the Zoological Association of America. His two favorite outdoor experiences have been visits to Palo Duro Canyon and Yellowstone National Park.

**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.

### North Texas Giving Day - Give to the Dallas Sierra Club on September 19

Mark your calendar to donate to the Dallas Sierra Club on September 19, 2018 as part of North Texas Giving Day.

Contributions will be matched at a rate of approximately 6% plus the Club will be eligible for special bonuses from North Texas Giving Day. For more information, see <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/sierra-club-foundation-fiscal-sponsor-for-dallas->



[sierra-club](#). You can submit a donation prior to September 19 to be automatically charged on the 19th.

### **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](#).

### **Fall Weekend in Beavers Bend State Park, Oklahoma, October 18-20**

Celebrate fall by joining us for a weekend of fun in scenic southeastern Oklahoma. This is our most popular outing. We have the large group compound reserved, complete with your choice of rustic cabin or tent camping, bathhouse (flush toilets and hot showers!) and dining hall with kitchen. We'll offer various Saturday hike options with Dallas Sierra Club leaders or you can explore on your own. The park offers additional activities, including paddling (rentals available), horseback riding and more. Saturday night catered dinner option if you don't feel like cooking! This weekend is for singles, couples, families, friends and all ages, EVERYONE.



Details and reservation information will be on the Dallas Sierra Club's website by the end of August.

### **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

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

## Limerick of the Month

In some cities, folks choke in despair  
From the smog and the ozone that's there.  
    Across our whole nation  
    We need legislation  
Which would give us a breath of fresh air.

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](mailto:editors@dallassierraclub.org).

## Calendar



### 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

Sorry, all 27 places on the Pecos bus ttrip have filled, but there may be space on a short waitlist. Your odds for a space are currently good. Contact Steve to inquire. This is one of the Dallas Sierra Club's favorite backpacking destinations. The Pecos Wilderness is high in New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains, between Las Vegas, Santa Fe and Taos. Conifer and aspen forests and mountain meadows cover the land below the alpine tundra you'll discover above tree line. Elk, mountain sheep, black bears and marmots forage at high elevations. We have four great hikes that should satisfy any of your late summer backpacking cravings. For complete details, including

information on the hikes offered, trip cost and how to register, [download this PDF document](#).

Coordinator: Steve Fleischman [Send Email](#) 972-689-7317



#### **Sep 4 (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.



#### **Sep 10 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

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#### **Sep 14 (Sat) Suburban Walk: Breckenridge Park, Richardson Texas**

Join me for a walk through one of Richardson's most scenic parks. We'll walk on a winding paved path for 4-5 miles and talk about all of the fall hiking we'll do in just a month or so. This hike is dog friendly as long as your pooch is on a leash and is friendly. We'll walk around a pretty lake, a small stand of cottonwood trees, ID local plants as we go, and also learn about the "trashy" origin of Breckenridge Park. The hike is mainly out in the open so a hat and sunscreen are advised. Bring a litter of water. We start walking at 8:00 am and we will be back to the cars by noon. Limit 10 people. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Jim Binnings [Send Email](#) 205-746-3266



#### **Sep 18 (Wed) Outings Committee Meeting**

At 6:30 on Wednesday, September 18 the Outings Committee will meet for the first time since June. We'll review what went well and where we could improve the Labor Day weekend outing to the Pecos Wilderness. We'll prep for the October outing to Beavers Bend, resolve lingering items about the Big Bend National Park trip that require attention and brainstorm ideas for big outings in 2020. Tentative location: Whole Foods Market, Preston at Forest, Dallas, upstairs in Community Rooms 1 and 2. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



#### **Sep 19 (Thu) North Texas Giving Day - Help Your Dallas Sierra Club!**

Donations made between 6:00 AM and Midnight on September 14, 2017, at <https://northtexasgivingday.org/npo/sierra-club-foundation-fiscal-sponsor-for-dallas-sierra-club> will be matched by Communities Foundation of Texas. You can submit a donation prior to September 19 to be automatically charged on the 19th.



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