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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - January 2020

General Meeting Program - Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

Commissary Is Very Necessary

Join the Dallas Sierra Club as we welcome Marcus Russell, president of **Commissary Is Very Necessary (CIVN)**, to discuss their group's expanding work in combating environmental and social injustice in South Dallas County/South East Oak Cliff; CIVN's recent collaboration with **Climate Reality Project DFW** Dallas Ecological Devastation Tour; and their partnership with local activist, Olinka Green.



Mr. Russell will bring his practical knowledge and enumerate the specific issues facing his community, including:

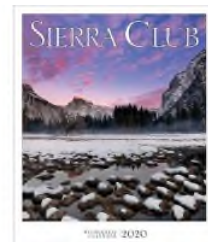
- Creating environmental activism in neighborhoods of poverty
- Managing big businesses impact on environmental injustice
- Ending local "food deserts" by creating community gardens

Everyone is welcome. It's FREE and 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.

2020 Sierra Club Calendars Still Available for Sale at the General Meeting

Sierra Club Wilderness Wall Calendars and Engagement Calendars will be available for purchase at the General Meetings. The Sierra Club Wilderness Calendar is the best selling nature calendar in the United States. Don't miss your chance to get one. As a service to our members, the calendars sell at the discounted price of only \$12 each and we pick up the sales tax. We take check, cash or credit cards.



We also have Dallas Sierra T-shirts for \$10 and polo shirts for \$15.

Backpacking 101 Class - Saturday, February 15

Want to be adventuresome and explore amazing backcountry areas? Come to this popular, interactive class designed for never-ever backpackers and people who want to refresh backpacking knowledge and skills. Dallas Sierra Club trip leaders with decades of backpacking experiences will present a comprehensive overview of backpacking topics, including packs, boots, tents, sleeping bags, food and cooking, clothes, wilderness ethics, sanitation and more. We'll include tips we wish someone had told us sooner to make backpacking more comfortable and less expensive.



Place: Community Room, Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Rd, Dallas (Midway Rd, a couple of blocks north of Royal Ln. - [here is a Google map](#))

Time: Saturday, February 15. The class begins at 10:00 AM and lasts until about 4:00 PM, with a break for lunch. Please arrive early to sign in and get settled.

Price: \$40, which includes a light lunch of backpacking food and handouts. **Online pre-registration greatly appreciated for lunch planning and handout preparation** ([click here](#)) or pay by cash, check or credit card at the door.

If you already have some gear and questions about using, packing or replacing it, bring it with you and we'll do our best to answer your questions.

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 Program You Don't Want to Miss

February 11 - Texas Historic Trees Coalition

Please join us as we welcome Steve Houser from the **Texas Historic Trees Coalition** to discuss his work as an advocate for the urban tree canopy. With his many years of experience, Steve will present information on the best approach for: community organization, how best to advocate for trees in your neighborhood, and how to become a powerful protector of new and historic trees.

Limerick of the Month

Bottled water will draw admonition
From Sierra Club.It's their position
That 'twould be fantastic
To avoid the plastic.
Bottled water's a bad aqua-sition.

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 11 (Sat) Eisenhower State Park, Denison Texas

Put on your coat, gloves, and wool cap and join me for a 6-8 mile (depending on the trail condition) winter hike. We will start at the Armadillo Hill Trailhead, pick up the Ike Hike and Bike Trail, and head northwest. We will walk through a mix of hardwoods and along the shores of Lake Texoma. We'll stop at a great overlook called Lovers' Leap and then break for lunch at the picnic area (bathrooms nearby). Then we'll double back the way we came. Bring 2 liters of water and lunch. Dress for the weather (layers). Wear good hiking shoes as the trail is rocky and uneven. \$5 per person. Limit 10 people. Leader: jim Binnings [Send Email](#) 205-746-3266



Jan 14 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

Learn how Commissary Is Very Necessary (CIVN) combats environmental and social injustice in Dallas. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our home page now.



Jan 15 (Wed) Outings Committee pizza and planning

Wednesday, January 15 is the date for a pizza and planning session. Outings leaders and others interested in outings are invited to come with ideas for 2020. Let's review plans for the Big Bend National Park trip, a Memorial Day outing and anything between or beyond those events. Come at 6:30 and we'll place an order for pizza. This January meeting is at my home, 3631 Normandy Avenue, Highland Park. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Feb 5-9 (Wed-Sun) Big Bend National Park Bus Trip

All places on the Dallas Sierra Club's annual bus trip to Big Bend National Park have been sold, but as of Dec. 16, you can be first on the waitlist. Last year four places on the bus opened for people from the waitlist. If interested, contact Ande Johnston. Every trip option can accommodate at least one more person. The bus will depart Dallas at 9:00 PM Wednesday, February 5 and return Sunday by 11:59 PM. Trip options include day hiking from a base camp, backpacking every day or a mix of day hiking and backpacking in our four days at Big Bend. Featured destinations include the Chisos Mountains, Rio Grande Hot Spring, the Blue Creek Trail, Mule Ears, The Chimneys and Tule Spring. Click [this PDF document](#) for full information. Bus trip leader: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-526-3733



Feb 11 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting

A tree-mendous presentation about **trees** and how to protect them. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our home page now.



Feb 15 (Sat) Backpacking 101 Class - Great Holiday or Valentine Gift!

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Price: only \$40, which includes a light lunch of backpacking food and handouts. **Online pre-registration using a credit card is encouraged and appreciated** ([click here](#)) or pay by cash or check at the door. If you already have some gear and questions about using, packing or replacing it, bring it with you and we'll do our best to answer your questions. Coordinator: Liz Wheelan [Send Email](#) 214-207-4997



Feb 29 (Sat) Suburban Walk: Oak Point and Bob Woodruff Parks, Plano City Parks.

Join me for a late winter walk between Oak Point and Bob Woodruff Parks in Plano. We will walk on both the natural surface trails and the paved paths. Who knows what we will see on a winters morning? Our destination is the old burr oak tree which was recognized by the Arboriculture Society as being alive at the time the U.S. Constitution was signed. The walk will be between 6.5 and 8 miles. We will start at 8:00 am and be back to the cars no later than 2:00 pm. Dress for the weather (layers), bring a liter of water, and a snack. There are bathrooms at both the beginning and at the turnaround points of the walk. Limit 10 people. Leader: Jim Binnings [Send Email](#) 205-746-3266

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