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Dallas Sierra Club
Lone Star Chapter

Dallas Sierra Club News - February 2020

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

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. He will also discuss the City of Dallas' new Neighborhood Forest Overlay, which allows homeowners to group together to protect their trees.



Steve Houser is a certified arborist, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, and past President and Founding Member of the ***Texas Historic Tree Coalition***. His work as a tree advocate has spanned decades. He is a co-author of the book *Comanche Marker Trees of Texas*, Texas A&M University Press.

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.

Dear fellow Sierrans,

In 2020 your club will continue to Explore, Enjoy, and Protect our environment. We will continue our programs to introduce people to outdoor adventures that will, we hope, instill in them a love and respect for nature and the environments that support us all.

Also, we will continue our support, both financial and boots-on-the-ground, of political candidates who share our outdoor and environmental values.

We are expanding our involvement and support in the area of environmental justice, especially in underserved communities in Oak Cliff and south Dallas.

The Dallas Sierra Club has a monthly meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm on the Brookhaven College campus. Our website (www.dallassierraclub.org) has a map of the campus. We would love to have you join us sometime. The website also has the monthly newsletter that tells you what will be happening at the meetings.

Speaking of monthly meetings, we have need of a couple of volunteers to help set up meetings. These jobs consist of picking up display boards and directional signs at our storage unit, setting up signs and boards for the meeting, and returning them to the storage unit after the meetings. If you are interested in these volunteer positions, email me at dan_moulton@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,
Daniel W. Moulton, PhD
Chair, Executive Committee
Dallas Sierra Club

P.S. "Ninety percent of life is just showing up." – Woody Allen

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.

Suburban Walk: Oak Point and Bob Woodruff Parks, Plano - Saturday, February 29

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

Bardwell Lake Bio Blitz: March 27 - April 3

Love the outdoors? Love to look at animals or plants? We NEED you!

Sign up for the First Annual Bio Blitz at Bardwell Lake
Location: 4000 Observation Dr. Ennis TX

Bardwell Lake is looking for anyone who is willing to spend some time at the lake and help identify birds, plants, animals, flowers, reptiles or anything else in nature!

You don't need any special training, just show up. We will be collecting data from around the Lake and asking volunteers to use iNaturalist, a cell phone/tablet app that allows the observer to take a photo of whatever they see, collect the GPS coordinates, and gather any other info you wish to add. There will be small group training sessions on how to use iNaturalist and help to get started. This is a great opportunity to become and "citizen scientist" and help collect vital information about the flora and fauna around Bardwell Lake.

If you are interested please contact Stephanie Hebert (Ranger at Bardwell Lake) or Ginger Bradley for more information. Organizers: Ginger Bradley [Send Email](#) 469-223-7902 and Stephanie Hebert [Send Email](#) 469-771-7155

New Member Picnic - But Everyone is Invited!

New Member Picnic! All Sierra Club Members welcome also.

When: Saturday, April 11th, 2020. From 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Where: Churchill Park in Dallas; 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas TX ([Google map](#))

What: We will have something for everyone; food, drinks, games, good conversation, T shirts and bandannas, and all kinds of giveaways. There will be lots of vegetarian fare, even a catered lunch of veggie foods, and lots of variety of drinks and desserts and everything you can think of, all FREE!

Please join us and hear about how great the Dallas Sierra Club is and all the wonderful activities we are involved in; especially conservation and political activism and hiking of course. Bring your own cup and plate and fork-spoon please. Don't miss it, it's gonna be a gorgeous day! See you there. Contact Ginger at 469-223-7902 to get more info, volunteer or bring something. It's all good. This is for anyone and everyone, open to the public! FREE.



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

March 10 - This Program is for the Birds

Shelly White, current Director of the Trinity River Audubon Center and former Executive Director of the Trinity Strand Trail, will share information about their current 2020 focus and programming as well as other ways our community can help with Audubon's mission to protect birds and the places they need today and tomorrow.

Limerick of the Month

"Our world" is ours, tis true
Wouldn't it be nice to be good to YOU?
 We all must join the fight
 To do what is really right
And make this world.... anew.

By Caroline Vornberg

If you would like to submit an environmental limerick for our Limerick of the Month feature, send it to editors@dallassierraclub.org.

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