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Dallas Sierra Club  
Lone Star Chapter

## Dallas Sierra Club News - March 2020

### General Meeting Program - Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm - Refreshments at 6:30

#### **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. A Dallas native, Shelley will also share her experiences with the project to restore the original Trinity River channel and affiliated nature, concrete, and commuter trails.



Shelly White is a TCU and Cox School of Business MBA graduate with over 25 years cross-functional and diverse industry expertise. She is a self-described results-focused leader with an entrepreneurial spirit. She has demonstrated success in both motivating and leading groups to achieve a common goal. Her talents have been seen in her work with the American Heart Association, Go Red For Women, and SWT Wellness.

**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.

### Spring Outings

Check our [Outings List](#) for descriptions of day hikes and weekend outings scheduled. These offerings are currently posted:

**Mar 28 (Sat) Hike at Cedar Ridge Preserve, Dallas**

**Apr 10-12 (Fri-Sun) Eagle Rock Loop Backpack Trip, Arkansas**

**Apr 25-26 (Sat-Sun) Weekend Beginner Backpack Trip in the Caney Creek Wilderness, Arkansas**

**May 16 (Sat) Educational Outing at Clymer Meadow Preserve near Greenville, Texas**

**May 21-25 (Thu-Mon) Bus trip to Hike and/or Backpack at Bandelier National Monument, New Mexico**

We try to offer a calendar of outings in a range of locations and durations, with something to appeal to everyone from beginners to veteran backpackers. Most of these outings require contacting the outing leader in advance to secure a place. The New Mexico bus trip may fill months before departure on the Thursday night of Memorial Day weekend. We anticipate another one-night backpacking outing for beginners within an hour or two of Dallas on the first or second weekend of May. Check the [Outings List](#) anytime for new listings.

### **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

#### April 14 - Wasting Away: A Frank Talk About Organic Waste In DFW

Please join us as we welcome the Founder of *Turn Compost*, Lauren Clarke, as she details the environmental, sociological, and monetary benefits of composting, and why it should be an equal practice in all communities similar to curbside recycling.

### Limerick of the Month

There was a young fella named Michael  
Who always forgot to recycle  
    It was quite a sin  
    So I bought him a bin  
Now he's a recycle disciple

by Diane Lancaster, Treasurer, Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club

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



#### Mar 11 (Wed) Outings Committee meeting

The Outings Committee meets tonight. Note that this meeting is on a *second* Wednesday, not the usual *third* Wednesday. Agenda items include debriefing from the Big Bend trip, preparation for the Bandelier bus trip in May, outings near home in late March through May, organization of prospective summer trips and more. The meeting place is the Community Room, upstairs at the Central Market at Lovers Lane and Greenville Avenue, Dallas. Outings leaders and people considering becoming outings leaders are encouraged to attend and participate. Organizer: Mark Stein [Send Email](#) 214-789-4596



#### Mar 22 (Sun) Montopolis "The Living Coast"

Explore the Texas Gulf Coast through glorious photography, live music, poetry and story (without extra carbon emissions) via Montopolis' newperformance "The Living Coast" in the historic Texas Theater. Tickets are \$20 here: <https://thetexas theatre.com/film/the-living-coast-live-score/>



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### **Mar 28 (Sat) Cedar Ridge Preserve , Dallas Texas**

Join me for a 5-mile walk at Cedar Ridge Preserve in southwest Dallas. We will link several trails together for a good morning walk with a lot of ups and downs. If we are lucky, we will see the trout lilies blooming. During a break at Cattail Pond I will do a water test and we will talk about factors affecting water quality in natural settings. Dress for the weather (layers), wear good walking shoes and bring a liter of water and a snack. \$3 per person. Limit 10 people. Leader: Jim Binnings [Send Email](#) 205-746-3266



### **Apr 1 (Wed) Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee Meeting**

The Executive Committee (Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at 6:30 p.m. at Northaven United Methodist Church, 11211 Preston Road, Dallas (Southwest corner of Preston Road and Northaven Road), Room 234 (second floor). For more information, contact the Dallas Group Chair.



### **Apr 10-12 (Fri-Sun) Eagle Rock Loop Backpack Trip**

Backpack for 3 days on the longest loop trail in Arkansas. A combination of parts of the Little Missouri Trail, the Athens-Big Fork Trail and the Viles Branch Trail, the Eagle Rock Loop Trail crosses the Little Missouri River multiple times and travels over nine mountains. The hike will combine rugged hill climbs through mixed hardwood and pine forests with strolls along crystal clear streams. It is arguably one of the best hikes in the Ouachita Mountains. Points of interest include Little Missouri Falls, Spirit Rock Vista, Eagle Rock Vista and Winding Stairs, among others. Participants should have some backpacking experience for this 27-mile hike. This is a strenuous trip due to elevation changes along the Athens-Big Fork Trail and the amount of miles covered. Drive to the area (about 4 hours from Dallas) on Thursday. We'll hike Friday, Saturday and half of Sunday. Leader: Arthur Kuehne [Send Email](#) 214-608-3210



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**Apr 11 (Sat) Recycle Electronics and Oil, Shred Documents**

## **FREE Electronics Recycling, Documents Shredding, Cooking Oil Collection**

April 11 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.. You DO NOT have to be a Richardson resident to participate. Electronics Recycling & Document Shredding - Richardson Square, 501 South Plano Road / Belt Line Road (Southeast corner) - Most electronics will be accepted. Residential Cooking Oil Collection - Richardson City Hall, 411 West Arapaho Road, next to Richardson public library Details [here](#). Donations benefit the Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), the sponsor of the event. The event is free, but donations are encouraged and accepted.



**Apr 14 (Tue) Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting**

Learn about the benefits of composting and why it should be practiced similar to curbside recycling. Everyone is invited. Full details are on our home page now.



**Apr 19 (Sun) Oak Cliff Earth Day**

Sunday, April 19, 2020, 12:00 to 5:00 at beautiful, historical Lake Cliff Park in Dallas.

<http://oakcliffearthday.com> Look for Camp Sierra



**Apr 22 (Wed) 50th Annual Earth Day**

Today is Earth Day The City of Dallas plans to celebrate by passing the Comprehensive Environment and Climate Action Plan. What will you do?



**Apr 24-26 (Fri-Sun) EarthX EXPO 2020**

Environmental extravaganza at Fair Park [earthx.org](http://earthx.org)



**Apr 25-26 (Sat-Sun) Weekend Beginner Backpack Trip in the Caney Creek Wilderness, Arkansas**

Hike one of the most scenic trails in Arkansas, in the Caney Creek Wilderness of west central Arkansas. Saturday we'll enjoy the views from the ridgetop Buckeye Mountain Trail. We'll end up at a beautiful campsite near a waterfall. Sunday we'll hike out along the creek bottoms of the Caney Creek Trail. With any luck there will be lots of wildflowers in bloom. This trip is rated moderate and is suitable for beginners in good shape. Both days cover about 4 1/2 miles, but Saturday includes an 500 foot uphill section. Preference will be given to graduates of our Backpacking 101 class. Leader: Arthur Kuehne [Send Email](#) 214-608-3210

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