

## Dallas Sierra Club Newsletter - September, 2022



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## Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting **IN PERSON** - Tuesday, September 13

### The Trinity River Crew

Please join us as we welcome and learn about The Trinity River Crew! A joint Conservation Corps program of Greenspace Dallas and Trinity Park Conservancy, the Crew provides meaningful, paid conservation work experience, education, leadership skills, and professional development training to high potential use from historically marginalized areas along the Trinity River. The program also creates a collaborative use employment framework that can act as a model throughout the entire Trinity River corridor. Organized for their science based and result driven approach to conservation (along with the ability to positively impact people, prosperity, and natural resources), The Trinity River Crew is an inspiring group of young people changing their world.



FREE. 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 13, Dallas Sierra Club at Brookhaven College  
 Map of meeting's location <http://www.dallassierraclub.org/page.htm?generalmeeting>

Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member. Just show up. We would love to meet you.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in building H, the Geotechnology Institute building. From 6:30 to 7:00 you can wander among various issue booths to pick up information and talk with Sierra Club members. Contact Victoria Howard, 214 855 1580 [Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org](mailto:Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org)

## Note from the Chair

by Dan Moulton

One of the non-profits is the Dallas Sierra Club. Early giving has already started.



### Video - WTF, What The Future



[Click here](#) to watch this 4 minute video about a boat that produces its own fuel from seawater, making it 100 percent energy self-sufficient.

### YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR CLUB PICNIC - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Temps have cooled and it's time to enjoy the outdoors! Newcomers to the Dallas Group are particularly invited, but this event is for ALL Sierra Club members and friends. Join us between 2pm - 6pm to celebrate our newest members, socialize, learn what issues we're working on, upcoming outings, volunteer opportunities, and more. Chef George is generously providing and will be grilling up brats accompanied by salad, chips, drinks, and cookies. Rumor has it there may also be some fun raffle prizes!

**PLEASE RSVP by October 2** so we know how much food to bring. Meet at Churchill Park Pavilion, north side of Churchill Way, just east of Hillcrest Rd., 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas 75230. RSVP or send questions to [Liz.Wheelan@gmail.com](mailto:Liz.Wheelan@gmail.com) or click on link on club calendar - [dallassierraclub.org](http://dallassierraclub.org). Include note in RSVP if you prefer non-meat option. We have reserved the covered pavilion, so event is rain or shine unless weather is unsafe. Can't wait to see you!



## OUTINGS: Colorado Bend State Park Campout Reservations Opening!

Fall is finally around the corner, one of our favorite times of year to explore this premier state park on the north edge of the Texas Hill Country and sleep under the stars on the thick grassy site bordered by the Colorado River. We have the group campsite reserved for the weekend of October 21-23. Hike with Dallas Sierra Club leaders or relax on your own. Trails, waterfalls, wildlife, this park has it all! Great outing for beginners, families, birders, nature enthusiasts of all ages and stages. Space is limited so click over to the Outings page to read the trip write up for more information and reservation forms (available Friday, September 9.)



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## Recommended Reading

**Click on a book's title (below) for a link to information about the book at [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com)**

### [Gloryland](#) by Shelton Johnson, 2009

If you watched Ken Burns' *National Parks* mini-series, you will recognize the author, Shelton Johnson. His historical fiction novel is the story of a Black man growing up after the Civil War, becoming a Buffalo Soldier, and eventually patrolling the newly created Yosemite National Park. It is an uplifting book that touches on a variety of subjects -- justice, prejudice, the beauty of the outdoors, and more. His profound imagery of Yosemite and the Sierras is lyrical - poetry in prose. I savored the book, one of the best that I have read. - Kirk Miller

Available at local libraries and at local and online bookstores

### [Leave Only Footprints: My Acadia-to-Zion Journey Through Every National Park](#) by Conor Knighton, 2020

This is a delightful story of one man's journey through every national park in one year. From sunrise in Acadia on January 1 to sunset at Point Reyes National Seashore on December 31. A story told with humor and love for the great outdoors. - Coralie Miller

Available at local libraries and at local and online bookstores

### [How To Avoid A Climate Disaster](#) by Bill Gates, 2021

Do you know the five main categories of human activities that produce greenhouse gases? They are:

- 1 – making things such as cement, steel, and plastic
- 2 – plugging in (supplying electricity)
- 3 – growing things (plants and animals)
- 4 – transportation (planes, trucks, ships)
- 5 – keeping warm and cool (heat, cooling, refrigeration)

In this book, each activity gets its own chapter describing how the category impacts the climate, reviewing alternative solutions, and suggesting an associated Green Premium. A Green Premium is defined as the difference between what we pay today for products from each category and what we would have to pay for a zero-carbon alternative. Bill Gates describes at least 19 technologies which are currently being developed to help get to zero emissions globally.

In further chapters, he discusses policies, planning, and what individuals can do to help fix the climate disaster. He proposes that "engaging in the political process is the most important single step that people from every walk of life can take."

I found the book to be encouraging since it helped me to understand that there are many projects in progress to address a broad range of climate change issues that will have to come together to get to a net zero solution by 2050. - Kim Klich

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**Previous book recommendations are here.** <http://dallassierraclub.org/page.htm?buystuff>

**Please give us YOUR reading recommendations via** [newsletter@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:newsletter@dallassierraclub.org)

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## Recommended Viewing

WTF - Boat is 100% energy self-sufficient, 4 minutes, [click here](#)

Engine Trouble, 6 minutes, [click here](#)

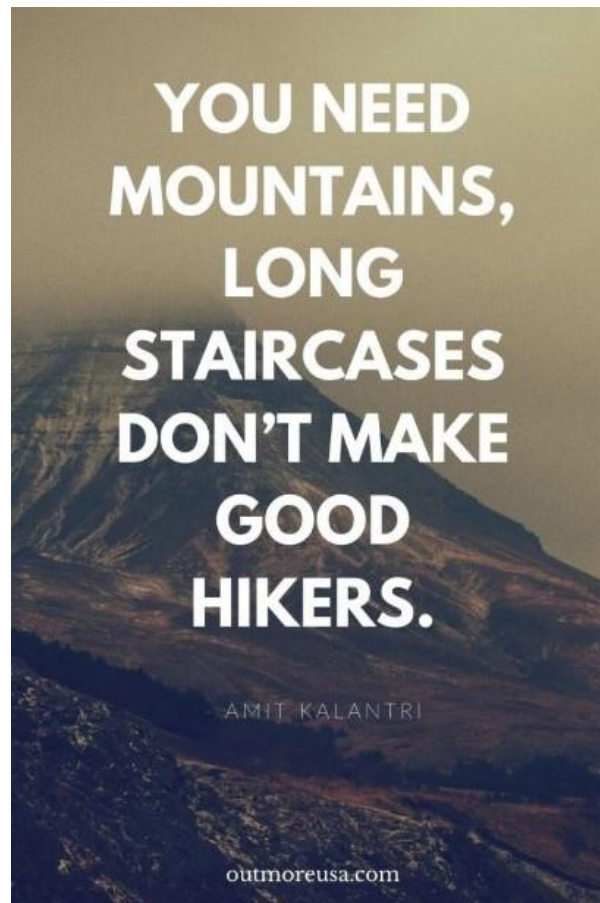
Eating Our Way to Extinction, a video documentary, 2021, 1 hour 22 minutes, [click here](#)

The Ocean Cleanup, 8 minutes, [click here](#)

**Previous video recommendations are here.** <http://www.dallassierraclub.org/page.htm?videos>

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## Et Cetera

**Land really is the best art. - Andy Warhol**

**Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. - John Muir**

**Packing up camp really raises the stakes.**

### Limerick

There's a place Mother Nature designed  
Where you go when you need to unwind.

Find a forest; go there.  
People know that is where  
You can leave all your worries behind.  
- by Kirk Miller

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## Let Us Know

Please let us know **your opinion**. Give us **an article** for the newsletter. Give us **feedback** on articles. What would you like to see in the newsletter? Changes? Improvements? What **books** and **videos** do you recommend? Please let us know. This is YOUR newsletter. Feedback is welcome (comments, suggestions, letters to the Editor, etc.). Submit feedback to [newsletter@dallassierraclub.org](mailto:newsletter@dallassierraclub.org)

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## Videos of prior General Meetings are on YouTube

[Click here](#) for a list of meetings with varied topics such as national parks, Critterman, beautiful photos from around the world, wild animals, activism, and more.



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## Dallas Sierra Club Outreach Speakers Program - Speakers for Your Group

The Dallas Sierra Club provides outdoor/environmental education in the form of entertaining and informative presentations by Dallas Sierra Club members with expertise in the topics offered. These presentations range in length from 30 minutes to one hour and cover a variety of topics in the general categories of outdoor adventure, environmental education, and general ecology. These talks are appropriate for a wide range of audiences including youth groups, school classes, civic and social groups, nature and gardening clubs, church groups, etc. Any group interested in an available topic is welcome to contact us. To see available topics and to schedule your speaker, [click here](#).

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Here is our calendar for the next few months. For complete listings, click [here](#).

### September 13, Tuesday - General Meeting

The Trinity River Crew - Click [this link](#) to see details on our home page.

### September 25, Sunday - Dallas Organic Gardening Club Meeting

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., North Haven Gardens - [Click here](#) for details

### October 1, Saturday - Plant Sale - Dallas Organic Gardening Club

9:00 am - 3:00 pm - [Click here](#) for details

### October 5, Wednesday - Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee (Excom) Meeting

The Executive Committee (Excom) is the elected governing body of the Dallas Sierra Club and meets at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. For more information, contact the Dallas Group Chair.

## October 9, Sunday - Club Picnic

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Churchill Park Pavilion, 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas 75230 - Details will be on our website soon.

## October 11, Tuesday - General Meeting

The subject has not been determined.

## October 21-23, Friday - Sunday - Colorado Bend State Park Campout

Click [here](#) to see details on our website.

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