

Dallas Sierra Club Newsletter - October, 2022



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Register to vote - NOW!

Register NOW so you can vote in the upcoming General Election. The election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The last day to register for this election is Tuesday, October 11. Early voting begins October 24 and ends November 4. Head over to www.VoteTexas.gov to find out how to register, to check on your registration status, or to change your address.



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. [Here is a Google map.](#) RSVP or send questions to Liz.Wheelan@gmail.com or click on link on club calendar - 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!



Dallas Sierra Club General Meeting **IN PERSON** - Tuesday, October 11



2022 Political Program

Join us for our 2022 General Election Program with David Griggs, long-time Sierra Club leader and political chair for the Dallas Group and the Lone Star Chapter. We will discuss some of the most important environmental issues at stake in this year's election and learn about the candidates Sierra Club has endorsed. Some of those candidates have been invited to attend, so you won't want to miss this month's program. Let's have a big turnout to welcome our guests.

David is active in many aspects of politics in Texas including the Sierra Club political program. He chairs the Sierra Club Political Committee of Texas which helps elect environmentally-friendly candidates to state and local offices. He is a local attorney and adjunct government professor at Dallas College and election law professor at UNT Dallas College of Law.

Enthusiasm and increased turn out will be critical for our candidates to win this year. We need your help not only to attend this program but also to join our political efforts to elect candidates who can make a difference in advancing environmental issues. Come to our October program and learn more about the planned activities during the next month that you can take part in to help elect our candidates. For more information about our chapter endorsements and the political program, go to: www.turntexasgreen.org

FREE: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 11, Dallas Sierra Club at Dallas College, Brookhaven Campus
Map of meeting's location <http://www.dallassierraclub.org/page.htm?generalmeeting>

Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a current Sierra Club member to attend. Just come. We would love to meet you.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. in Building H on the West side of the campus, also known as the Geotechnology Institute Building. From 6:30 to 7:00, you can wander among the issue booths and pick up information. You can also visit with other Sierra Club members, candidates and guests. Contact Victoria Howard, 214-855-1580; Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org.

Camp and Hike at Colorado Bend State Park **October 21-23**

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 and pre-registration required by Oct 17 or earlier if trip fills. Don't miss out - [click here](#) to read the trip write up for complete information and reservation forms. Questions? Email Liz@dallassierraclub.org or call 214-207-4997.



Recommended Reading

Click on a book's title (below) for a link to information about the book at 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

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[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

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>

Please give us YOUR viewing recommendations via newsletter@dallassierraclub.org

A person with long dark hair tied back, wearing a green hoodie, sits on a mossy rock. A dog sits beside them, looking out over a vast, misty landscape. The background shows rolling hills and a valley with a river, all shrouded in a soft, hazy light. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

**“THE BEST VIEW COMES
AFTER THE HARDEST CLIMB.”**

- Anonymous

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Et Cetera

The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep. - Robert Frost

Hiking side effects include sweating, euphoria, and general awesomeness.

Leaf your troubles behind and go on a hike.

Limerick

Campground's closing for good. The events
That were held there had too high expense.
It appears that to me,
And I think you can see
Any future talk would be past tents.
- by Kirk Miller

Let Us Know

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Previous issues of our newsletter are available [here](#).

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.



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](#).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

October 9, Sunday - Club Picnic

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Churchill Park Pavilion, 7025 Churchill Way, Dallas 75230 - [click here](#) for details.

October 11, Tuesday - General Meeting

2022 General Election - [click here](#) for details.

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

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

November 2, 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.
