



# The Pinchot Papers

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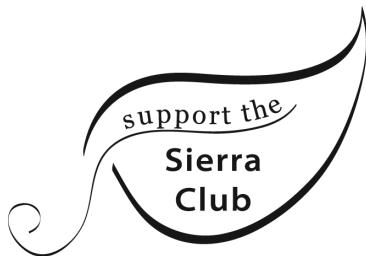
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GVP general meeting dates:

May 29

July 31

September 25

November 27

Come join us! Check for

locations at [https://](https://gvpsierraclub.wordpress.com)

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Meetings start at 6 p.m.

## Detweiler Park by John Lenahan

Have you explored the newest Dauphin County Park yet? The 400-acre Detweiler Park has a lot to see. A series of trails from the parking area go through fields and woods, partway up the slope of the mountain. The trails total about 7 miles but they connect in ways to provide several choices of hikes from about 1 mile up to about 7 miles. Most of the trails are flat to gently rolling. Only one of the trails requires uphill walking.

Some of the trails provide views of Stony Mountain and the mountains further south, as well as views to the west into Cumberland and Perry counties. Wildlife like deer and bluebirds are often seen.

The Park is on the former estate of General E. J. Stackpole, Jr., a Harrisburg media powerhouse who owned newspapers and publishing companies. Anyone who grew up in the area and is on the older side may remember him signing off the TV station at the end of the broadcast day.

Detweiler Park is about 15 minutes north of Harrisburg on the south side of Peters Mountain where Routes 225 and 325 meet. There's ample trailhead parking behind the County Conservation District Office at 1451 Peters Mountain Road in Dauphin.

The Governor Pinchot Group will be leading a hike through Detweiler Park on July 14 at 10 a.m. You are welcome to join us — see the calendar for more details.

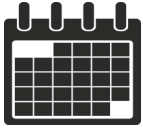
## Trivia Corner by David Platt

Which kind of salamander is pictured?

- ⇒ Eastern Hellbender
- ⇒ Fire Salamander
- ⇒ Tiger Salamander
- ⇒ Wehrle's Salamander

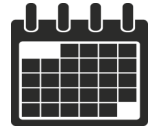


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## Sierra Club GVP Group's 2018 Calendar

Join in the good work and fun! All our members and friends are welcome.  
Contact the leaders to RSVP and get details and directions.



- April 19: Post-Tax Happy Hour, Duke's in Wormleysburg, at 5 p.m. Contact John at lenahan.john@mac.com
- April 26: Halifax Middle School Environmental Field Day
- April 28: Table at Wildwood Wetlands Festival. Contact Justina at jawasicek@gmail.com
- May 5: Yard Sale to benefit GVP Group. Contact Robin at rbroderick1@email.com (Bring drop-offs to Robin's front porch the week before, ending Friday at midnight on May 4).
- May 12: Highway Cleanup, at 9 a.m. Contact Jill at kerrouac@msn.com
- May 20: Hike at Ibberson Conservation Area, at 2 p.m., 3-4 miles. Contact Bob at bobrebuck@frontiernet.net and David at david@queryquest.us
- June 9: Hike at Pine Hill Arboretum, at 10 a.m. Short 1 mile walk in Camp Hill area, great for families. Contact John at lenahan.john@mac.com
- June 23: Highway cleanup at 9 a.m. Contact Jill at kerrouac@msn.com
- July 14: Hike at Detweiler Park, at 10 a.m., in Halifax area. Contact Bob at bobrebuck@frontiernet.net and John at lenahan.john@mac.com
- July 19: Happy Hour at Millworks, at 5 p.m. Contact John at lenahan.john@mac.com
- July 28: Table at PRIDE FEST. Contact Jill at kerrouac@msn.com
- August 5: Table at EQUALITY FEST. Contact Jill at kerrouac@msn.com
- August 18: Hike at Stony Valley/Beaver Dams, at 9:30 a.m. Moderate 9 mile hike. Contact Bob at bobrebuck@frontiernet.net
- Sept. 9: River Cleanup on the Susquehanna River. Contact Robin at rbroderick1@email.com
- Sept. 22: Highway Cleanup, at 9 a.m. Contact Jill at kerrouac@msn.com
- October: Wildwood Nature presentation with planned speaker Gene Wingert. Check our website for date and time.
- Oct. 20: Highway Cleanup, at 9 a.m. Contact Jill at kerrouac@msn.com
- Dec. 7: Holiday Party, contact Justina at jawasicek@gmail.com

**Check our website for updates, new events, and general meeting locations!**

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### **Get More Involved & Meet Other Sierra Club Members!**

Make sure you are on our local email list to hear about upcoming events. We have social activities like hikes, outdoor events, and social hours where it is easy to meet other members and learn about the club. We also have many volunteering opportunities. You can help with educational sessions, cleanups of streams and highways, outings, tabling at fairs, and speaking up for the environment. Go online to [gpsierraclub.wordpress.com](http://gpsierraclub.wordpress.com) and click on "contact us" to let us know you are interested!



Remember, the GVP Group meeting locations are posted online, and members are always welcome at our general meetings.

## Vote in the National Sierra Club Elections!

The annual election for the Club's Board of Directors is now underway.

Members eligible to vote in the national Sierra Club election should have received a ballot in March, either by mail or online if you chose e-delivery.

Each candidate provides a statement about themselves and their views on the issues on the official election ballot. You can also visit the Club's election web site for additional information about candidates: <http://www.sierraclub.org/board/election>

Voting online is quick and easy!

Even if you receive your election materials in the mail, you can use the Internet voting site to save time and postage. If sending via ground mail, please note your ballots must be received by no later than Election Day, April 25, 2018.



## Trivia Corner Answer by David Platt

Which kind of salamander is pictured?

*Eastern Hellbender Cryptobranchus Alleganiensis*



Also known as the snot otter and mud devil, the Hellbender was voted by the State Senate to be Pennsylvania's Official Amphibian. But a House leader would prefer the Wehrle's Salamander get that title. No decision has been made as of this writing.

According to the Nature Conservancy, the Hellbender, which can grow as long as 29 inches, is the largest aquatic salamander in the U.S. As an amphibian, it absorbs oxygen from water through its skin. It is a carnivore that eats whatever it can catch, including small fish, crayfish, water snakes, and other amphibians.

**Sources:** <http://www.philly.com/philly/health/hellbender-snot-otter-pennsylvaniasofficial-amphibian-20171116.html>

<https://www.nature.org/newsfeatures/specialfeatures/animals/amphibians/hellbender-salamander-facts.xml>

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## Save the Clean Power Plan!

There is still time to register your support for preserving the Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan is not dead. Despite the Administration's announced intent to repeal the Clean Power Plan, EPA cannot withdraw the Clean Power Plan without soliciting the input of those affected. The Clean Power Plan is the strongest climate action our nation has taken to limit the carbon pollution from coal power plants.

As finalized in 2015, the Clean Power Plan would regulate power plants to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector. (The goal is 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030). Doing so could prevent 90,000 asthma attacks and 3,600 premature deaths per year.

But EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is hoping to replace this important climate action with a do-nothing plan that lets polluters off the hook. Repealing and withdrawing the Clean Power Plan is a double whammy for our communities: It will result in increased rates of respiratory illness and premature death while worsening climate change.

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## ***Save the Clean Power Plan, continued from page 3***

**You can take action: go online by April 26 to submit your comments at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter “Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355”**

(This is titled “Repeal of Carbon Dioxide Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”) Just follow the online instructions for making comments. **Your voice makes a difference!**

Sources: “Three stories why we must keep the Clean Power Plan” & <https://content.sierraclub.org/coal/posts/clean-power-plan-supporters-speak-epa-officials-listen-impassively>

