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Sierra Club Lake Group

May-June 2018 Newsletter

Next Meeting: “Going Solar with Confidence”

The next Lake Group general meeting will take place at **6:30PM on Wednesday May 16**, at the Lower Lake Methodist Church Social Hall, 16255 Second St. It will feature a seminar by Carol Cole-Lewis on how to save money on your electric bill and add thousands of dollars of value to your home, how to distinguish between different kinds of solar systems and gain the confidence needed to expertly interview any prospective solar provider, and how to find out if your home qualifies for solar. The meeting is free as always and all interested members of the public are most cordially invited. For more information ahead of time call or text Carol at 707 413 0044 or send an email to carol@productfrog.com.

“Chasing Coral” May 18

Lake Group is proud to announce that we are joining the Unitarian Universalist Community of Lake County and the Soper Reese Community Theatre to co-sponsor “Green Movie Night,” with the first film in the series being a screening of the acclaimed 2017 eco-documentary “Chasing Coral.” The event will take place on **Friday May 18 at the Soper Reese, 275 S. Main St. in Lakeport**. Doors open at 6PM, film at 6:30. There is no charge for the movie, but a \$10 donation is suggested.

“Chasing Coral” offers a breathtakingly beautiful look at some of the Earth's most incredible natural wonders, while delivering a sobering warning about their uncertain future. The case is made less through argument than by using cinema’s most basic tool: visual proof. Put together by a team of scientists and filmmakers who must overcome technical malfunctions and the forces of nature, this award-winning movie presents the story of the underwater world with powerful photography, nail-biting suspense and startling emotion.

The film is directed by Jeff Orlowski (director of “Chasing Ice”), and produced by Larissa Rhodes, as an Exposure Labs production. It was filmed over a three year period, **(con’t)**

Save the Date:
Midsummer
BBQ July 27.
Details inside!

“Chasing Coral,” con’t) with 500+ hours underwater, includes footage from over 30 countries, and was made with the support of over 500 people around the world. Run time is 1 hour and 31 minutes.

After the film climate change expert and educator Randal Stuart MacDonald, the Citizens Climate Lobby activist who presented at the September 2017 Lake Group meeting, and who now serves as Redwood Chapter Climate and Energy chair, will offer a 10 minute slide show on climate change, and facilitate discussion to encourage action on an issue vital to the healthy future of our planet.

For more information call 707-263-0577.

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ExCom meetings are held at 6:30PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at locations that vary.

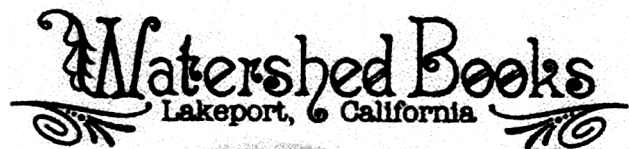
All members are cordially invited to attend, but requested to contact the Chair first to confirm time and location

Save the Date:

Midsummer BBQ July 27

This year's party will be held at 5:30PM on Friday July 27 at Dancing Tree People farm, 1445 Pitney Lane in Upper Lake. As usual, it's planned as a semi-potluck: the Club will provide a main dish, and guests are asked to bring beverages, and a side dish or dessert to share. To eliminate as many throwaways as possible, we're also asking guests to *please bring your own plates, napkins, and eating utensils*. It's always free, and all Lake Group members and their guests are very cordially invited.

To RSVP (please!) call or email Denise at 707 560 1166 or *denise@productfrog.com*.



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Let's Go Digital

Lake Group members are invited to help fight deforestation by receiving this bimonthly newsletter electronically rather than on paper. To get it as an email attachment in pdf format instead, send a request to join the "Lake Group Paper Free" list to *vbrandon@lakelive.info*—not only does this save some trees, it also benefits the Group financially.

Berryessa Snow Mountain planning moves ahead

Despite the efforts of the Trump administration to remove protections on open space around the country, plans for the development of a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument management plan are finally moving forward. A well-attended stakeholder workshop was held in Davis on January 20, 2017 (ironically enough, inauguration day), but the ill-conceived “review” of BSM and other monuments delayed implementation. Now BSM manager Rebecca Wong has announced a series of Recreation, Volunteerism and Stewardship Workshops intended to:

- Engage stakeholders in a collaborative discussion.
- Share expertise and lessons learned from previous volunteer efforts.
- Learn more about agency processes and requirements for projects that rely on volunteer support.
- Create successful partnerships.

Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at 2201 Imola Ave. in Napa and from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 18 at 9355 Government St. in Upper Lake**. In addition, the Mendocino National Forest is hosting a **Field Day on Saturday, May 19**. Participants will assemble at 9 a.m. at Upper Lake Ranger Station, 10025 Elk Mountain Rd., just outside Upper Lake. These events are all free and all interested parties are encouraged to attend, but reservations are required. To RSVP visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5PM7ZMV>. For more information contact contact Cici Vu at cvu@kearnswest.com or 415-391-7900.

Outings

MAY 20 -- Lake Group hike to the summit of Mt. St. Helena. On a clear day see spectacular views including much of the San Francisco Bay area and possibly viewing mountain ranges in a 360 degree panorama including Mt. Shasta! Bring water, lunch, binoculars & snacks. Meet to carpool at 9:15 am Mugshots Middletown coffee shop on corner of Hwy 29 & 175 or 10:15 am at Robert Louis Stevenson parking lot. Reservation required. Maximum 10 participants leader Julie Kreis 707-987-9040 or tikaljak@yahoo.com
Rain cancels.

Any that are scheduled later will be posted to the Group website at sierraclub.org/redwood/lake/outings. Hikes throughout Redwood Chapter are listed at sierraclub.org/redwood/outings.

Help Wanted: Outing Leaders. No experience needed, just a love for brisk exercise in the out-of-doors. There are many good reasons to become an Outing leader, including an opportunity for autocracy: as leader *you* get to choose where to go, and when. Interested? Get in touch with Outing Chair Steve Devoto at 279-8308 or sdevoto@mchsi.com.



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Sierra Club Endorsements, June 5, 2018

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State Controller	Betty Yee

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Statewide Propositions

Prop 68: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018	SUPPORT
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Prop 70: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund	OPPOSE
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