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Sierra Club Endorses Farmer for U.S. Senate

by Chris Hayday, Ozark Chapter Political Chair

As a three-term state representative, she is widely regarded as one of the most environmental legislators to ever serve in Jefferson City. As a candidate for the U. S. Senate, she believes that promoting environmental responsibility is essential to creating sustainable economic growth. For her commitment to environmental and public health protection, the Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses of Nancy Farmer for U. S. Senate.

This race is a priority campaign for the Ozark Chapter. Senator Bond is one of the most anti-environmental members of the senate, and his League of Conservation Voters (LCV) score for the last four congressional sessions is 4%! For the duration of his 18 years in the senate, Bond has always put monied private interests before the public's interests, and George W. Bush has few greater allies than Kit Bond. Missouri will be a key battleground state for stopping the anti-envi-

ronmental agenda of corporate greed, and the defeat of Senator Bond is one of the Sierra Club's top goals. Nancy Farmer is committed to protecting air quality, water quality and public lands, as well as making corporate polluters — and not taxpayers — pay for cleaning up their pollution. She supports efforts to curb global warming by raising fuel economy standards and a national effort to generate electricity from clean, renewable sources. In short, Nancy Farmer is an environmentalist.

Nancy Farmer is a very formidable and popular candidate, and Kit Bond, despite being the incumbent and having an enormous campaign war chest, is once again a very weak candidate. In fact, he is one of the most vulnerable Republican senators, having never won an election by more than 3%. It is vital that the Sierra Club take an active role in this campaign if we are to elect Nancy Farmer and defeat Kit Bond.

Various business and industry groups use the political process to buy protection for their private interests, often at the expense of the public interests. Your help is

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Springfield Group Pushes Efficiency to Fill Power Needs

by Linda Chipperfield, Ozark Chapter Executive Committee

This August City Utilities of Springfield (CU) will ask voters to approve a bond issue to finance a new 300-megawatt coal-burning plant.

Springfield already has two operating coal power plants and CU projects the need for a third one by 2008.

The Southwest Missouri Citizens for Clean Energy (CCE) have a better idea. "We believe that if CU were to actively promote energy efficiency technology, power demand could be reduced by approximately 17% over 10 and 28% over 20 years, eliminating the need to build a new plant" says Stan VanVelsor.

Support for energy efficiency in Springfield was highlighted in March with a compact fluorescent light bulb sale sponsored by CU. 4500 bulbs were sold in less than two hours with customers asking for more. According to the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, a co-sponsor of the bulb sale, installation of energy efficiency technology by business, residential, and public agency consumers can be accomplished at much less than the 16% rate increase needed to finance a coal plant.

An alternative energy forum sponsored by the League of Women voters was held in April and was well attended by the public. Speakers were Troy Helming of Krystal Planet Wind Power Co., Alecia Ward of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Gary Wright, a Springfield pediatrician and public health advocate and Stan VanVelsor of the CCE.

Energy Notes

by Wallace McMullen

AmerenUE is expanding its natural gas retail business. It has purchased from Aquila, Inc. a natural gas distribution facility near Rolla, and is assuming operations from Aquila. The transaction involved transfer of 4,200 customers to AmerenUE, and about 164 miles of natural gas distribution mains, plus some trucks and other equipment necessary to operate the system. The locally-based Aquila employees serving the area became employees of AmerenUE. Source: the Rolla Daily News

Kansas City Power & Light has asked the Public Service Commission to conduct an "Investigatory Workshop Docket" pertaining to "Future Supply, Delivery and Pricing of... Electric Service." This appears to be a response to the opposition that their proposal for building two large new coal burning power plants has encountered. Many other Missouri utilities have signed up to participate in the "Workshop." No one the author has talked to clearly understands how this process will proceed, but industry observers speculate the utilities would like it to recommend a guaranteed rate of return for building new power plants.

Wilderness Act Anniversary Conference

by Jerry Sutherland

September 3, 2004 marks the 40th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, arguably America's greatest piece of conservation legislation. The Sierra Club's Wild Planet Strategy Team invites all Wilderness activists to attend a Wilderness Conference October 10-13 on Lake George in the Adirondacks. This region of upstate New York was beloved hiking ground of Wilderness visionary Bob Marshall and inspired the writing of Wilderness Act author Howard Zahniser.

The three days of the conference will focus in sequence on the history, present-day realities, and future of our National Wilderness Preservation System. Through an in-depth series of presentations, panel discussions, and breakout learning sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to learn from a diversity of Wilderness professionals, as well as a chance to network and build supportive coalitions with other Wilderness advocates.

There will also be field trips into the wilds of the Adirondacks the weekend before the conference. To register and find out more information go to <http://www.wilderness40th.org>. Please contact Jerry Sutherland, Chair of the Wild Planet Strategy Team, at jerry.sutherland@comcast.net as well. Most of their members will be at the conference and would like to know of other Sierra Club members attending in the hopes of having some sort of social event together.



Peabody Coal, doing business as Peabody Energy, has obtained a draft permit for building a large new coal burning power plant (1500 MW) about 40 miles south-east of St. Louis. It would be at the site of a coal mine. The plant would emit large amounts of several types of pollution, including NOx (causes smog), SOx, (causes acid rain), and carbon monoxide (which can kill people). Because the winds often blow from the south on hot summer days, there is considerable concern that this plant would have a negative impact on St. Louis air quality. A number of St. Louis residents spoke in opposition to the project at a recent hearing on the draft permit, including Sierra Club staffer Jill Miller.

The proposed Peabody plant site is approximately two miles outside the border of the St. Louis non-attainment area on the Illinois side. It mimics the proposal by Holcim to build a large air pollution emission source just south of the non-attainment area border in Missouri. Also, Illinois Power is proposing to enlarge its Baldwin power plant with another 750 megawatts of coal burning generation near the Peabody site. These new emissions just outside the non-attainment area may have sufficient negative impact on the St. Louis region's air quality that businesses within the non-

attainment area will be forced to bear the expense of implementing additional emission reduction measures to compensate.

Dates You Need to Know

7/9-11	RCC Big River Week: Cincinnati, mcmulw@socket.net
7/17	Chapter ConsCom meeting: Columbia, kmidkiff@mchsi.com
7/18	Chapter ExCom meeting: Columbia, kkopecy@kc.rr.com , (816)966-9544
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9/19	Chapter ExCom meeting: Cape Girardeau, kkopecy@kc.rr.com , (816)966-9544
10/1-3	Chapter Reunion & Campout: Lake of the Ozarks, egreg2@yahoo.com .

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by Melissa Blakley

On June 9, Missouri Public Interest Research Group (MoPirg) canvassers, Sierra Club activists and Concerned Citizens of Platte County joined together for a press conference in front of Kansas City Power & Light's Hawthorne power plant. MoPirg introduced Clear the Air's new "Dirty Air, Dirty Power" report and an interactive website where you can click on any coal power plant in the country to see how much pollution they are spewing and how many deaths they are responsible for each year.

Speakers at the press conference included Laura Zahn (MoPirg), Dr. John Spertus (Mid America Heart Institute, University of Missouri, Kansas City), Melissa Blakley (Sierra Club), and Sally Radmacher (Concerned Citizens of Platte County). Local groups used the report to highlight Great Plains Energy's plans to build two more coal-burning power plants in the Kansas City area.

The report, available on-line at <http://cta.policy.net/> documents mortality and health damage due to air pollution from coal-burning power plants. According to the report, power plant pollution kills 24,000 people a year in the U.S. Kansas City ranks 20th among U.S. metro areas for deaths, hospital admissions, and heart attacks each year caused by dirty air from power plants.

The interactive website illustrates death, heart attacks, asthma attacks, hospital admissions and visits and emergency room by state and individual power plant. It also compares the number of deaths, heart attacks, asthma attacks, etc., that can be avoided by implementing either the current Clean Air Act, Bush's so-called "Clear Skies" plan, or Senator Jefford's "Clean Power Act."

The Clean Power Act (Senate) and Clean Smokestacks Act (House) offer the largest and quickest reduction in power plant pollu-

tion and are supported by a large coalition of public health and environmental organizations. The Bush administration's air pollution plan, backed by the nation's biggest electric power polluters, would delay and dilute pollution reductions required by the current Clean Air Act for dangerous sulfur, nitrogen and mercury emissions. The administration plan also does nothing to cut carbon pollution from power plants, the major cause of global warming.

Concerned Citizens of Platte County and Sierra Club are calling for Great Plains Energy to abandon their plans for more dirty coal-burning power plants and instead invest in clean renewable energy and efficiency programs for the region.



Carl Pope's challenge to socially responsible investors for the New Year

Environmentally Responsible Investing: Working for Change

a speech by Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club

For a free video or DVD copy of this presentation by Carl Pope from the 2003 SRI in the Rockies Conference, please mail, phone, or email your request to:

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critical to the success of both Nancy's campaign and the Sierra Club's goals of protecting the environment and public health. There are several things you can do to help us elect Nancy Farmer to the senate. First, be sure to vote for Nancy Farmer. You can also show your support by placing a "Nancy Farmer" yard sign in front of your home, putting a bumper sticker on your car, and volunteering to distribute campaign literature in your neighborhood. You are also urged to make a financial contribution to Nancy's campaign.

Please contact Chris Hayday by phone, (573)234-2492 or email (chayday@mchsi.com) to get more involved, or you can contact the Farmer campaign directly by calling (314)645-8103 or logging on to their website at www.nancyfarmerforussenate.com.

Ozark Chapter Endorses Ken Jacob for Lt. Governor

by Chris Hayday, Ozark Chapter Political Chair

For the August primary for Lt. Governor, the Ozark Chapter has endorsed Senator Ken Jacob. He has been endorsed by the Ozark Chapter countless times before and has always been one of our greatest assets in Jefferson City. The Sierra Club has twice named him our outstanding legislator, he has consistently voted above 90% on environmental issues, and last session he single-handedly stopped the Environmental Destruction Act, SB36. Put another way, without Ken Jacob SB36 would be law.

Senator Jacob was elected minority leader in November of 2002. His colleagues elected him knowing that Senator Jacob would bring a fresh leadership style to the job, which was necessary due to the complete Republican control of the General Assembly. Senator Jacob used his role as minority leader to slow down and more often than not stop every piece of legislation aimed at the reducing environmental protections, as well as eliminating legal protections for working men and women, and reducing health care benefits to children.

The Lt. Governor does not have a true agenda but often engages in campaigns that greatly influence what the state does. For example, current Lt. Governor Joe Maxwell pushed the state to better serve veterans and seniors. As Lt. Governor, Ken could advance an environmental agenda away from the legislature and greatly influence state environmental policies. Further, the senate is likely to be near 50-50 meaning that the Lt. Governor could be called upon to cast a deciding vote. The Lt. Governor also presides over the senate on a daily basis, ruling on points of order. From this position, Ken can greatly assist other allies in the senate.

We need someone who shares our positions on issues in this job. But just as importantly we need someone with the experience to use the Lt. Governor's office to its full capacity. Ken has the experience necessary to preside over what will inevitably be a cantankerous and very hungry Republican majority in the Senate. This more than any other reason is why Ken is the best candidate for Lt. Governor.

August 3 Primary–November 2 General Election Ozark Chapter Endorsements for Missouri House

At the time of printing, the candidates listed below have been endorsed for the Missouri House of Representatives. Many of these candidates face August primary challenges so please refer to this list when deciding for whom to vote.

Eastern Missouri Group

Tom Green (D-15)
Yaphet El-Amin (D-57)
Rodney Hubbard (D-58)
Robin Jones (D-63)
Sreenu Dandamudi (D-64)
Michael Vogt (D-66)
Michael Daus (D-67)
Regina Walsh (D-69)
Matt Muckler (D-70)
Esther Haywood (D-71)
Margaret Donnelly (D-73)
Tom George (D-74)
Bruce Darrrough (D-75)
Michael Spreng (D-76)
Michael Corcoran (D-77)
Clint Zweifel (D-78)
Ted Hoskins (D-80)
Sam Page (D-82)
Barbara Fraser (D-83)
Rick Johnson (D-90)
Patricia Yeager (D-96)

Tom Villa (D-108)
Belinda Harris (D-110)

Thomas Hart Benton Group

Meg Harding (D-30)
Trent Skaggs (D-31)
Sharon Sanders Brooks (D-37)
Dan Bishop (D-38)
Vicki Noteis (D-39)
John Burnett (D-40)
Melba Curls (D-41)
Craig Bland (D-43)
Jenee Lowe (D-44)
Cathy Jolly (D-45)
Kate Meiners (D-46)
Mike Sager (D-48)
Terry Young (D-49)
Vicky Walker (D-50)

Osage Group

Jeff Harris (D-23)

To get involved in any of these campaigns, please contact chapter political chair Chris Hayday (573-234-2492, chayday@mchsi.com) or your group's political chair.



Lt. Governor Candidate Ken Jacob.

Learn How You Can Help Stop Bush's Attack On Our Environment

by Roy C. Hengerson

The Sierra Club has been keeping track of all the actions and policies of the Bush Administration that weaken environmental protections. However, many Americans are unaware that the President and his associates have slowed the clean up of our air and water, weakened the protections already in place for our national parks, national forests, and wildlife refuges, and allowed polluting industries to continue to harm public health.

The Sierra Club has endorsed Senator John Kerry for President, based on the combination of Kerry's outstanding record on environmental issues throughout his long public service career and the Bush administration's many anti-environmental actions. But we need to get the word out to all our members and citizens across the

country about the critical environmental issues facing the United States in 2004.

Therefore, the Club is launching an ambitious program called "Engaging Our Members" (EOM) to hold conversations about Bush administration policies affecting public health and the environment and what we can do about it. There will be a training session to be held on Saturday July ?? at ??? in Columbia, Missouri on holding these informal dialogues with family, friends, and associates.

Please contact Roy Hengerson at (573)635-8066 or roy.hengerson@sierraclub.org if you are interested in attending this training. We can make a tremendous difference in the 2004 election if we engage our members to learn about important environmental issues and how they can participate more fully in the election.

Dover Concertgoers Brave Tornado Weather

by Jill DeWitt

Threats of winds of up to 260 miles an hour didn't seem to prevent a crowd of Sierra Club activists and Concerned Citizens of Platte County from turning out in force for a pot luck picnic concert featuring Connie Dover at The Red Barn in Weston May 21.

Your cowardly reporter waited to drive north until tornado warnings ended,, not wishing to add funnel cloud transit to her list of harrowing transportation experiences. She arrived to find a crowd calmly transfixed by Dover's clear voice. Beyond Dover, through the Red Barn's open doors were quiet orchards and the unparalleled expanse of Platte County's gently rolling hills.

Dover ended her 45-minute concert with an ethereal

'Shenandoah'. The crowd mingled, children played. These were citizens with a common bond: the desire for clean air, clean water and clean soil; the desire to protect this land from the threat of pollution from additional coal-burning electrical generating plants planned for the area. These were farmers, ranchers, journalists, physicians, educators, scientists—Platte County families and neighbors from the Kansas City area south of the river—bound by the courage to work for clean skies, clean soil and water—now and for future generations. Further information on this issue and a petition calling for formal hearings and an Environmental Impact Statement can be found on the web at www.tellkplno.org.

Earth Share Raises Funds for Sierra Club Foundation

Fundraising and awareness building on behalf of the Sierra Club Foundation and 71 other diverse environmental organizations continues to be a success with Earth Share of Missouri (ESMO). Earth Share of Missouri offers citizens one smart and simple way to care for our air, land and water. As Missouri's only environmental fund, Earth Share partners with businesses and employees to support 71 leading environmental groups through workplace campaigns and other activities. This simple mechanism is a highly cost-efficient way for hundreds of thousands of people to make tax-deductible gifts to positive programs.

Here are a few updates on how Earth Share of Missouri is strengthening environmental efforts:

To date, they have distributed more than \$546,260 for environmental programs, as of distributions made through December 31, 2003. Plus, more than \$160,000 is pledged to come in throughout 2004.

ESMO has distributed a total of \$16,537 to the Sierra Club Foundation.

Five additional Missouri-based organizations are added to the diverse list of organizations represented by ESMO. The five are: Center for Plant Conservation, Missouri River Relief, The Green Center, St. Louis Zoo,

and St. Louis Rainforest Advocates. These groups round out a great list of 71 organizations that range in size from small and local to large and international. Visit www.earthsharemo.org for a full list.

Earth Share of Missouri now represents 34 local and regional organizations plus 37 national and international organizations. Earth Share of Missouri represents familiar names such as Trust for Public Land, Audubon, Missouri Parks Association and Trailnet. For a complete list of partnering businesses and member charities, visit www.earthsharemo.org or call (314)771-6668 ext. 103 or (866)663-2784 toll free in Missouri.

Mark Twain National Forest in for Another Rough Ride

by Caroline Pufalt

Forest Service plans for more OHV trails

If eroded forest land, the whine of motors and the smell of exhaust is not your idea of a natural forest, then you need to gear up to speak up about Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) in the Mark Twain National Forest (MTNF). The Forest Service is planning additional three additional OHV trail systems on two districts in the eastern part of the national forest. The trail system would total about 137 miles and include some county roads and undeveloped forest system roads.

If this concerns you please contact the MTNF and ask to be put on the mailing list for the OHV study. You may write to:

Potosi/Fredericktown Ranger District

OHV study

PO Box 188

Potosi MO 63664

or call (573)438-5427, or e-mail your request to: comments-eastern-mark-twain-potosi@fs.fed.us.

If this all leaves you with a sense of *deja vu*, your memory is serving you well. Earlier in 2004 the public was asked to respond to a rather confusing public announcement from the MTNF about an OHV study with no clear plan for environmental review. Questions raised by Sierrans and other concerned citizens led the Forest Service to acknowledge that the proposal was significant and required an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Thus the agency now plans to do an EIS. The process now will be the release of a draft EIS for public review and comment and then a final EIS. It is very important to comment on the draft EIS. At the time of this writing it is unknown when the draft EIS will be released but it will probably be September 2004.

Your memory may still be telling you, didn't we do this all before? Well yes, going far back to the years 1989-1993, Ozark Sierrans and many other Missourians were confronted with another proposal for OHV trail expansion in the MTNF. That effort was defeated in 1993. You may also recall that the common term then was ATV for all terrain vehicles. The term OHV is the more up to date term to take in all sorts of vehicles, 4 wheel drive vehicles, dune buggies, motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs.

The agency claims it needs to designate OHV trails because it cannot manage the existing illegal OHV use. Their hope is that by establishing designated routes, traffic in the forest will be more manageable. We question this since there is ample evidence that the Forest Service has not policed existing illegal use even when they clearly know about it. Of course, some OHV users stay on trails and try to drive responsibly but enough do not so that illegal use is a major problem.

General problems with OHV use include, soil erosion, noise, wildlife disruption, pollution, stream and riparian damage, vegetative damage and user conflicts. Several of these issues occur whether travel is on or off trails.

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Over the last thirty years, we've made real progress cleaning up our water. But the Bush administration is threatening that progress, proposing that "isolated" small streams, ponds and wetlands no longer be covered under the Clean Water Act. But as Sierra Club's founder John Muir noted, "everything is hitched to everything else," and we know that no water is truly isolated, that pollution dumped into small streams or wetlands will make its way downstream and into our water. There is a better way: Work with us to strengthen the Clean Water Act and its enforcement. Together we can leave our children a legacy of clean water, air and wild lands. With your support, we can do better now.

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Osage Group

None submitted.

Thomas Hart Benton Group

June 26–27 (Sat–Sun) Car Camping at Wallace State Park, Cameron, MO. We'll set up our tents next to our vehicles in the campgrounds, then choose from six different trails to explore. Ellen Brenneman, (816)274-8062 (w), (816)213-2415 (m), ellen.brenneman@missouri.sierraclub.org.

July 7 (Wed) Star Party, Powell Observatory, Louisburg, KS. Come join the Astronomy Society of Kansas City at a public night at Powell Observatory in Louisburg, KS (weather permitting). We'll attend a brief educational presentation and then observe the night sky with binoculars and telescopes. A donation of \$3 is suggested. Ellen Brenneman, (816)274-8062 (w), (816)213-2415 (m), ellen.brenneman@missouri.sierraclub.org.

Aug 14 (Sat) GPS Class, Shawnee Mission Park, Lenexa, KS. If you have a GPS, but don't know what to do with it, or are considering buying one, this class is for you. Dave Patton, (816)461-6091,

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Aug 14 (Sat) Star Party, Powell Observatory, Louisburg, KS. Come join the Astronomy Society of Kansas City at a public night at Powell Observatory in Louisburg, KS (weather permitting). We'll attend a brief educational presentation and then observe the night sky with binoculars and telescopes. A donation of \$3 is suggested. Ellen Brenneman, (816)274-8062 (w), (816)213-2415 (m), ellen.brenneman@missouri.sierraclub.org.

Aug 21 (Sat, 7 pm) Martha Lafitte Thompson Nature Sanctuary Night Hike, Liberty, MO. A naturalist will take us on a guided tour of the sanctuary's "night life." Anne McDonald, anne.mcdonald@kansas.sierraclub.org, (913)384-6645.

Sept 18 (Sat) James A. Reed Wildlife Area, Lee's Summit, MO. We'll explore the trails that wind around the creek and across the wetlands. Anne McDonald, anne.mcdonald@kansas.sierraclub.org, (913)384-6645.

Sept 19 (Sun) Longview Lake Bicycle Outing, Jackson County, MO. We'll ride about twelve miles on this wide, level paved trail alongside Longview Lake. Dave Patton, (816)461-6091, dave.patton@missouri.sierraclub.org.

Sept 25 (Sat) Prairie Jubilee, Prairie State Park, Lamar, MO. This event in a unique state park about two hours south of KC features bison viewing, music, town ball, pioneers and more. Eileen McManus, (816)523-7823, eileenm@missouri.sierraclub.org

Oct 2–3 (Sat–Sun) Elk River Backpacking, Independence, KS. Come join us on this ten mile hike that provides great views of the river and some of the most interesting rock formations in Kansas. Mike Hurd, (816)523-7823.

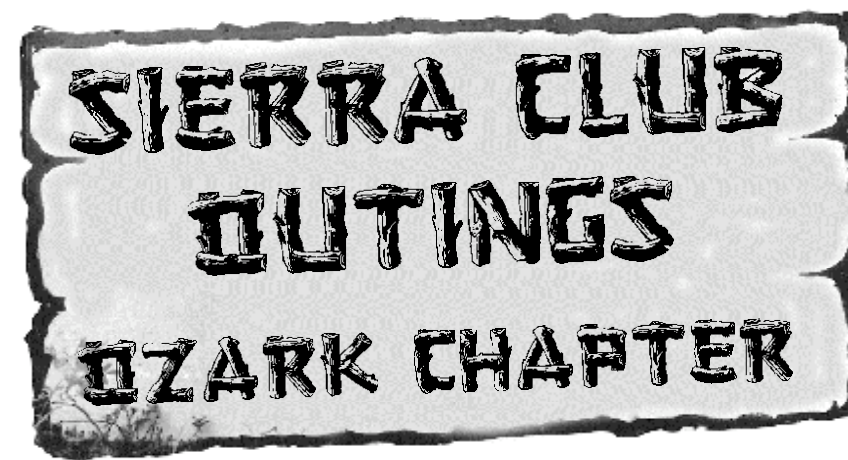
Oct 9 (Sat) Dayhiking Bluffwoods Conservation Area, Buchanan County, MO. About one hour north of downtown KC. After we've finished taking in all the scenic views, we'll have hiked about five miles. Dave Patton, (816)461-6091, dave.patton@missouri.sierraclub.org.

Trail of Tears Group

None submitted.

White River Group

None submitted.



Eastern Missouri Group

July 2 (Fri) Call for info on our Friday outing. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

July 2–4 (Fri–Sun) Fair Saint Louis. This is our most important fund raiser of the year. It's fun and a great opportunity to make new friends in the Sierra Club. Join us for a few hours making and selling fresh lemonade and



pretzels and see the Fair, the air shows, or the fireworks. We have several booths that are open all day and need a very large number of volunteers. We also need help on Thursday, July 1, to set up the booths, and on Monday, July 5, for the take down and clean-up party. If you can help call Jim Young, (314)664-9392.

July 7 (Wed) Wednesday Walkers. Early morning hike at the Nature Reserve to see wildflowers on the prairie and wetlands. Three to five miles. Katie Wodell, (636)240-0675, before 9 pm.

July 9 (Fri) Bike or hike depending on the temperature. Probably Shaw Nature Reserve. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

July 10 (Sat) Highway cleanup. Young raccoons need a clean shoulder to get up some speed before hitting the traffic lanes. Diane DuBois, (314) 721-0594.

July 10 (Sat) An early morning walk on the Katy Trail. Before the sun gets too hot, we will walk a section of the Katy Trail in St. Charles. Paul Stupperich, (314)429-4352.

July 11 (Sun) Inner tubing on the Meramec River. Enjoy the best of many worlds on a hot summer day take a cool hike and tubing float. We will paddle with the power and control of special tubing paddles, walk on gravel bars and wade upstream as we explore about one mile of Meramec River. We will leisurely float back down through a meandering run under 200 foot high bluffs. Bob Herndon, (314)961-4811.

July 14 (Wed) Lewis and Clark on the Current. Discover why it is called the "Current" as we struggle 4.1 miles upstream from Pulltite into beautiful Cave Spring Cave, lunch, then float back down. Strenuous to grueling. For fit, experienced

explorers. Ted Berger, (417)962-3204.

July 23 (Fri) Over the "Bridges of Madison County". A bike riding we will go. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

July 24 (Sat) Find lots of "creepy-crawlies" as we test water quality on Fox Creek near Eureka. Help us identify the aquatic insects, test for DO and other chemical parameters, and measure stream flow. We should see a lot of macro invertebrates. Call Leslie Lihou at (314)726-2140, or Jim Rhodes (314)821-7758.

July 25 (Sun) Inner tubing on the Meramec River. Enjoy the best of many worlds! On a hot summer day take a cool hike and tubing float. We will paddle with the power and control of special tubing paddles, walk on gravel bars and wade upstream as we explore about one mile of Meramec River. We will leisurely float back down through a meandering run under 200 foot high bluffs. Bob Herndon, (314)961-4811.

July 28 (Wed) Lewis and Clark did half their miles upstream and so will we depending on the temperature. Current River, scenic Owls Bend area, Powder Mill access to Blair Creek or beyond, depending on group stamina. Ted Berger, (417)962-3204.

July 28 (Wed) Wednesday Walkers. Another early morning hike on the Blazing Star Trail at Cuivre River State Park. There should be an abundance of Blazing Star on this trail. Four miles. Katie Wodell, (636)240-0675, before 9 pm.

July 30 (Fri) Looking for glade flowers at Washington State Park if the trails are open. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

July 31 (Sat) Creek walking at Castlewood State Park. Fun for kids of all ages. Assuming that the weather will be hot, we will poke around in the creek, look for creepy crawlies, etc. Close to home. A quick cool off on a hot day. Katie Wodell, (636)240-0675, before 9 pm.

Aug 6 (Fri) Hike the six mile loop at Hawn State Park ending with a wade in the creek. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

Aug 7 (Sat) Third annual late afternoon/early evening canoe float. Enjoy the warm evening light on the river. We'll have dinner on a gravel bar and

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call (415) 977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

explorers. Ted Berger, (417)962-3204.

July 16 (Fri) Hike the Lost Valley Trail near Weldon Springs. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

July 18 (Sun) Afternoon walk.

take off about dusk. Must bring your own canoe. Toni Armstrong & Richard Spener, (314)434-2072.

Aug 8 (Sun) Explore the new Confluence State Park. for a morning hike. Possible side trip to Columbia Bottoms. Jim Rhodes, (314)821-7758.

Aug 13 (Fri) If I'm not on vacation we'll bike the twelve mile St. Joe bike trail, hike along the lake trail, and eat at the Chocolate Garage. Some of us will camp at Council Bluff Lake after. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

Aug 14–15 (Sat–Sun) Camp out at Council Bluff Lake to see the leftovers of the Perseid meteor shower. Canoe rental available. Great beach and lake. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

Aug 14 (Sat) We will try the other side of the river for a early morning walk. Great views of the Mississippi River. About two–three hours long. Paul Stupperich, (314)429-4352.

Aug 18 (Wed) Missouri Botanical Garden. Lets take a stroll through the Garden and see what's blooming! We might even spot some of those Lewis and Clark plants in bloom! It may be hot or raining but we can duck into a building and get comfortable if necessary. Katie Wodell, (636)240-0675, before 9 pm.

Aug 20–22 (Fri–Sun) Festival of the Little Hills. Join us for a few hours and a great time making real lemonade with other Sierrans at a charming fair in the historic area of St. Charles near the riverfront. New members are always welcome. Jim Young, (314)664-9392, or the Sierra Club office, (314)644-0890.

Aug 21–22 (Sat–Sun) Canoe the Missouri River on this two-day, overnight trip, close to St. Louis. We'll celebrate the 200-year anniversary of



the Lewis and Clark historic voyage. Jim Rhodes, (314)821-7758.

Aug 28 (Sat) Operation Clean Stream. Have a great day on the river with friends figuring out creative ways to get more trash into your boat. Katie Pryor, (314)727-6490.

Aug 29 (Sun) Let's walk the Katy Trail in the Weldon Spring area and see the scenic bluffs and the Missouri River just like Lewis and Clark did, except for a wing dam or two. About five miles. Call Wayne Miller (314)569-0094, or millwy@aol.com.

Aug 3–6 (Fri–Mon) St. Louis County Fair and Air Show. The lemonade crew returns for the last fund raiser of the summer. We would love to have each of you join us for a few hours making and selling lemonade in Chesterfield. New members are most welcome as this is a great way to meet fellow Sierrans and contribute in a practical way to meeting