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## Kander for U.S. Senate

*From the National Sierra Club Voter Guide*

As Senator, Jason Kander will be a champion for clean air, clean water, and climate action. Unlike his Republican opponent, he recognizes that the man made climate crisis is an urgent threat, and he's made clear that we have a moral responsibility to act. As our Senator, he will advocate for a transition to an economy powered by clean energy as well as safeguards to protect our air and water.



As a state legislator in Missouri, Kander supported the Missouri Clean Energy Act, the renewable electricity standard that became law in 2008, and opposed efforts to roll it back. Now more than ever, we need more climate and environmental champions like Jason Kander in the United States Senate.

His opponent, Roy Blunt, has consistently fought against critical protections for clean air, clean water and our climate. He's gone so far as to deny the science of climate change, saying that "there isn't any real science to say we are altering the climate path of the earth." ([Human Events](#), 4.29.2009) Blunt voted many times to protect costly, and totally unnecessary, tax breaks for big oil corporations.

Even worse, Blunt has said he will support Donald Trump for President, who has said he will both "cancel" the historic climate agreement reached in Paris and eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency altogether.

The Sierra Club enthusiastically endorses Jason Kander for United States Senator.

## Hensley for Attorney General

*By John Hickey, MO Chapter Director*

The Sierra Club is endorsing Teresa Hensley for Missouri Attorney General. Teresa served for ten years as the Cass County Prosecutor, where she advocated by the most vulnerable Missourians, including children and the elderly. Her opponent is bank-rolled by the same big donors who have sought to dismantle clean air and clean water protections in our state.

The Attorney General's office plays a critical role in enforcing our environmental laws. Look at Missouri's proud bi-partisan tradition of



Attorneys General who have led on critical environmental issues, from Jack Danforth opposing the Meramec Dam in 1976, to Jay Nixon's successful campaign

to stop ATVs from despoiling the Black River. Teresa will carry on that proud tradition. Vote Hensley on November 8!



## 2016 Sierra Club Missouri Voter Guide

Here is our Election Guide for the November 8 election. You can clip it out and bring it with you to the polls on Election Day. The Sierra Club has endorsed the following candidates:

### U.S. President

– Hillary Clinton

### U.S. Senate

– Jason Kander

### U.S. Congress

1st District – William "Lacy" Clay

2nd District – Bill Otto

4th District – Gordon Christensen

5th District – Emanuel Cleaver

### Missouri Lieutenant Governor

– Russ Carnahan

### Missouri Attorney General

– Teresa Hensley

### Missouri Treasurer

– Judy Baker

### Missouri Constitutional Amendments

#### Amendment 1

– Parks and Soil Tax - Yes

#### Amendment 2

– Campaign Contribution Limits - Yes

#### Amendment 6

– Voter Picture ID Requirement – No

The Missouri Sierra Club has also made endorsements in 45 Missouri State House and Senate Races.

To see a complete list of our endorsements, visit

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## Chair's Column

By Sarah Willey, Chapter Chair



I was elected this year to succeed Jim Turner as Chapter Chair. We are now just a few weeks away from the November 2016 election. I am

hopeful that on November 9th we will be able to celebrate many victories from the office of President to the ballot initiatives and local candidates here at home. This issue contains plenty of information on our endorsements for local candidates and issues, and I encourage you to arm yourself with this information and vote not just for the widely-discussed top of the ticket but for the issues that hit home here in Missouri all the way down the ballot. If you can, take an opportunity to canvass, make phone calls, post on social media, or find other ways to engage with the community and help lead us to victory.

As the media coverage and conversations with family and friends become uglier this election season, I remind myself why I keep fighting. I come back to the essence of the Sierra Club's mission: Explore, Enjoy, Protect. Our work this election is a key part of how we can protect the places and resources that matter to us. In the midst of all the work, it is easy to forget the other two parts - explore, and enjoy. I invite you to join me in making these a renewed priority. Whether it's a short walk close to home, a visit to one of our Missouri Wilderness Areas, or a trip out to one of the National Parks to celebrate their 100th anniversary, exploring and allowing ourselves a break to enjoy nature is a wonderful way to recharge our batteries so we can continue to work to protect them. This autumn, join me in reconnecting to our mission. Maybe I'll run into you on a trail out there!

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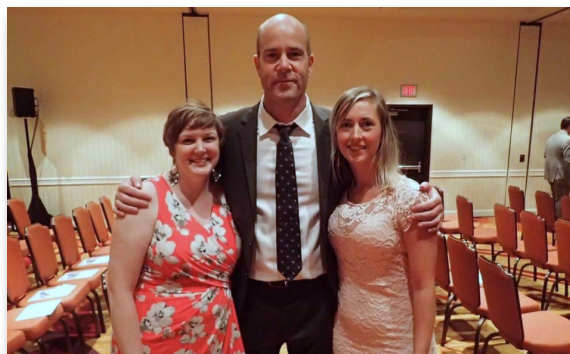
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Missouri Chapter Chair Sarah Willey and Executive Committee Member Jennifer Conner pose with Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune at the Club's Annual Awards ceremony on September 10. Photo: Carol Adams Davis.

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## Yes on Amendment 1 - Support State Parks and Soil Conservation

By Gretchen Waddell Barwick,  
MO Chapter Organizer

The Sierra Club recommends a YES vote on Amendment 1, which would renew the Parks and Soils tax. The Tax costs the average taxpayer about \$14 per year, with half devoted to state parks and half to soil conservation.

### State Parks

This tax is the main revenue source for operating our state parks, which are visited by 18 million people each year. This includes iconic parks like

Hawn, Cuivre River, Meramec, Bennett Spring, Babler, Ha Ha Tonka and the Katy Trail. Our State Park system provides nearby nature opportunities across our entire state. Our state parks are free, while many other states charge an admission fee, which discourages lower income people from experiencing the park.

### Soil Conservation

Almost half of Missouri's soil is classified as highly erodible, which means it is vital for Missouri's farmers

to have the tools to conserve our soil. The Tax funds projects to reduce soil erosion that would contaminate our water and degrade aquatic habitats and drinking water.

### Amendment 1 is good for the economy

For every \$1 invested in state parks, Missouri's economy sees a \$26 return on investment. Investing in parks supports economic development in rural Missouri.

## Tom Kruzen, A True Environmental Hero

By Caroline Pufalt, Chapter Conservation Chair

Missouri lost one of its strongest environmental advocates on July 15, 2016 with Tom Kruzen's passing. For three decades Tom worked with his wife Angel to tirelessly advocate for clean water, public lands and a toxin free environment.

Tom and Angel were married in Iowa in 1978, but they soon moved to the Missouri Ozarks to live and raise a family in clean and natural surroundings. It

did not take them long to become deeply involved in protecting their new home. In 1986 Tom and Angel attended their first public hearing in



Winona regarding proposed lead mining in the nearby National Forests. It is no cliché to write that the rest is history. Little did the influential Doe Run lead mining company realize that they had met their match. Tom and Angel never backed down.

It took 27 years, and the work of many, but with the company's flagrant practices and pollution finally revealed, Doe Run agreed to a large penalty settlement. It also eventually closed their mine in Herculaneum rather than meet pollution and safety requirements. For more details see [bit.ly/Kruzens](http://bit.ly/Kruzens).

Tom advocated for clean rivers, espe-

cially the Current, Jacks Fork and Eleven Point. Most recently he and Angel worked with the Sierra Club to raise the alarm on risky chemical storage tanks constructed, without proper review, just feet from the Eleven Point River. In typical on the ground activist fashion, this improper facility was "discovered" by the Kruzens who revealed the lack of permits and protections.

For those who knew him personally, passion was a big part of who Tom was. But he was also self-schooled in the need to study regulations, toxics and natural systems. Tom was a true independent, local activist,

but he and Angel worked with and through organizations as well. Tom was an active member of the Missouri Chapter for many years and most recently Angel and Tom volunteered through the Club's Water Sentinels program. Last year Tom and Angel received an award from the Great Rivers Environmental Law Center for their decades of work.

Tom was a friend and inspiration to those who knew him. But, whether you knew him or not, he helped leave Missouri a better place for all of us. Our sympathies to Angel, their three children and four grandchildren.

## No on Amendment 6 - Protect Voting Rights

By John Hickey, MO Chapter Director

On November 8, Missourians will vote on Constitutional Amendment 6, the so-called Photo ID measure. The Club recommends a "no" vote, since this amendment would take the vote away from 350,000 citizens who lack a government-issued Photo ID.

These same Missourians who are most likely to lose their voting rights are also disproportionately impacted by air and water pollution. For example, young people and the elderly are more susceptible to respiratory illnesses caused by dirty air. That is why kids in St. Louis and KC face an asthma epidemic. That is why elderly people are suffering heart attacks and strokes from sulfur dioxide and small particle pollution from coal-fired power plants in places like Sikeston, Labadie, and Montrose.

While the big polluters have more money to spend to influence the government, we the people depend on our voting rights to get fair play.



# MISSOURI CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

## Eastern Missouri Group

<http://www.sierraclub.org/missouri/eastern-missouri/outings>

Sierra Club Outings are open to the public. A dollar per person donation is requested. No guns or pets are allowed on trips. Use of audible electronics must be approved by the leader. Participants must sign a liability release. Outings Leaders are volunteers. Outings officially start at the trailhead or river access. Carpooling is encouraged but not the responsibility of the Leader. For more information contact the Leader of a particular Outing or for general information contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or [douglas.k.melville@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.k.melville@gmail.com). All are encouraged to check for recent outing additions on our EMG website, [sierraclub.org/missouri/eastern-missouri](http://sierraclub.org/missouri/eastern-missouri)

**Nov 2 (Wed) Pershing State Park & Locust Creek Covered Bridge.** For this outing we will be journeying to Linn County to see Northern Missouri's largest remaining wet prairie. The Park is named for General John J. Pershing who grew up just East of this area in Laclede, Missouri. After the hike we will then go to view another of Missouri's Covered Bridges on Locust Creek. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or [douglas.k.melville@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.k.melville@gmail.com) for further information.

**Nov 4 (Fri) Day hike.** Cool weather so join us for our usual 7-9 mile hike. Contact [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com) or [d.p.east@gmail.com](mailto:d.p.east@gmail.com)

**Nov 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Missouri River Canoe/Kayak Trip.** Enjoy open spaces and sand bars on this trip. This is a joint trip with the Thomas Hart Benton Group. George Behrens, (314) 821-0247.

**Nov 11 (Fri) 7-9 mile day hike.** Contact [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com) or [jleachross@hotmail.com](mailto:jleachross@hotmail.com)

**Nov 12 (Sat) Castlewood State Park, River Scene Trail.** We will hike this 3.25 mile trail which has outstanding views of the Meramec River valley from the top of the bluffs overlooking the river and then it

To participate in 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 before the outing, please see:

<http://sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms> or call 415-977-5528.

In the interest 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. CST 2087766-40

descends to the bottomlands where we return back to the trail head. Contact Jim Rhodes at either (314) 821-7758 or [jarhodes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jarhodes@sbcglobal.net) for more info or to confirm.

**Nov 16 (Wed) Katy Trail State Park - Dutzow to Peers (6 mile Trek).** This will be a hike from Dutzow to Peers along the Katy Trail. By using several cars, we can make this one way trek an easy journey for all. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 [douglas.k.melville@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.k.melville@gmail.com) for further information.



*Louise Bullock and Friends - Brushy Creek Trail*

**Nov 18 (Fri) Join our weekly group for a day hike.** Contact [d.p.east@gmail.com](mailto:d.p.east@gmail.com) or [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com)

**Nov 25 (Fri) Every week we hike 7-9 miles,** so for more info contact [jleachross@hotmail.com](mailto:jleachross@hotmail.com) or [rickarmstrongpi@gmail.com](mailto:rickarmstrongpi@gmail.com)

**Nov 30 (Wed) Jefferson Barracks Park is located just North of Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.** The hiking trail is mostly asphalt and will give you some great views of the Mississippi River as well as seeing some of the structures that were here when this was the Western most Army outpost for the young Republic. We will visit the Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks to see Missouri's role during the conflict. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or [douglas.k.melville@](mailto:douglas.k.melville@)

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**Dec 2 (Fri) Day hike.** Should still be great weather so get out and hike with us. Contact [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com) or [rick\\_hyer@yahoo.com](mailto:rick_hyer@yahoo.com)

**Dec 3 (Sat) Holiday party and potluck dinner.** Bring your beverage and a dish to share. Call for time and directions. Barb Wall, (636) 529-0477, Marilyn Harlan, (314) 966-8797, or Ann Eggebrecht, (314) 309-0725.

**Dec 9 (Fri) Day hike.** Contact [jleachross@hotmail.com](mailto:jleachross@hotmail.com) or [d.p.east@gmail.com](mailto:d.p.east@gmail.com) for details.

**Dec 10 (Sat) Help with water quality testing at Fox Creek in St. Louis County.**

I am looking for a few people who either have some experience doing water testing or who would like to learn about how this is done. We will not be sampling for macroinvertebrates this time. The location is in St. Louis County west of Six Flags and the testing takes about a half day. Please call me at (314) 821-7758 or email Jim Rhodes at [jarhodes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jarhodes@sbcglobal.net).

**Dec 14 (Wed) Moses Austin Trail.** This is a Boy Scout maintained trail that is just West of Potosi off State Route 8. The trail is named for the father of Stephen Austin who used his father's ideas for the colonization of the then Texas territory. The hike will travel about 6 or so miles of this 14 mile trail. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or [douglas.k.melville@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.k.melville@gmail.com) for further information.

**Dec 16 (Fri) For more info on our weekly 7-9 mile hike** contact [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com)

**Dec 23 (Fri) Get in shape to eat more cookies by hiking with our group.** Contact [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com) or [rickarmstrongpi@gmail.com](mailto:rickarmstrongpi@gmail.com)

**Dec 28 (Wed) This week we can take a walk in Forest Park** before bringing in the New Year. We will be starting at the Visitor and Education Center and hike around the circumference of the park ending with lunch at the Boat House restaurant. Contact Doug Melville, (636) 288-1055 or [douglas.k.melville@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.k.melville@gmail.com) for further information.

**Dec 30 (Fri) Day hike.** Pre-2017 local 7-9 mile hike. Contact [jleachcross@hotmail.com](mailto:jleachcross@hotmail.com) or [thisissuzanne@yahoo.com](mailto:thisissuzanne@yahoo.com)

### Thomas Hart Benton Group

<https://www.sierraclub.org/missouri/thomas-hart-benton/outings>

The Thomas Hart Benton Group has all its outings on Meetup.com. You can find the latest scheduled outings at

[Meetup.com/KC-Sierra-Club-Outings/](https://www.meetup.com/KC-Sierra-Club-Outings/)

**Oct 29 (Sat) Hike Knob Noster State Park, Knob Noster, MO.** We will enjoy a morning hike along several trails that wind around open woodland and a lake. Optionally bring a sack lunch to eat afterwards. \$3 donation requested. Sara Pittman, (785) 764-0011, [pittman.s.j@gmail.com](mailto:pittman.s.j@gmail.com)



Sierra Club members work with state park staff to create the new Current River Trail this October. From left to right: Tom Radomski, Patty Feit, John Hickey, Eli Horowitz, Brian Meier, Mark Cockson, Jeff Stack, John Feldmann, James Hickey, William Hickey. Photo: M'Evie Mead

**Oct 30 (Sun) Hike Wallace State Park, Cameron, MO.** We will enjoy a beautiful hike on the wooded trails near Lake Allaman. Optionally bring a sack lunch to eat afterwards. \$3 donation requested. Nate Southwick, (785) 760-3219, [nathanmsouthwick@gmail.com](mailto:nathanmsouthwick@gmail.com)

**Nov 4-6 (Fri-Sun) Flint Hills Hike & Camp, Cottonwood Falls, KS.** We'll set up camp at Chase State Fishing Lake on Friday afternoon, followed by a 9-12 mile hike on Saturday morning through the bison pasture at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. We'll then return to camp and maybe head into Strong City for dinner. Bring boots, tent and food to cook over a campfire. Kids and newbies are welcome; no dogs on the back-country trails. \$10 donation requested.

Renee Andriani, (913) 488-4445, [randri4445@gmail.com](mailto:randri4445@gmail.com)

**Nov 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Missouri River Canoe/Kayak Trip.** Enjoy open spaces while paddling a stretch in central Missouri and camp Saturday night on a sandbar. This is a joint trip with the Eastern Missouri Group. \$10 donation requested. Terry DeFratis, (913) 385-7374, [theerustbucket@aol.com](mailto:theerustbucket@aol.com)

**Nov 12 (Sat) Perry Lake Hiking Trail Maintenance, Perry, KS.** Join us as we begin our 26th year of semiannual trail maintenance on this 28-mile loop trail halfway between Lawrence and Topeka. Bring lunch, water, snacks, work gloves, and if you have them, a lopper or bow saw. Weather postponement date is November 19. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, [hassler@planetkc.com](mailto:hassler@planetkc.com)

**Nov 18-21 (Fri-Mon) Backpacking the Eagle Rock Loop, Mena, AR.** Eagle Rock Loop (ERL) is a scrambler's paradise along rivers, through shady gorges and over mountains. It is one of the most difficult trails in Arkansas: one leg alone crosses six 500-800 foot ridges in eight miles. Only experienced, trail-conditioned, injury-free adult backpackers with the proper equipment will be accepted on this trip. \$10 donation requested. Matt Verhulst, (913) 484-2212, [zionhikes@yahoo.com](mailto:zionhikes@yahoo.com), or Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, [eileen4250@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eileen4250@sbcglobal.net)

**Dec 10-11 (Sat-Sun) Women's Backpacking on the Pigeon Roost Trail, Rogers, AR.** A perennial favorite! This will be a moderate hike on the Pigeon Roost Trail, a scenic 8.5-mile loop on the south

shore of Beaver Lake near Rogers, Arkansas (about 4 hours from KC). Some ascents & descents but no scrambling or real ruggedness. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. \$10 donation requested. Renee Andriani, (913) 488-4445, [randri4445@gmail.com](mailto:randri4445@gmail.com)

**Dec 17 (Sat) Day Hike at Bluffwoods Conservation Area, St. Joseph, MO.** Join us for a day hike on several trails at the Bluffwoods Conservation Area southwest of St. Joseph. We'll start with the 2 miles of nature trails to the east (two of which are paved) and then head over to the west side for primitive trails that total 4-5 miles in length. Bring water, snacks, lunch. \$3 donation requested. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, [hassler@planetkc.com](mailto:hassler@planetkc.com)



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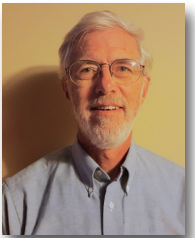


I've been a member for over two decades, but I've been a Sierran in spirit all my life. Favorite activities? Hiking in the woods, breathing the outdoor air, watching the clouds roll by.

Reading about the challenges facing humanity: drought and desertification, ocean acidification, escaping methane gases, tragic loss of species, melting ice, etc., my hopes for the future were melting too. But attending MO Sierra Club Political Committee meetings, talking to legislators as part of the Legislative Committee, and participating in the Mo Clean Energy Coalition, my strength was renewed. Currently I chair the EMG and Chapter Political Committees, which endorse candidates and ballot issues. You can see our endorsements at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/missouri/blog/2016/06/sierra-club-missouri-chapter-2016-election-endorsements> We work on campaigns too, contacting and educating voters, sharing our values.

The Missouri Sierra Club is in the midst of a flowering. Our dedicated Missouri Chapter staff members are expanding our reach, working to preserve open space and the natural world, increase renewable energy and energy efficiency, and lessen global warming and environmental damage. It's an exciting time to be in the Club! I want to join the Chapter Executive Committee to make my own contribution. The Chapter will need a new Treasurer as Jim Rhodes steps down (Thank you Jim!). My Accounting courses in school might come in handy for that. I'd appreciate your vote. I hope you can join in. Come to a meeting, volunteer, share in an outing, or check us out online.

### John Kissel



I would be honored to serve on the Executive Committee. I am a retired physician and have been a member of the Sierra Club for decades. My focus in retirement has been to support the lives of my children and grandchildren. For this reason, I have been working for the last couple of years with the "Beyond Coal" campaign of the Club--researching, speaking, testifying at hearings, attending rallies. I believe the Club needs to continue to play a leading role in promoting a rapid transition to clean energy generation here in Missouri. I also believe that the Club should advocate for agricultural practices that sequester carbon as an important part of the response to global warming.

I have been an avid hiker and camper for 50 years, although my outdoor activity in recent years has centered around organic growing of fruits and vegetables. I highly value the role of the Club in sponsoring hikes and outings, which, among other things, inspire us to protect and preserve the natural world.

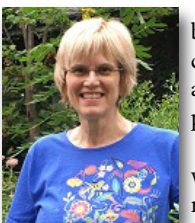
As a member of the Executive Committee, I would work to support, and not dramatically change, the directions of the Club that I have seen in recent years.

### Robbie Meyer



Missouri has been my home for over 40 years now and I can't imagine a better place to live. I have been involved with the THB Sierra Club for 10 of those years. I do this because it gives me hope--hope that as an environmental group we can, our records show this, create positive change for this state. I am running for the Missouri Executive Committee because I know that my involvement will help facilitate continued progress toward protecting the water, air and land that we deserve and that make this state so great. In past years I have participated on the Population and Consumption committee, various rallies to raise awareness of time-sensitive issues and have produced an informative book review for the Heartland Sierran on the ravages of plastic in our world. I believe in a slogan that says "The power of the people is stronger than the people in power" and that is what drives my enthusiasm towards working with the Missouri ExCom. Through our work in the political arena we are accomplishing changes that affect not only our state, but the whole of Mother Earth as well. The Sierra Club has so much to offer the residents of Missouri. Our goal is not only to Enjoy, Explore, Protect but also to Educate a population of people who are finally becoming aware of global warming and the harm it is doing to our planet. I want the opportunity to be part of this team which is doing so much to protect our natural resources.

### Caroline Pufalt

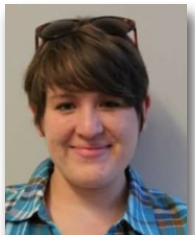


The Sierra Club is invaluable to Missouri. We play a vital role in protecting our state's environment and in promoting and pushing for change. It is never easy, but Sierra Club volunteers step up and try. We also are fortunate to have a small but energetic staff. I have been a volunteer for many years and am ready for a role on the chapter executive committee. We have a challenge ahead to work on pressing climate change issues while not overlooking other needs, which are in effect all connected. I also believe that we should play a role in supporting a healthy democracy which is why this year I volunteered to be our chapter's point person on protecting voting rights by defeating Amendment 6.

For several years I have volunteered in a group of Sierrans and other environmentalists to protect the Missouri River. In 2017 we expect to have to push back against a flawed plan the Corps of Engineers will propose to protect endangered species along the river. I believe it is important for our chapter to continue work regionally on such issues which range from wildlife habitat to energy transmission.

If elected to the Chapter executive committee I will try to help our chapter continue its successful efforts and look for new ways increase our influence and involve more volunteers.

### Caitlin Zera



I currently work at Missouri Coalition for the Environment as the Development & Administrative Coordinator, writing grant proposals and fundraising campaigns and working on communications for the Coalition's various programs including Clean Water Policy, Big Rivers, and Food & Farm. I graduated from Webster University St. Louis with a B.A. in Documentary Film Production and a minor in Environmental Sustainability. While at Webster, I was elected student co-chair of the Webster Sustainability Coalition and for four years I worked as the Recycling Program Liaison.

I have been passionate about environmental issues my whole life, and I love working in the community. I have volunteered with a variety of environmental organizations including St. Louis Earth Day, STL Truck Farm, EarthDance Farm, and the Webster Groves Farmers Market.

I have been involved with Sierra Club for several years, and I currently serve on the Eastern Missouri Group's Executive Committee. The Eastern Missouri Group was a key collaborator in my documentary film project about the local impact of the Flanagan South Tar Sands pipeline in 2014.

I love meeting other passionate activists through club events and working as a team to create lasting change in our community. I would feel fortunate to have the opportunity to serve on the Chapter Executive Committee and I would most look forward to empowering local constituencies, working with great people to develop sustainable solutions, and improving the environmental health of our region.

## Missouri Chapter ExCom Ballot instructions:

Carefully read ALL instructions before completing or mailing your ballot.

**Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2017** in order to be counted.

1) You can vote using this paper ballot or you can vote online. If you chose to vote online you must go to the link

[bit.ly/MOSC2016ExCom](http://bit.ly/MOSC2016ExCom)

Instructions will appear before the ballot.

2) If you choose to use a paper ballot, you must use this ballot with your address label attached to the back. The ballot portion will be detached from the label portion before counting. Ballots without address labels will not be counted.

3) Vote for up to four (4) candidates. Indicate your choices by marking an X through the box to the left of the candidate's name. If yours is a joint membership, two (2) members may vote, each in their own column.

4) Put the ballot into an envelope, write **BALLOT** on the outside, and mail it to:

**Elections Committee  
Sierra Club  
2818 Sutton Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO 63143**

5) For questions, including the date, time, and place of ballot counting, please call the Sierra Club office at (314) 644-1011 or (800) 628-5333.

## 2016 White River Group Executive Committee Election

If you are a member of the White River Group you are eligible to vote in the group Executive Committee election. All White River Group members have the word "WRG" on their mailing address label. This election will be held online - you can learn about the candidates and vote at this link: [bit.ly/VoteWRG2016](http://bit.ly/VoteWRG2016). Instructions appear before the ballot. You must vote before 11:59 pm on December 31, 2016. If you have questions please contact Judy Dasovich at [jdaso@aol.com](mailto:jdaso@aol.com)

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( ) Robbie Meyer  
( ) Caroline Pufalt  
( ) Caitlin Zera  
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( ) Ross Hunt  
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On October 10, Sierra Club members campaigned in Liberty with Mark Ellebracht for his race to bring pro-environmental policies to Jefferson City. From left to right: Hillary Noonan, Jim Turner, Mark Ellebracht, Michael Berg. Not pictured: Anne McGregor and Gretchen Waddell Barwick Photo: Gretchen Waddell Barwick



Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign Director Mary Anne Hitt spoke to members at the St. Louis office on July 16 about the accomplishments of the campaign and future goals. Photo: Rajiv Ravulapati



On June 29 the Sierra Club and labor leaders met with United State Congressman Emanuel Cleaver about the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a trade agreement that damages environmental protections and workers' rights. Cleaver agrees with the Sierra Club position and opposes the TPP. From left to right - Eric Hall, Jeff Hayes, Pat Dujakovich, Judy Ancel, Emanuel Cleaver, Gretchen Waddell Barwick, Jim Turner, Brian Smith. Photo: Gretchen Waddell Barwick



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