



## ***Piedmont Plateau Group (PPG) - Summer 2021 E-News***

*PPG traditionally sponsors outings, trail/creek clean-ups, social gatherings and educational programs that address climate and environmental concerns in Guilford, Rockingham, Randolph, Richmond, and Montgomery Counties.  
Joining together to Explore, Enjoy and Protect our Planet!*

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### ***Together, We Can Save Our Trees***

**Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 to 8:15 PM**

**Monthly Meeting with PPG and Chapter Updates, plus  
Discussion of How to Give PPG's "Save Our Trees" Campaign a Boost**

Suggested ways members and friends can help with this important petition include:

- Forward the [Save Our Trees](#) AddUP Campaign to your local contacts
- Duplicate the petition signature form for Guilford County: [click here](#).
- Canvas in your neighborhood and at your local grocery store and eateries
- Display the petition in your church, fitness center or club house
- Present the petition to your city council representative and ask for their support

Attend our meeting or text 336 686-4806 for more info.

Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85443408461> or  
<https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>.

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### ***July Event***

#### ***Piedmont Plateau's Annual Picnic***

**Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

**4:00 PM to 7:30 PM EDT**

Please join us for our annual picnic at the home of returning members, Lou and Rudy Gordh, and enjoy their 5 ½ acres of lovely gardens, meandering paths, sitting areas and a reflection pond, which surround their huge "log cabin".

This will be a potluck affair. Bring your own plates, napkins, glasses and beverages. We ask you to take home your used plates, etc. so that we leave the area as pristine as when we came.

Hosts: Lou and Rudy

Sylvan Pathways

720 South Chimney Rock Road

Greensboro, NC 27409

For directions and more information: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

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#### **PPG's First Post-Covid-19 Outings**

**Outings Coordinators are currently planning a  
*Hike and Trail Cleanup***

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***Kayaking & Canoeing on the New River***  
for mid-Summer

Follow us on Meetup.com for specific date, location and more information:

<https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

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# August Program & General Meeting



**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM EDT**

## **Conservation Programs at the North Carolina Zoo**

Dr. Betsy Roznik and Nell Allen will be speaking about North Carolina Zoo's extensive conservation program. Most Zoo conservation takes place in North Carolina and several places in Africa. They will talk about local Zoo-owned nature preserves for plant and wildlife habitat, amphibian conservation programs like gopher frog breeding for habitats in the Coastal Plain and hellbender monitoring in the NC mountains. Africa work includes programs like putting GPS collars on elephants to ensure they don't destroy farmers' crops, and DNA studies of the endangered Cross River gorilla. Some highlights of conservation at the Zoo itself include the endangered red wolf breeding program, preserving genetic diversity in Zoo animal populations, plus an extensive sustainability program of composting animal waste and recycling.

For directions to the meeting and more info about the program:

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## **Special Announcements**

### **A Must-See Documentary:**

***Kiss the Ground*** is a revealing film about how we can completely and rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, create abundant food supplies, and restore lost ecosystems, by regenerating the world's soils. The film, directed by Ryland Engelhart and narrated by Woody Harrelson, is available for streaming on Netflix, renting on Vimeo, showing free to schools and hosting at local theatres. Check it out at: [KisstheGroundMovie.com](http://KisstheGroundMovie.com)

### **From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:**

**Climate Action - High Point!** High Point is Ready for 100% renewable energy NOW! A local campaign to push our City Council to adopt 100% goals with a Just, Equitable, and City Residents Lead transition to a clean energy future. Sign [NC AddUP petition](#) now!

**Tell NC House To Protect Farm Neighbors:** [Vote NO On General Permits For Hog Biogas](#), which isn't "green," since burning it means emissions of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

**Tell NC Lawmakers:** [Protect First Responders and Our Water From PFAS Pollution](#). The dangerous "forever chemicals" used in firefighting foam persist and accumulate in the environment.

### **From the National Office of Sierra Club:**

**Tell Congress: Build Back Better With the THRIVE Act!** President Biden's American Jobs Plan is an important and necessary first step toward addressing the climate crisis. Sign [Sierra Club AddUP petition](#) now!

### **Sierra Club's Statement of Purpose**

- To explore and protect the wild places of the Earth.
- To practice and promote the responsible use of the Earth's ecosystems and resources.
- To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.

Comments or suggestions? Contact us at [PiedmontPlateauGroup@gmail.com](mailto:PiedmontPlateauGroup@gmail.com).

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