

## Piedmont Plateau - September 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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### September Program & General Meeting



**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

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

### ***Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA*** ***RAFI-USA***

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Members of the **Come to the Table Team** will provide an overview of the ***Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA ("RAFI-USA")***. Their talk will include information about the Farm and Faith Partnerships Project, their program's opportunities, the phenomenon of racial land loss, the policies and practices that hinder farmers of color, and how others can get involved. [RAFI-USA](#) challenges the root causes of unjust food systems, supporting and advocating for economically, racially, and ecologically-just farm communities. Within RAFI-USA's work, Come to the Table's (CTTT) purpose is to end hunger by developing connections and building power to create a just food system where food is a human right and those who work in the system have ownership and are treated with dignity.

**For more info about the program, to register and join the Zoom meeting, click on:** <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub> or join directly at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88131089273>

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### Special Announcements

#### **From Piedmont Plateau Group**

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

Collection of signatures for the **Save Our Trees** petition has been extended to mid-October. All Greensboro members are encouraged to:

- \* Sign the [Save Our Trees AddUP Campaign](#) and forward it to your friends
- \* Duplicate the petition signature form: [click here](#)
- \* Canvas in your neighborhood and table at your local grocery store, your Church, fitness center, club house or favorite eatery
- \* For more info or to volunteer, text Hazel at 336 686-4806.

**Volunteers are needed** to serve on PPG's conservation and political reporting Committees, plus tech support is critically needed! **Contact us at** [PiedmontPlateauGroup@gmail.com](mailto:PiedmontPlateauGroup@gmail.com)

**Local Environmental Activities and Services:**

**Fall Programs 2021 at Price Park: Outdoor Adventurers of Color Series**

To register for any of the following programs, email: [melanie.buckingham@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:melanie.buckingham@greensboro-nc.gov)

**Film: *No Time to Waste* September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Bring an outdoor chair to Price Park and watch this engaging film about the story of legendary 98-year old park ranger Betty Reid Soskin's inspiring life. Greensboro Parks and Recreation also will share some great resources to enjoy.

**Waste-less Living for Beginners September 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 1 pm**

Are you interested in a low-waste lifestyle? Come bring your lunch, an outdoor chair, and join us on the lawn in Price Park. Masey DeMoss, Waste Reduction and Recycling Educator will provide some tips and techniques to start you on your journey.

**Waste-less Living Picnic September 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Bring a low-waste picnic dinner and join us on the lawn in Price Park. Masey DeMoss, Waste Reduction and Recycling Educator, partners with Laine Roberts, Water Resources Public Education Coordinator, to reduce food waste while saving money, time, and water at home. To support home compost and water conservation efforts, the City will be selling discounted compost bins and rain barrels. Join us and be the first to hear the details! Participants will be entered in a raffle for a composter.

**Exploring Nature with Peter Wohlleben \* Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 1 pm**

Discover the writings of Peter Wohlleben including the *Secret Life of Trees* and other *Mysteries of Nature* titles. Wohlleben, who worked for the forestry commission provides a unique look at nature based on his scientific research and personal observations. Bring a lawn chair and join us for a discussion in the park or join us via Zoom.

**Emerging Ecology's Re-imagining our Place on the Planet Series** \* October 1-3,

***The New River Flows -- Giving Voice and Expression to Long-Term Transformation***, a weekend in the New River Gorge in West Virginia. Additional details, the weekend schedule, a FAQ sheet and background information are available on: [EmergingEcology.org](http://EmergingEcology.org). The trip will center on experiencing the New River at the New River Gorge National Park and environs.

**Guilford County 4-H Fall Plant Sale:** Deadline to Order and Pay is October 27 12:00 pm Pick-Up Plants November 4th and 5th. Visit [http://go.ncsu.edu/guilford\\_plant\\_sale](http://go.ncsu.edu/guilford_plant_sale) for information or to order!

**Tiny Houses Community Development:** You can now recycle your Styrofoam™, at 1310 W. Gate City Blvd, Gso. For more info, go to [Tiny Houses' webpage](#).

**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:** [Oppose the "Modernize Energy Generation" Bill, H 591](#), which features giveaways to Duke Energy and no support for ratepayers and the environment.

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

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

**Tell Federal Officials: #StopLine3 Pipeline Construction Now!** The corporate polluter Enbridge is in the midst of constructing this dirty tar sands oil pipeline and federal officials need to do everything in their power to stop it now. Sign [Sierra Club AddUP petition](#) now!

**Tell Congress:** Make Big Investments in Electric Vehicles & Public Transit in Infrastructure & Budget Bill. [Sign Sierra Club AddUP petition](#) now!

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### 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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