



Piedmont Plateau - November 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!

November Program & General Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

7:00 to 8:30 PM

Legislative Updates on Environmental Bills

Guest speaker, Cassie Gavin will provide legislative updates that have been passed or are before the NC General Assembly this year. Her updates will include information on a bill to limit local governments from passing tree protection ordinances. She will also provide information on how you can become a volunteer lobbyist for the NC Sierra Club.

Cassie Gavin is the Senior Director of Government Relations for the NC Sierra Club. She's an attorney and studied at UNC School of Law. She represents the Sierra Club at the NC General Assembly and works with the media and volunteers. Cassie previously worked in land conservation at the NC Coastal Land Trust in Wilmington. In her free time, Cassie enjoys kayaking.

To join the Zoom meeting, click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us>

Register for the meeting at: <https://www.meetup.com/ppgsierraclub>

Peak Leaf Color Hike



Stone Mountain State Park

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Meet at 10:00 AM

We'll start at the upper parking lot and hike 1.7 miles to the great views around the mountain summit. There is little elevation gain on this hike as our starting point is pretty high. At the summit, any experienced hikers wanting a more ambitious hike can sign the "early sign-out" box on the waiver form and complete the 7-mile loop. The rest of us will hike back at which time participants can either return to their cars or join me on a short hike in the other direction to the waterfall. We'll meet at the Upper Parking lot. Going to the park, you'll turn on John P Frank Pkwy, then go 3.4 miles to the parking lot, which will be on the left.

Contact Tom Taylor, tnt2703@yahoo.com, (336) 402-6100

Special Announcements

From Piedmont Plateau Group

Together, We Can Save Our Trees!

Due to complications during the Nov 1 meeting, the Greensboro City Council requested that PPG deliver the Save Our Trees petition on Nov. 17.

So, there's still time to:

- >Sign the [Save Our Trees AddUP Campaign](#) and forward it to your contacts**
- >Send emails to Mayor Vaughan and Greensboro City Council Members urging them to declare a moratorium on clear-cutting our urban forests for development at www.greensboro-nc.gov/government/city-council/e-mail-city-council**
- >View PPG's recently revised presentation at: [Where Have All the Forests Gone?](#)**
- >For more info or to volunteer, text Hazel at 336 686-4806.**

Local Environmental Activities and Services:

Emerging Ecology's Care for Planet Earth Events, Saturday, November 13
10:00 – 12:30 ****Learn**** Sacred Geometry, which draws on ancient African wisdom that predates Euclid's codification that was utilized by the Greek, Muslim

and later European scholars. Register at EmergingEcology.org

11:00 – 2:00 ****Recycle**** Drop off Styrofoam® food containers and packaging materials at the Tiny House Development Corporation site. More info at:

TinyHousesGreensboro.com.

2:00 – 3:30 ****Retell**** Greensboro's Permanent Universe Story Walk guides voyagers on a ½-mile gentle walk through the 5-acre upland woods on the property of Elaine and Nelson Stover, 5911 Western Trail, Gso.

Register at: EmergingEcology.org.

NC Warn's Webinar Series: Pulling Back the Curtain, Who's Charting Our Energy Future? Learn in plain language how the current regulatory system works and how advocates like you can get involved to move North Carolina toward a clean energy future. Select Tuesdays, until December 14. Register at:

www.cleanaireNC.org

From the North Carolina Chapter of Sierra Club:

Tell Gov Cooper: [Protect NC Forests and the Climate: Stop the Wood Pellet Industry](#)
NC forests are being cut, made into wood pellets and shipped overseas as fuel. Protect our forests - and the natural carbon sink provided by uncut woodlands that help keep climate change in check.

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!

Tell Congress: Pass the Build Back Better Act -- Transformative Investments in Climate, Jobs, & Justice! Sign: [Sierra Club AddUp petition](#) now! .

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Comments or suggestions? Contact us at Sierrapiedmontplateau@gmail.com.

Websites: [North Carolina Chapter](#) | [Piedmont Plateau Group](#)

September Program & General Meeting



Tuesday, September 14, 2021

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM EDT

Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA

RAFI-USA

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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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

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

Film: *No Time to Waste* September 13th, 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 17th, 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 24th, 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. 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 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
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Sierra Club AddUP Campaign:

Thanks to people like you, we put climate on the agenda for President Biden's first 100
days in office. Thank him for his commitment to climate action and call on him to do
even more. [Thank President Biden For Acting on Climate - and Ask Him to Do More](#)

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