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## Chatter from the Chair

By **Connie Schmidt**  
Chair, River Prairie Group  
Sierra Club

Springtime brings melting snow, new birth and rising sap, and the River Prairie Group is evolving as well. We are in the midst of unveiling our brand new website, courtesy of Andrew Cohen, which we hope will inspire you to be more connected with our activities and issues. In preparing it, we made it easy for you to navigate to find a variety of topics including our water research and monitoring projects on local streams, our active calendar filled with events and outings, and our lobby issues and alerts. In particular, it was fun to note that, of the statewide Sierra Club outings, the RPG is by far the greatest contributor, so hats off to our hearty group of leaders! Check our calendar soon to find an outing you would enjoy.

Our events are ongoing as well. We have had two lively book discussions in January and February on both *The Green Boat* and *Never Cry Wolf*. It is not too late to get reading for our March selection, *The Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*. Look for further information in this newsletter. The general meeting in January hosted an informative talk on the legacy of the treasured Illinois Prairie Path with the newly appointed historian from North Central College. February

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February offered a discussion of the targeted bills to be lobbied this season in Springfield. We were fortunate to have Terri Tracey from the Illinois Chapter of Sierra Club join us for an update on these important issues. The plans for the March program are ongoing at this writing, so watch Facebook or the website for details.

Mark your calendars for the annual **Party on the Farm** falling on May 17th this year. This is your opportunity to join the Sierran "festivarians" for a day of fun at a mini farm in Warrenville. Proceeds will support endorsed candidates who have promised to work for our environmentally friendly initiatives. Read more

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in this issue as well.

Lastly, one of the most important issues we face as Sierrans is the threat of climate change resulting from exorbitant carbon emissions. Sierra Club works diligently to increase awareness of our elected officials who have the opportunity and the responsibility to enact policies that will diminish our carbon output. DuPage County and local Cool City teams meet with municipal leaders to look for ways to lessen their footprint. One small ray of hope came to me while reading the Sunday paper. *The Wall Street Journal* carried an article written by Gregory Zuckerman on "Investments for the Long Term." In this article he covered the fact that consumers and

companies are becoming more efficient in their use of energy. One obvious example is the trend for vehicles with increased gas mileage and electric cars. The need for a glut of oil may evaporate, he states. Thus he warns against investing in energy shares in the years ahead. If we are beginning to put a dent in the bulging wallets of the rich, we may finally impact the dependence on carbon resources.

The River Prairie Group works hard to provide a variety of opportunities for you to enjoy, explore and protect our communities. We hope we are meeting your reason for joining the largest grassroots organization in the United States. Hang in, fellow Sierrans, it ain't over yet!



## The River Prairie Group could not function without the volunteers who step up to the various jobs and positions.

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## WHY I JOINED THE SIERRA CLUB

By Susan Newman

Recently, I ran into a fellow Sierran whom I had not seen in five years, and was happily surprised by how quickly we reconnected. We reminisced about past trips and hikes we had been on together, and I recalled what a good leader he was and the positive experiences I had encountered due to his great knowledge and skills.

It started me thinking of just how many adventures I had been on with the Sierra Club, and how I became very experienced in areas such as hiking, canoeing, backpacking and birdwatching, all of which I accomplished by being actively involved with this group.

I have always been an avid outdoor person, even as a young child, but for me, it was not always an easy task to engage other people in my enthusiasm for outdoor exploration. When I moved to Chicago, I was grateful to have been informed of this group and to feel welcomed into a world of people who had as much (maybe even more) eagerness to enjoy and traverse the natural areas that surround us in the Chicago area.

I was hooked, and after my first nine-mile hike at Waterfall Glen, I felt I had "hit the jackpot." What captured my heart was the camaraderie I felt with like-minded people who enjoyed sharing their outdoor experiences with others. This is also what kept me coming back, year after year, to further my knowledge of our natural heritage, and learn about

many new places to explore. These experiences were not only learning experiences, but were more fun than I could have possibly imagined!

While many people I knew were spending their weekends running errands, watching movies, shopping, dining at local restaurants or napping, I was spending my free time paddling the Manistee River in Michigan, backpacking the 42-mile trail at Pictured Rock National Lakeshore, viewing the mass migration of Sandhill Cranes in Jasper-Pulaski, hiking through a forest filled with giant white trillium, or viewing Bald Eagles coming into the region to nest for the winter. These are just a few of the many events that occurred while being involved with the local outings of Sierra Club.

As the local outings group started to diminish, I stayed loyal to my commitment to enjoy, explore and protect the planet, and continued to do such by fulfilling a lifelong passion to travel in Alaska. In the summer of 2013, I joined a service trip to the Resurrection Bay area, near Steward, where I helped clear a small portion of a trail for a recreation area. It will suffice to say that I have a great respect for all of the well-maintained trails I have hiked thousands of miles on throughout the United States and will forever be in debt to Sierra Club for being at the forefront to protect and preserve our national heritage, which they have done for the last 120 years!



# APPLYING THE BRAKES ON COPPER... SORT OF

by Paul Mack

Recently, the EPA reached an agreement with states and the auto industry to phase out copper from brake pads. Copper? In brake pads?

You see, rather than transitioning gracefully to benign ingredients, industries lurch from one hazardous chemical to another, playing a whack-a-mole game with regulators in the never-ending battle between profits and health. For much of the 20th century, asbestos was the active ingredient in brake pads until it was reluctantly replaced by a cocktail of other dubious ingredients.

One of those ingredients was copper. Copper is a seemingly benign metal, but as anyone with a fish tank knows, large concentrations transform it into a broad spectrum toxin, poisoning fish and lower members of the food chain – invertebrates, plants, bacteria and algae.

How much copper is in your brake pads? Not much, but when multiplied by the quarter-billion cars in the US, it adds up to a lot. In 2010, for example, California estimated that a million pounds of copper brake dust found its way into the state's lakes and streams.

To address this problem, the EPA signed a (non-binding) agreement with states and the auto industry: <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/copperfreebrakes.cfm>

The most revealing part of the agreement is just that – that it is just an agreement, not a binding law. Detroit has a long and successful history of opposing safety and environmental regulations, and its influence is stronger than ever. The most important part of the agreement is the section fittingly titled "Limitations," which remind the signatories that this agreement is both voluntary and nonbinding. And, as if that wasn't clear enough, it explicitly states "nor is it legally enforceable."

But wait, it gets even more ludicrous! When do its toothless restrictions commence? This year? Nah. Next year? Nope.

Not only can copper-infused brake pads continue to be manufactured for the next decade, but any excess inventory can be installed in cars "until January 1, 2035." (That's not a typo.) Assuming a pad life of five years, copper will continue poisoning lakes and rivers until around 2040 – if cars are still in existence.

Like most environmental "victories," this agreement is a dubious one; and it serves as a reminder that a skeptical citizen is an informed citizen, and vice-versa. The truths behind most eco-victories are buried far from the dazzling headlines; don't let laziness or apprehension prevent you from pursuing them.

# WE ARE THE FUTURE

by Sarah Kemp

We are the future. At Wheaton-Warrenville South High School in Wheaton, we call ourselves "Tiger Nation." Students in the hallways are clad with tiger-themed shirts, walls are painted with stripes, and we even have a grandiose mural of a tiger's eyes on one of the school's windows. We are all tigers. But amidst the celebration of a majestic mascot, our community glosses over articles like a recent one from *The Washington Post* describing Xiongshen Tiger and Bear Mountain Village, tiger farms in Guilin, China, where the elites demand tiger bone wine and tiger pelts. We hear numbers and statistics about dwindling tiger populations that make us turn to our friends and murmur "Wow, that's terrible!" before continuing on with our daily routine.

However, it is time that we break this routine. Instead of fleetingly thinking about the environment around us, we must take action. We are the future.



There is an inner environmentalist who lives inside everyone, waiting to flourish. All it takes is an idea. Suddenly small clubs like Wheaton-Warrenville South's own Verterra club pop up ready to take action. The students today are the next generation, the sprouting bud of a beautiful future. With eager faces and idealistic minds we can drastically change the future of our planet by sharing our concern and educating the students around us. Here at Verterra, we hold fundraisers by selling shirts, and then we donate the proceeds to the World Wildlife Fund.

We also encouraged our principal to increase the number of recycling bins in our school. We do not only talk about change, we create it. The earth needs the youth of the world now more than ever. We are the future, and we have graciously taken so much from our Mother Earth. Isn't it time we give back to her?



The oak has sustained us with its glowing and grainy wood, its nuts and its shade. It has sheltered us, warmed us, fed us and nurtured us; and now it is time to nurture the oak. Its populations are dwindling due to development, invasive species and a changing climate. The oak could use a helping hand.

We are all familiar with the mighty oak family. What we may not know is the importance the oak plays in myriad life cycles of other species and our own. It is thought that in the Midwestern portion of the US, there are upwards of 20,000 organisms that in one way or another earn a living on or through the oak.

Whether it be an unseen fungi network underground, foraging insects atop its soaring leafy canopy, or its fruit that is enjoyed by so many below its massive limbs, it is through these various processes the host oak provides, and on which so many species rely, substance, shelter and reproduction.

Have you ever walked an ancient oak forest in spring? I call this "my small slice of oak heaven," to

witness the carpet of wildflowers as the snows recede, the buzzing early pollinators, a fleeting spring sight, as these ephemerals hurry to set seed before the canopy leaves above! Species bathed in pastels such as toothwort, Dutchman's breeches, trilliums, violas and bloodroot all bloom to the rhythm of the oak ecosystem.

We could discuss the other (and very important) beneficial systems of the oak habitats such as the mycorrhizal networks that create mutual benefits of fungi and the root systems, the animals that feed on the organisms that feed on the oak, etc. – but that is for another day.

What we want to do today, with spring approaching, is spread the word about the oak and its benefits to us, and encourage planting oaks where possible.

The oak in the suburban landscape is important for the future due to the resilience of some of its family. With climate warming, all evidence thus far points to species such as oak to better handle the changes

ahead. I'm referring to Burr, red, white (plus swamp white), and Chinquapin oak only; no other species are recommended in the Chicagoland region. All are native, and all are hardy in the right location.

Consider locating an oak off the southwest corner of a structure for passive solar (think shade in hot summer, sun in winter) or a swamp white in a low lying area where water is a problem. Or perhaps plant a stately red in the back yard where it can spread its mighty limbs one day and prosper. The Burr oak is my favorite because of its resilience to human impacts, limited disease and insect problems, and its muscular profile in later years. Seeing a mature Burr oak cloaked in snow is breathtaking. There are many Burr oaks in the Chicagoland area with 3-4 feet diameter trunks, more than 300 years old, and going strong.

Spring is usually the best time to source a healthy oak, as they are only spring dug. Look for locally grown plants for best results. There are now many local nurseries that specialize in native species.

There is something very gratifying in setting a young healthy oak into rich soils; after selecting and planting, I often suggest to my younger crew members that they come back in 100 or so years to take a look at what a tree this will become!

Of course, they look at me like I'm crazy, but this is the fact. We will not be around to appreciate the oak's grandeur. Planting any hardwood species such as an oak is an investment in the future, though they do grow quickly in their youth.

In the next century, and the century after that, the oaks will give back, and hopefully, someone will appreciate it enough to say, "Wow, what a tree. Thanks" as we have done in our time.

And then my job is done.

**Footnote: Source your oaks locally, and plant in healthy soil as early in the season as possible.**

#### **About the Author**

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The Oak

Live thy Life,  
Young and old,  
Like yon oak,  
Bright in spring,  
Living gold;

Summer-rich  
Then; and then  
Autumn-changed  
Soberer-hued  
Gold again.

All his leaves  
Fall'n at length,  
Look, he stands,  
Trunk and bough  
Naked strength.

**Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-92)**

# River Prairie Group (RPG) Outings

**Note:** All local group outings are offered at cost. Longer and more expensive outings require deposits (ask leader about refund policy). Contact the leader or assistant indicated for more information and outing requirements. All outings have limits on group size; early signup is suggested.

See [sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie/outings](http://sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie/outings) for new, current and updated outings, new RPG listings and offerings from other local groups.

Visit the new activity calendar at: [sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie/outings](http://sierraclub.org/illinois/river-prairie/outings). The calendar includes meetings, events, dates, times, directions and maps. For general information regarding the River Prairie Group Outings Committee and the outings led by its leaders, contact Outings Committee Chair Paul Saindon at (815) 310-0001 or [paul@paul.us](mailto:paul@paul.us).

**Tues, March 10 – 7:00 PM**  
**Tour SCARCE Recycling Center**  
**799 Roosevelt Rd, Bldg 2, Ste 108, Glen Ellyn**

SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) is a wonderful organization in our own backyard with a mission of "inspiring people to care for the earth." The River Prairie Group of the Sierra Club is happy to sponsor an on-site program at SCARCE where we will have the opportunity to learn more about all SCARCE has to offer. SCARCE rescues school books and tools for schools. It provides environmental education to teachers through workshops, and promotes composting, better storm water management and recycling. Learn about the popular Earth Flag program. The new energy education program will cover smart meters and how to receive a free residential energy audit. A complete tour of the facility is included, and there will be a raffle prize of a "Kill-a-Watt Meter." You can't afford to miss this one.

**Sun, March 15 – 2:00 PM**  
**Green Readin' Book Discussion**  
**Helen Plum Library**  
**110 W Maple St, Lombard**

You have one more opportunity to join the RPG for the last in the series of book discussions for 2015. We will be reading *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* by Janisse Ray for the March discussion. This is a fascinating narrative of one woman's journey from her junkyard family home in the Georgia longleaf pine forests to becoming a fierce environmental activist. She describes her childhood in a religious fundamentalist family growing up along US Highway 1, hidden from Florida-bound vacationers by the hedge of scrap cars and stacks of blown tires. Beyond that image she explores the vanishing longleaf pine ecosystem that once covered the South. Janisse Ray spins her tale of the birth of

an environmentalist bent on preserving the diminishing species of her childhood wonder. The book can be purchased at The Bookstore in Glen Ellyn for a 10% discount. Connie Schmidt will facilitate the group. Please join us to meet like-minded individuals and reenergize your soul with discussion.

**Tues, March 24 – 7:00 PM**  
**Green Readin' Book Discussion**  
**Warrenville Public Library**  
**28W751 Stafford Place, Warrenville**

See March 15.

**Sat, March 28 – 9:00 AM-12:30 PM**  
**Cap Sauer's Holding**  
**Cap Sauer's Holding, Palos Park**

Join us at Cap Sauer's for an early spring hike. We'll be revisiting a glacial area right here in Cook County. The Holding is a quiet oasis in the midst of the Palos Forest Preserve and has some interesting features you will learn about as we explore the Holding. We will hike 5-6 miles along rolling terrain. Level: Moderate. Cost: \$3. To sign up, contact Leader Mary Fox at (312) 504-4003 or [mlbikes@prodigy.net](mailto:mlbikes@prodigy.net).

**Sat, April 11 – 9:30 AM**  
**Day Hike #1**  
**Des Plaines River Trail, Des Plaines**

This is the first of three hikes along the Des Plaines River Trail. We will begin at Campground Woods in Des Plaines and cover 12 miles along the middle section of the trail, going through some nicely wooded sections as well as a few prairie remnants. Conservation of the trail will be emphasized as the opportunity to collect trash en route will be available. Limit: 20. Level: Moderate. Cost: \$3. To sign up, contact Leader Mark Ginger at [bubbleman@outlook.com](mailto:bubbleman@outlook.com).



**Sun, April 12 – 9:30 AM**  
**Geological Interpretive Hike**  
**Glacial Park, Ringwood**

A geologist leads this educational hike through Glacial Park to explore the geological features that are abundantly displayed in McHenry County Conservation District's most treasured open space holding. The terrain is characterized by its rolling prairie, delta kames, oak savanna and the tranquil presence of the meandering Nippersink Creek. Level: Easy. Cost: \$3. To sign up, contact Mike Davis at (815) 331-3042 or mikeyd5600@comcast.net.

**Sat, April 18 – 9:30 AM**  
**Spring Wildflower Hike**  
**Riverwoods**

Join a spring wildflower hike in the near north suburbs of the Chicago area. We will hike about six miles at Heller Nature Center and Ryerson Conservation Area. Heller Nature Center is an invaluable locale that helps educate our youth as well as adults about nature in the Midwest. Ryerson Conservation Area is one of the best examples of a northern flatwoods forest, a rare northern Illinois landscape. Expect to see special wildflower magic at these places. Limit: 15. Cost: \$3. Level: Easy. To sign up, contact Leader Mark Ginger at bubbleman@outlook.com.

**Sun, April 19 – 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Restoration Day**  
**Glacial Ridge Forest Preserve**  
**Walnut Glen Park, Glen Ellyn**

Join fellow Sierra Club members for a fun day at Glacial Ridge Forest Preserve. We'll begin with Site Steward Bruce Blake providing a brief history of this unique Glen Ellyn preserve nestled between the Illinois Prairie Path and Union Pacific Railroad tracks and a review of the management techniques being used to preserve the plant community. We will be removing invasive plants such as buckthorn and honeysuckle. Registration with DuPage County Forest Preserve Volunteer Office is required at least five days in advance. A signed waiver and proper dress are also required. More details are available on the RPG website. To sign up, contact: volunteer@du-pageforest.org or call (630) 933-7681.

**Sun, April 19 – 9:15 AM**  
**Spring Hike**  
**White Pine State Park, Polo**

Join an early spring hike at White Pines State Park. We did this hike last year and saw bloodroot, white trillium and a whole bunch of early flowers. I'm hop-



ing to see them again because I never really knew they were there. So if you have not seen White Pines in the spring, you won't want to miss this one. Limit: 20. Level: Moderate. To sign up, contact Leader Jan Bradford at (847) 477-5518 or jbradford60131@sbcglobal.net.

**Sat, April 25 – 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Adopt a Trail Work Day**  
**Illinois Prairie Path, Glen Ellyn**

For the initial 2015 trail cleanup event we are piggy-backing on the annual Illinois Prairie Path (IPP) event. This is an easy two-mile walk on the IPP to Hill Avenue and back. Our starting location is the east end of the parking lot near 485 N. Montclair St, Glen Ellyn, where it dead ends into the IPP just south of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Contact Jeff Gahris at (630) 853-5505 or jgahris@wideopenwest.com.

**Sun, April 26 – 9:30 AM**  
**Spring Wildflower Hike**  
**LaPorte County, Indiana**

Go on a spring wildflower hike in nearby LaPorte County. We will hike about six miles at two locales. Red Mill County Park is a 108-acre area that is the headwaters of the Little Calumet River. Bendix Woods County Park is the old testing ground for the Studebaker automobile. The state-dedicated nature preserve inside the park is a sight to be seen during spring wildflower season as the forest is transformed into a carpet of white, courtesy of spring beauties, anemone and giant white trillium. Limit: 15. Level: Easy. Cost: \$3. To sign up, contact Leader Mark Ginger at bubbleman@outlook.com.

**Sat-Sun, May 2-3  
Spring Flower Hike/Bike  
Upper Mississippi River Nat'l  
Wildlife & Fish Refuge  
Savanna, IL**

Hike on former Indian trails in the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Be amazed by the profusion of spring wild flowers throughout the south side of the park. Study and identify the spring wildflowers covering the slopes. Hike along ancient Indian trails overlooking the Mississippi River Wildlife Refuge. Spend one day either hiking or biking a section of the Illinois Great River Trail starting in Savanna. Camp or stay at a local inn. Limit: 20. Cost: \$40 (\$5 discount for Sierra Club members). \$25 deposit is due April 1. To sign up, contact Leader Marlena Bertolozzi at (708) 267-4238 or marlenab@earthlink.net.



***Pictured: A snapshot of the 2014 Party on the Farm at "Twin Star Ranch" (Connie and Michael's home) in Warrenville.***

**Sat, May 2 – 9:30 AM  
Spring Wildflower Hike  
Berrien County, Michigan**

Join a spring wildflower hike in Berrien County, Michigan. We will hike a total of seven miles at two locales. Love Creek County Park is a mix of open prairie and heavily wooded forest. Of note is the large variety of spring wildflowers and the abundance of white trillium. Fernwood Botanic Gardens is a 105-acre parcel consisting of an arboretum, prairie restoration and nature preserve. It is a magical place located in the St. Joseph River Valley. Limit: 15. Level: Easy. To sign up, contact Leader Mark Ginger at bubbleman@outlook.com.

**Sat, May 9 – 9:30 AM  
Day Hike #2  
Des Plaines River Trail, River Forest**

Join us for Hike #2 along the Des Plaines River Trail. We will begin at the southern end of the trail in River Forest and cover ten miles. This section should be alive with spring wildflowers as we traverse by some historic Native American sites. Conservation will be emphasized as the opportunity to collect trash en route will be available. Limit: 20. Level: Moderate. Cost: \$3. To sign up, contact Leader Mark Ginger at bubbleman@outlook.com.

**Sat-Sun, May 16-17  
Backpacking Trip  
Sand Ridge State Forest, Peoria**

Sand Ridge State Forest is an island in a sea of agriculture. Just minutes southwest of Peoria, this 7,200-acre forest, the largest in Illinois, boasts sweeping expanses of native oak-hickory woodland, extensive pine plantations, sprawling open fields, grasslands and completely unique sand prairies, resulting from a receding glacier which left a desert similar in feel to the New Jersey Pine Barrens (a world heritage site). Hiking trails are sandy and hilly. Campsites are primitive. Level: Easy (advanced beginner). Cost: \$20. To learn more or sign up, contact Leader Marlene Bertolozzi at (708) 267-4238 or marlenab@earthlink.net.

**Sun, May 17 – 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Restoration Day  
Glacial Ridge Forest Preserve  
Walnut Glen Park, Glen Ellyn**

See April 19th.

**Sun, May 17 – 2:00 PM-6:00 PM**  
**Party on the Farm**  
**3S 501 Landon Dr, Warrenville**

Party on the Farm is ten years old this year! Members of the Sierra Club and their friends have been gathering at Connie and Michael Schmidt's house in Warrenville for 10 years of fun and camaraderie. Also dubbed "Woodstock in Warrenville" this event features live music outside by songwriter Michael Schmidt and the rocking music of the Almost Brothers Band. With an assortment of animals, children's activities and food, there is fun to be had by all.

Connie and Michael open their small "farmette" in Warrenville (3 South 501 Landon Drive) for this fundraiser for the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club. The proceeds go to support environmentally friendly and endorsed candidates for state office.

The fun starts on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM and goes to 6:00 PM. Because their home is right along the Illinois Prairie Path, you are welcome to ride or walk for a green transportation option. Adults are asked for a \$15 donation, but couples are only suggested to give \$25, so bring a friend. The good news is all children are free and welcome. Soft drinks are complimentary, but any potluck donations of food are encouraged. Put this fun day on your calendar now and plan to have a day in the sun with fellow environmentalists.

The River Prairie Group of the Sierra Club invites you to a Fundraiser for environmental advocacy

# PARTY ON THE FARM

Woodstock in Warrenville

- Sunday, May 17, 2015 -  
2-6 p.m.



SEE ANIMALS,  
HEAR LIVE MUSIC,  
AND ENJOY  
OPEN SPACE!

**Donation:**  
\$15 per adult or  
two for \$25  
Kids are Free!

Bring some  
munchies to share  
Soft drinks provided  
(You are welcome  
to bring other  
beverages too)

**Twin Star Ranch**  
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Warrenville, IL 60555  
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**Please select a membership level:**

**Individual Membership**

- \_\_\_ Introductory \$25
- \_\_\_ Regular \$39
- \_\_\_ Supporting \$75
- \_\_\_ Life \$1000
- \_\_\_ Student \$25
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- \_\_\_ Limited Income \$25
- \_\_\_ Contributing \$150

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- \_\_\_ Life \$1250
- \_\_\_ Student \$35
- \_\_\_ Senior \$35
- \_\_\_ Limited Income \$35
- \_\_\_ Contributing \$175

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**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**I'd like to make a special, additional gift, over and above my membership dues, to help in the following area(s):**

- Sierra Club** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (lobbying and legislation)     **The Sierra Club Foundation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (research and public conservation)     **Environmental Law Program** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (environmental litigation)

\_\_\_ Please do not send me the free backpack. I prefer that all of my contribution goes towards protecting America's environment.

From time to time, we make our mailing list available to other worthy organizations. If you prefer that your name not be included, please check here: \_\_\_

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