



SIERRA TAMPA BAY GROUP CLUB



Explore Enjoy and Protect the Planet November / December 2019

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Program & General Meeting
When: Wednesday November 13, 2019
6:30 pm: Social Time
7:00 pm: General Meeting and Program.
Location: North Tampa Public Library 8916 North Blvd, Tampa (near Busch Blvd)
Please note location change for this month ONLY.
 All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public. For more information contact Kent Bailey at kent.bailey@florida.sierraclub.org

November 13, Program: Tampa Bay Audubon
Speaker: Mary Keith President of the Tampa Audubon Society.



“Audubon” means birds, right? But just what about those birds? Come hear Audubon’s Mary Keith talk about the range of activities that both your local Audubon chapters and big-picture Audubon tackle in the course of a year, from counting to protecting to educating... You might find one you want to get involved in, or just sit back and think about what the neighbors are doing. Please join us!



Sierra Club Annual Holiday Party - December 11, 2019

No General Membership Meeting in December

When: Wednesday 11th at 6:30-10pm - Social Hour (cash bar) Dinner and Awards

Where: Skipper’s Smokehouse 910 Skipper Rd. Tampa 33613

Cost: \$15.00 cash or check prepay at November membership meeting or upon entry day of event.

Payment by credit card is also available online @ <https://sierra-club-tampa-bay-group.square.site/>

Please RSVP on our Meetup page, so we can get an accurate count for food and beverage. Normally fills up fast, so get your name on the list fast!

Our annual Holiday party will be at the historic blues music venue outside under the stars and the large oak tree that covers most of the “Skipper dome”. Join your Sierra Club friends for a relaxing evening of celebration, recognition, food, and drink. Buffet dinner of “Floribbean” cuisine with refreshments and full cash bar available.

Event Organizer: Christopher Gleason hondaman842000@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE! 2020 Tampa Bay Group Annual Planning Meeting

Date: January 18, 2020 Time, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Location: Academy Prep of Tampa, 1407 E Columbus Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605



All members are invited to attend this meeting and help us plan the future of the Tampa Bay Group Sierra Club

2019 Executive Committee

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Join our **Meetup Page** online where all outings are posted. Go to www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area

Florida Seller of Travel Reference No. ST37115

To participate in the Sierra Club's Outings, you need to sign liability waiver, call: **(415) 977-5630** www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/

Please **RSVP** and check details on these outings as well as others at <https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/tampa-bay/outings>

Sun. Nov. 10 - Paddle: Join us on the beautiful Hillsborough River. Meet at Sargent's park at 9am. Canoes/Kayaks can be rented from Canoe Escape. Leader Barbara Heineken

Sun, Nov 24 Paddle: Snug Harbor Paddle. Leader Al Tillson,

November 24-25 Leadership Training: The Tampa Bay Sierra Club Group will host an Outdoors leadership Training program at Camp Brorien, 16901 Boy Scout Rd, Odessa, FL. We are going to teach Outdoor Leadership Training 101/201, Certified First Aid/CPR, Water Safety, Basic Canoe Skills and Campfire Event planning. More details to follow. Rocky Milburn, Tampa Bay ICO Chair/ Outings Leader at tbico@live.com, 813-966-9785.

Fri. Nov. 29 Hike: Black Friday Hike, Balm Boyette Scrub Preserve, Leaders Gary Gibbons & Rocky Milburn

Sun, Dec. 15th - Paddle: Weedon Island Preserve. Kayaks/canoes can be rented from Sweetwater Kayaks. Meet at 9am at kayak launch. Leader Barbara Heineken

Sun. Feb 2 Super Bowl Paddle: Hillsborough River, Gary Gibbons & Rocky Milburn

Tampa Bay Inspiring Connection Outdoors

Tampa Bay ICO has added 2 new Agencies:

Lakeland Academy Prep The 5th grade students will have their outings the 4th Saturday of each month. The Agency Lead is **Emilie Joyce** and she can be reached at emiliejoyce17@gmail.com, 813-789-1690.

LETO High School The eight grade high school students started a new youth leadership group, known as the LETO Leadership Corp. They will be assisting the other three 5th grade ICO groups and having their own advanced outings. The Agency Lead is Rocky Milburn and can be reached at tbico@live.com, 813-966-9785.

Tampa Academy Prep, 1st Saturday each month, 5th graders, leader Karen Kress, kress_loy@hotmail.com, 813-758-5901

St Pete Academy Prep, 2nd Saturday each month, 5th graders, leader Anthony Sousa, anthony.g.sousa@gmail.com, 727-455-2615



Tampa Bay Recycling Program Selected for NFL Website



In honor of the National Football League's 100th season, the NFL has created the "Huddle for 100" program. This program invites fans to partner with them, the players and their teams to choose a cause, volunteer 100 minutes of their time and help shape their community in a positive manner. The NFL's goal is to record 100 million volunteer minutes in one season across the United States. It is a major NFL undertaking and is being promoted through radio and television advertising along with social media.

Now in the 29th consecutive season, the Tampa Bay Group's Stadium Recycling Initiative at Raymond James Stadium qualified. So, lead volunteer, David Varrieur, submitted the application on behalf of the Tampa Bay Group. The application basically stated: "This is the Tampa Bay Sierra Club's Stadium Recycling Initiative. It's the first NFL recycling program started in 1990. We have 20 volunteers @ 2 hours per event for all events. 120 minutes per person per event. 2,400 minutes per person annually. 48,000 minutes annually as a group. We recycled with Jack Groh (Director of the NFL Environmental Program) for Superbowl XLIII."

Thousands of entries were submitted from all over the United States. But only one could be featured on the prestigious "20 million milestone reached!" section of the NFL Huddle for 100 website. That one is the Tampa Bay Group. It goes to say that everyone involved was thrilled by this amazing accomplishment! To view the groups achievement, use the link below and scroll to the "20 million milestone reached!" section.

<https://www.nfl.com/100/Huddlefor100/progress>

The Stadium Recycling Initiative works like this: Prior to the start of each stadium event, Sierra Club volunteers act as event day educational ambassadors. They encourage spectators to recycle using the recycling stations located both in and out of the stadium. A typical event will include 20 volunteers dressed in Sierra Club shirts. They stand at recycling stations at entry gates around the stadium, thanking guests for supporting the Sierra Club recycling program. This season, volunteers expanded into the parking lots and adjacent streets picking up plastic, aluminum and glass containers to bring back and deposit into the stadium recycling bins. Their efforts have resulted in collecting thousands of tons of recycled materials annually that may have ended up in incinerators.

After their shift, the volunteers are compensated by free entry into the event and they sit in the employee seating areas around the stadium. The Sierra Club Tampa Bay Group is compensated financially per event. This program is continuously the single largest annual fundraiser for them.

The Stadium Recycling Initiative continues to be an incredible recycling success story for the Tampa Bay community and fundraiser for the Tampa Bay Group. This season has events that include the Gasparilla Bowl, the Outback Bowl, the first XFL game and WrestleMania. The volunteers are also hopeful that the group will be invited to work the Super-Bowl in 2021. Contact David Varrieur at AppraiserAndRealtor@gmail.com to volunteer for this great community program.



Conservation Committee Report: The Conservation Committee and Transportation and Water Sub-Committees meet on Mondays, **November 11 and December 9** at 6:30 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5103 North Central Ave, Tampa. We meet in the Snyder Building, directly behind the church.

There are many things going on, and the more volunteers we have, the more we can do! Come to the meeting to learn more and see where you might want to get involved.

WATER: TAP has been tabled for at least one year and will not be funded in the water rate increase. Thank you all who wrote to City Council and Mayor Castor – your concerns were heard. Florida Potable Reuse Commission is developing standards for water reuse such as proposed by the Tampa Augmentation Project (TAP)– Benjamin Ochshorn, Water sub-committee chair.

LAND: Upper Tampa Bay Trail – we are reviewing rezoning application 19-1444 with developer plans to cross the trail to access proposed development, resulting in 1000 cars per day crossing popular Hillsborough trail. ZHM meeting will be December 16.

CLEAN AIR: Ready for 100 Launch: We will work with Tampa Mayor Jane Castor, City Council and County Commissioners to sign up Tampa for 100% Renewable energy. If you would like to join this effort, contact Phil Compton: phil.compton@sierraclub.org or 813-841-3601.

STATE: M-CORES, Contact FDOT at fdot.listens@dot.state.fl.us and let them know that the you oppose the M-CORES project: three new major toll roads that will destroy large swaths of Florida’s last remaining rural lands, pollute waterways, and threaten endangered wildlife including the iconic Florida panther.

TREES: Florida HB 1159 allows trees to be removed if they present a danger. This was used to take down 27 trees in a lot in Tampa despite protests from tree advocates that the trees presented no danger. A hearing will be held October 30, 9AM in Tampa City Council chambers.

If you would like to keep up to date on these and other Conservation Committee topics via email, please contact Nancy Stevens, Chair, Conservation Committee Tampa Bay Sierra Club, Nancy.Stevens@Florida.SierraClub.org



Biographies of the Candidates for the Executive Committee

Kent Bailey: Kent Bailey has served as Chair of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Group since May of 2014. As an environmental volunteer, Kent’s priorities have included preservation of natural lands, fighting sprawl and promoting transit; but most importantly sharing climate change awareness and reducing carbon pollution. Kent is currently engaged educating the public about TECO’s plans to expand fossil fuel combustion.

Barbara Heineken: Barbara became the City of Tampa’s first recycling coordinator. She is responsible for starting many of the programs that we are familiar with today, including the stadium recycling initiative, and recycling at the Gasparilla parades. She has been a member of Sierra Club over 30 years, leads outings

and is involved with ICO. Barbara is running for the executive committee because she feels we need to work hard to protect our precious environment and Sierra Club is a very important voice in that effort.

Bob Howell: I’ve worked with multiple Fish and Wildlife agencies to advocate the protection and restoration of streams and restoring fish habitats. I have worked with the US Forest Service to restore trails in the National Forests. I continue to work to protect wetlands, streams, and coastlines in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Hernando. Petitions, protests, rallies, dispelling misinformation about Electric Vehicles, and making presentations to Pasco County BOCC so often that they would say, "Hi Bob." My most significant effect has been the rejuvenation of Sierra's presence in Hernando and Citrus County. I seek to continue

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The Nominating Committee of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Group presents the 2020-2021 Executive Committee (Ex-Com) Candidates for election.

MAIL IN BALLOT VOTE - BY December 1, 2019

I am a member of the Tampa Bay Sierra Club. I vote for the following Five candidates for the 2020 / 2021 term on the Executive Committee.

	INDIVIDUAL	JOINT
1 Kent Bailey:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Barbara Heineken:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Bob Howell:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Tom Krumreich:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.5 Karen Michalski:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.6 Rocky Milburn:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. 7 Nancy Stevens:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE VOTE for only Five of the Candidates

One vote for an individual member, two votes for joint members only. Please include your **8 digit membership number or ID number on membership card.**

Mail your ballots to:

Gary A. Gibbons
3321 Henderson Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33609

Membership number :

WE'RE HAVING AN ELECTION!



There are Seven (7) Candidates on the ballot (listed alphabetically). It is time to cast your vote for only Five (5) Candidates to serve a two year term on the Tampa Bay Sierra Club's Executive Committee (Ex-Com). The Ex-Com serves as the governing Board for the Tampa Bay Group.

Instructions:

Please cut out the ballot, vote for up to five (5) candidates for individual or joint each and mail it to the address listed. Be sure to add your 8 digit ID membership number located to the left of your address on the newsletter back page when voting or on your card.

BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED & MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 12/ 1 / 2019.

these efforts and ask for your vote for another term on the Tampa Bay Executive Committee.

Tom Krumreich: I believe I can serve effectively on the Executive Committee of the Tampa Bay Group given my background of decades of environmental activism with the Sierra Club Florida State Chapter and the Tampa Bay Group and the relationships I have developed through the years culminating in my being awarded the Sierra Club Black Bear award. I look forward to having the opportunity to be chosen to serve on the Executive Committee and help guide our group in leading our community toward a more sustainable future.

Karen Michalski: I'm a Support Chemist during the day and a dedicated land use, plastics recycling/

reduction and water quantity protection activist during the night. I've been involved with Sierra Club Florida Chapter assisting with Chapter strategic planning, the Chapter Phosphate committee, and volunteer on the Water and Single use plastics committees. I'm active on the Tampa Bay Executive Committee as co-Treasurer. I ask for your vote for another term.

Rocky Milburn: Currently serving both the Florida Sierra Club Executive Committee and the Tampa Bay Sierra Club Executive Committee as Vice Chair and Outings Chair. Currently Chair of the Sierra Club's, Inspiring Connection Outdoors (ICO). Member of the Sierra Club's National Youth Leader Advisory Council. Certified Sierra Club Local Outings and First Aid Trainer. Florida Chapter Salesforce trainer, and

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES
INDIVIDUAL JOINT

INTRODUCTORY	\$15	\$20
REGULAR	\$39	\$49
SUPPORTING	\$75	\$100
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LIFE	\$1000	\$1250
SENIOR	\$25	\$35
STUDENT	\$25	\$35
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Nancy Stevens: As chair of the Tampa Bay Group Conservation Committee, I lead a team deeply involved in taking action on critical issues facing the region today – from water use, Tree preservation, to Ready for 100, from transit to intelligent land use. The goal is to not only protect what we have, but work with local governments to put in place necessary regulations to protect it for the future. I am applying my experience as an engineer and project manager to the environmentally challenges we face so that we cannot only stop degradation of our natural environment, but also improve our quality of life.

Don’t ‘wish-cycle’ – When in doubt, throw it out! We all want to protect and conserve resources by recycling. But attempting to recycle items that can’t be recovered in your local curbside recycling program “wish-cycling” actually causes more harm than good. If you’re not sure if an item is recyclable or not, always discard it in your gray trash cart. When in doubt, throw it out!

