



Illinois Sierra New Volunteer Welcome & Socials Are January 12th and 14th



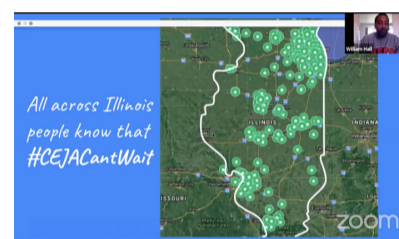
Exciting news: The Illinois Sierra Chapter will be hosting two new volunteer welcome events this coming January to orient you to our work and help you get energized for the year to come. The first event will be held on [Tuesday, January 12 at 7pm](#) and the second event will be held on [Thursday, January 14 at 12pm](#). Please RSVP at the links with the dates for the programs. At the end of the sessions, there will be break-out room discussions to connect you with local area folks. This is a great chance to hear about on-going virtual and other opportunities to help our environment in 2021! This is your opportunity to meet people who share your interests and concerns and be part of a better year for our environment!

[RSVP for Jan 12 at 7pm](#)

[RSVP for Jan 14 at 12pm](#)

Ways You Can Help the Clean Energy Jobs Act in 2021

Just a few minutes a week or whatever your time allows for the satisfaction of helping the clean energy transition! [Read More »](#)



Congratulations to the 2021-23 HOI Board Members

Welcome to new HOI Board member Zach Nolan and to returning members Bob Jorgensen and John Wosik. The HOI board determines group priorities, programs, oversees vital functions such as our website, newsletter and Facebook page, and holds fund-raisers for keeping our local group going. If you are interested in sitting in on a virtual HOI board meeting or have suggestions or topics for the board, please contact Bob Jorgensen, HOI Chair, at jestpr@aol.com.



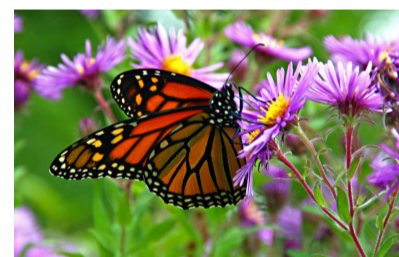
In Memoriam: John Grigsby, Senior, Banner, Illinois

Heart of Illinois Group Sierra Club extends its sympathy to the family of [John Grigsby, Senior](#). John was a tireless advocate to protect Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area from being sold by the state for strip mining in the 1980s. [Read More »](#)



Take the Monarch Pledge to be a part of the Super Generation!

Help plant the estimated 1.8 billion milkweed plants needed to save the monarchs. It takes 2 or 3 generations of monarch butterflies to migrate from the mountains of Michoacán, Mexico, to the prairies of Illinois in the spring months. [Read More »](#)



Idle Free Zone in East Peoria

Air Pollution from vehicles is a huge contributor to climate change. It is also dangerous to the health of those who breath it, especially children. [Read More »](#)



HOI Group Meetings and Events

Fossil Free ISU »

Jan 20, 7pm - VIRTUAL

This student-lead program will discuss the [origins and reasons for the creation of Fossil Free ISU](#) and then explain the group's current objectives. Fossil Free ISU grew out of a Greta Thunberg-inspired climate strike organized by our founding members and held in Uptown Normal on September 20, 2019. We are now calling for the divestment of all direct and indirect investments in the fossil fuel industry presently held in Illinois State University's endowment. We also want ISU's Administration to fully commit to turning our campus into a leader in environmental sustainability. Over the last several years, ISU Administrators have done the opposite. They have either withdrawn from or deemphasized past commitments to reduce campus greenhouse gas emission. [Please RSVP](#) to receive a Zoom meeting link via e-mail before the meeting.

[Check our calendar for more events.](#)



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