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The Georgia Chapter is Moving!

The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club is moving offices. As of September 28th, the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club will be located in Decatur, GA. Because of the generosity of our donors, the Georgia Chapter will be saving precious funds by moving to Decatur and enjoying a new location rent free! The new office location will be [743 East College Avenue Suite B, Decatur, GA 30030](#) at East Decatur Station. This new location is only steps away from the Avondale Marta Station (E7). As a result, the Georgia Chapter office will be closed on September 24th and 25th to prepare for the move.



The Georgia Chapter will have better control over energy use in our facilities, use of wonderful greenspace right outside the office and be located near the heart of an environmentally forward-minded city. With the inclusion of public transit with a Marta station in downtown Decatur, a commitment to ample greenspace, a commitment to citywide recycling program and the Decatur Greenway Plan, Decatur is a great partner in the struggle for the preservation of our beautiful state. Please read more about Decatur by [clicking here.](#)

Please join the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club to celebrate our new office on October 22nd at 7p.m. for our Grand Opening! With our move, the Georgia Chapter is looking for certain items that may make our new offices even more efficient so our volunteers and staff can work even better at protecting Georgia's environment. If you may be able to donate any of the items below please contact Genie Strickland at the Georgia Chapter Office at 404-607-1262 x 221.

Wish List:

- Atmospheric Water Generator
- Chalkboard Paint
- Dehumidifier
- Dishes
- Energy Star Refrigerator
- Foot Mats (Nature Pattern)
- LCD Projector
- Mailbox (Slot w/ lock)
- Office Supplies (Post-it butcher block pads & Sharpie markers)
- Patio Chairs
- Patio Table (not glass)
- Plaques
- Rugs
- Solar Panels
- Tasty Coffee
- Water Hose
- Water Hose Nozzle



Come celebrate with the Georgia Chapter on October 22nd.

Even though the Georgia Chapter is saving much needed funds by moving to a different location, it is still crucial to success of our environmental work to receive your support. Please consider donating to the Georgia Chapter to make our work stronger than ever. Any contribution you make now supports the work of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club and stays right in Georgia! **100% of your donation will be spent in Georgia to preserve and protect our beautiful state.** [Help build a greener future for Georgia - donate today!](#)

Sierra Club Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting, Saturday, September 19th, Genie Strickland - Chapter Staff, 404-607-1262 x 221

Fundraising Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 22th, 6:30p.m., Sandy Stewart & Erin Wetty - Co-Chairs, call 404-607-1262 x 225

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, September 28th, 6:45p.m., Jim Dexter 678-313-2407, jimdex@aol.com

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, October 5th, Seandra Rawls - Chapter Staff, 404-607-1262 x 222

Sierra Club Social Corner

Jarrard Creek and Slaughter Creek Trail Hike

Saturday, September 19th

Lake Winfield Scott, Blairsville, GA

September wildflower hike! Along the way, the loop passes through mountain laurel, rhododendron, open hardwood forests, and habitats for rare trillium and other wildflowers. Trail is uphill and could involve walking through some small streams. This hike from Lake Winfield Scott up the Jarrard Creek Trail, across a section of the Appalachian Trail, and then down the Slaughter Creek Trail is the shortest approach to the AT. The trip is moderately strenuous at about 3 hours with lunch. Please contact Dena Maguire at dmaguire5@yahoo.com and type September hike in the subject line when you email me please. For more hikes [click here](#).



"The National Parks: America's Best Idea" Sneak Peek

Sunday, September 20th, 4p.m.

Fiserv Jones Bridge Park Theatre, 4411 East Jones Bridge Road, Norcross, GA 30092

Join the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club September 20th to enjoy a first look, 1-hour sneak peek of The National Parks:

America's Best Idea! The Ken Burns documentary "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" airs on PBS on Sunday, September 27th. Along the way, learn more about the work of the Georgia Chapter, enjoy refreshments and learn how you can help preserve our beautiful land. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased by [clicking here](#).

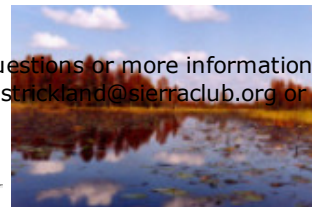
Chapter Retreat at Okefenokee Swamp

Friday - Sunday, October 30th - November 1st

Laura Walker Park, near Okefenokee Swamp

Join us this fall for the annual chapter gathering as we celebrate our *10 year victory anniversary* over DuPont. We'll have kayak/canoe trips in the swamp, float trips on the St. Mary's river, hikes with naturalists in the forest, and much more...

Please look for the registration form on the chapter website, and join us in the swamp for an unforgettable Halloween. For questions or more information please contact Genie Strickland at the Georgia Chapter at genie.strickland@sierraclub.org or 404-607-1262 or [click here](#).



Environmental Scoop

U2...Can Help Save The Environment!

Tuesday, September 22nd, 6:30-8:30p.m.

Sierra Club Midtown Office, 1401 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 345

Come to get trained for the upcoming U2 concert being held in downtown Atlanta on Tuesday, October 6th! Attend the September 22nd orientation to join one of the five Smart Energy volunteer teams who will be launching a "Smart Energy, No Coal" photo petition at the upcoming U2 concert. Food & Drinks will be provided on 9/22, so come hungry! Please RSVP to seandra.rawls@sierraclub.org.



Breaking the Color Barrier Conference

Wednesday - Saturday, September 23rd - 26th

Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel, Atlanta, GA

The Sierra Club will be participating in the Breaking the Color Barrie Conf. as a sponsor this year. The purpose of this ground breaking event is to showcase the broad diversity among Americans who are committed activists, protecting our environment, conserving our natural treasures, and performing extraordinary feats of personal accomplishment in the "great outdoors." Keynote speakers include Marquette L. Goodwine, Robert G. Stanton and Majora Carter. Please

register now by [clicking here.](#)

Washington County Coal-Fired Power Plant Permit Hearing

Tuesday, October 20th, 6p.m.

Ridge Road Elementary School Cafeteria, 285 Ridge Road, Sandersville, Georgia 31802.

The proposed Washington County coal-fired power plant recently received its pollution permits. As required by law, these permits are up for public comment. Please consider attending and join the growing group of people who are engaging to comment on this dirty proposal. A public hearing will be held in Sandersville Georgia on October 20th. To attend this hearing or find out more about what you can do, [click here.](#)



Hemlockfest

Friday - Sunday, November 6th - 8th

HemlockFest is an annual benefit music festival to increase public awareness and generate funds to help save the Eastern and Carolina Hemlock trees. Funds raised each year are used for support of the Georgia laboratories rearing adelgid-devouring beetles, education and research on the Hemlock woolly adelgid problem, and assisting businesses and homeowners to protect Hemlocks on their private property. Learn more by [clicking here.](#)

EarthShare of Georgia

The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club is a member organization of EarthShare of Georgia. Founded in 1993, EarthShare of Georgia is a nonprofit organization that raises funds through employee giving for more than 60 environmental member organizations that dedicated to conserving and protecting Georgia's air, land and water. EarthShare of Georgia has a vision in close harmony with the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club, **"EarthShare of Georgia is working for the day when our air, land and water are clean, abundant and healthy."** For more information about EarthShare of Georgia, please visit their new, recently revamped website.

The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club is always **looking for more work places** to get connected with EarthShare of Georgia. Not only would the Georgia Chapter benefit with additional funds for our environmental work, all the other member organizations will benefit to as the new work places provide **many more opportunities for funding.** If you have **connections with a workplace** that is not yet a partner with EarthShare of Georgia and you think will be interested, **please contact Development Coordinator Greg Schwartz** at the Georgia Chapter office at 404-607-1262 x 225 or gregory.schwartz@sierraclub.org to start the campaign!



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