The Sierra Club is getting excited to participate in the second Atlanta Streets Alive on Sunday, October 17th! The event is modeled on tremendously successful events from around the world, including Bogotá, Colombia's Ciclovia; Paris, France's Paris Plage; and San Francisco's Sunday’s Streets. ASA is part bike tour, part block party, and a great time for getting active, supporting local businesses along the route, people watching, and enjoying our amazing city!

Sierra Club will be again holding a contest for fastest tent pitchers, come by and show off your skills in Hurt Park! Learn about leave no trace camping, get camping recipes and find out about our coal ash campaign! Also be sure to visit our friends at Citizens for Progressive Transit, Atlanta Beltline, Park Pride, or take a group bike ride with Atlanta Bicycle Coalition. Atlanta Streets Alive is still looking for volunteers, if you would like to help out contact Jason Vargo for more information.

Quick Links

The Georgia Water Coalition launched a commercial to call attention to water waste in Metro Atlanta. Check it out here!

Click here to watch the commercial about Metro Atlanta water wasting.

Sierra Club Meetings

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 19th, 7:00p.m.,
Phil Zinsmeister - Chair, pzinsmeister@oglethorpe.edu

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, October 25th, 6:45p.m., Jim Dexter - Chair,
call 678-313-2407, jimdex@aol.com

Inner City Outings Meeting, Tuesday, October 26th, 7:00p.m., Allison Williams - Chair, adwilliams8@yahoo.com

Smart Energy Team Meeting, Monday, October 4th, 6:30p.m refreshments,
7p.m. start, Colleen Kiernan - colleen.kiernan@sierraclub.org or Erin Glynn - erin.glynn@sierraclub.org
Environmental Events

Sierra Club Outing to Rock Dam Trail -- October 17, Mistletoe State Park
Rated: 9 miles / 2 to 3 mph / 200 ft elev gain
Description: Rock Dam Trail in Mistletoe State Park traverses piney woods and hardwood bottoms through the lower eastern Piedmont of Georgia. This trail has 4 stream crossings, runs into a ravine, past a lake vista, and goes near the highest point in the park (465 feet). The falls colors should be just amazing. Parking fee $5.00. Limit: 8. Contact Cathy Black, sonnyandcathyblack@gmail.com, (706)-284-0230

The Mountain Institute for Social Change Presents Janisse Ray -- October 21-24, Highlands, NC
Inspiring Ourselves to Save the Planet. We will come together for inspiration to continue, broaden and deepen our work in defense of the environment. This workshop is for veterans of the environmental movement as well as for those new at protecting and defending the planet. The Mountain was voted by USA Today as one of the ten great places to renew the soul. Click here for more information.

Sierra Club Outing to Amicolola Falls and Burts Pumpkin Farm -- October 30
Rated: 3 miles / 2 to 3 mph / 600 ft elev gain
Description: Halloween Weekend: Fall colors, waterfalls, pumpkins and hayrides. What better way to celebrate the season! Children and first-time hikers welcome. Contact ArthurRatilff@bellsouth.net or (404)-284-0055. Ask for Arthur's *easy day hike*

Hemlock Festival -- November 5-7
The eastern and Carolina hemlock trees are dying due to a spreading infestation of the Hemlock woolly adelgid, an aphid-like insect native to Asia. Hemlock stands are among the only old growth forests in the east and are of great importance to wildlife, water quality, economy, and basic quality of life. The Lumpkin Coalition sponsors HemlockFest to raise money to help support Georgia laboratories raising several types of predator beetles to help control woolly adelgid populations in our national forests. Primitive camping, live music, arts and crafts and great food will make for a great weekend! Sierra Club is looking for volunteers for our table at HemlockFest. Contact Genie Strickland at genie.strickland@sierraclub.org or 404-607-1262 x221 to sign up for a shift.

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