



## Earth Day (& Beyond) Events

### Sierra Club Fairfield Trail Earth Day Hike

**Saturday, April 22**

Starts at Jefferson County Health Center Parking Lot at 1:00 pm to hike or bike on the Fairfield Trail to east of town at Chatauqua Park.

Sierra Club members will shuttle hikers that want it back to their cars at JCHC after the hike. Bring your water, perhaps a snack and walking shoes. Enjoy the day, enjoy the Earth!

### Burlington City Cleanup

**Saturday, April 22 8:30-11:30am**

400 Washington St, Burlington, Iowa 52601

Earth day can be every day by using trash and recycling receptacles! Cleaning up the river edges in Burlington is also a great way to meet new environmentally friendly folks and get the trash out of natural habitats! Lunch will be provided after! All ages Welcome and Encouraged!!! (note: this is not a Green Iowa event, but we are recruiting volunteers for more help!)

[www.facebook.com/events/1093290944133585/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1093290944133585/)

### MUM Spring Tree Planting

**Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23**

**Morning Session: 10:30am-12:30pm**

**Afternoon Session: 1:30-3:30pm**

Meet near the MUM tennis courts before each session Celebrate Earth Day weekend by planting trees on MUM's campus! A TreesForever representative will be on-site and will teach us how to properly plant the trees. Refreshments provided, all are welcome to join!

### Showing of Leonardo DiCaprio's documentary, *Before the Flood*

**April 22nd at 2:30 pm**

free and open to the public

Burlington Public Library

210 Court Street, Burlington, IA

Library phone: 319-753-1647

Sierra Club contact: Sally Quinn 641-469-4549

### Bird Walk with Diane Porter

**May 7 at 9:30 am**

Meet at the Reservoir Parking lot at Fairfield Waterworks Park

## Lobby Training Workshop



### FREE 2-hour Lobby Training Session

**Saturday, May 20, from 1:30 - 3:30** at the **Fairfield Public Library**

Would you like to LEARN HOW TO BECOME A CITIZEN LOBBYIST and/or just learn how to talk most effectively with your elected representatives? This training is for anyone who has ever had the desire to talk to and/or meet with an elected representative, but wasn't sure what is involved or how to go about it. Taking this training in no way obligates you to participate in any organized, official or unofficial lobbying. But after the training, those who are interested will be able to break into groups by issues of interest and plan lobbying trips to meet with State or National Senators and Representatives. The training session is free and will be led by

Debbie Neustadt, Legislative Committee Chair for the Iowa Sierra Club. If you are interested or would like more info, or to RSVP please email to [southeastiowasierraclub@gmail.com](mailto:southeastiowasierraclub@gmail.com)

The newly formed **Lobby Committee of Sierra Club** works to educate and inform the public and our elected representatives about environmental issues and legislation that have important consequences for citizens of Iowa and the United States. If you would like to join the legislative committee please come to our **next meeting on Tuesday, May 9th, at 12:30 pm** at Revelations Café (north room). For more information, or if you would like to participate but can't attend this meeting, contact Mary at [roo52556@yahoo.com](mailto:roo52556@yahoo.com).

## Recent Event Successes

### Water Quality in Iowa — Library Event Draws Capacity Crowd

About 100 people packed the Fairfield Library March 22 to hear a panel of local farmers speak about water quality in Iowa. Francis Thicke, PhD, soil scientist and owner of Radiance Dairy Farm gave a power PointPoint presentation on the challenges of nutrient runoff in March and talked about how to solve the issue. After Francis spoke 3 farmers from the Farm Bureau talked about their varying degrees of experience with cover crops. The event was well received with a front page article in the Fairfield Ledger, <http://fairfield-ia.villagesoup.com/p/iowa-s-water-quality/1636035>.

If you missed the presentation or wanted a review of what was said here's a link to the YouTube video, <https://youtu.be/XhyFz9kbNW8>

There will be a follow up event in Kalona on May 16th at the Kalona Library at 7:00. This event will feature Francis Thicke and Steve Berger a no-till farmer from Wellman in Washington County. Steve says he's more comfortable with no-till than he would be with a disc or plow. He also has a hog finishing operation, has a passion for conservation farming, is against mandates and feels that it's important to lead by example. Preview: [YouTube video Water Quality in Iowa: An Improved Nutrient Management Strategy \(with link\)](#) Full length: [Water Quality in Iowa: An Improved Nutrient Management Strategy \(with link\)](#)

### Before the Flood

We had capacity crowds for both showings of Leonardo DiCaprio's movie, *Before the Flood*, on Feb. 11th, at the Orpheum Theatre. This is an important, and yet entertaining documentary on the climate change crisis, and it is available to watch online at iTunes and Amazon. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1093290944133585/>

**THANKS** go out to: Jeffrey Hedqvist, Chris Johnson (others at Orpheum Theatre), National Geographic, AmeriCorps GreenIowa, Bruce Grady, 305.org SE Iowa, Francis Thicke, the other panel members participating in the Water Quality Event at the Library, bake sale bakers, and many others who aren't any less important if not mentioned here...

## People's Climate March

**APRIL 29**

Washington DC  
Chicago  
Des Moines

IT'S URGENT.  
IT'S YOUR PLANET.  
BE THERE.



[PeoplesClimate.org](http://PeoplesClimate.org)

## People's Climate March – April 29 Mark Your Calendars!

Washington D.C. • Chicago  
Des Moines • Iowa City

Climate change is the most urgent issue of our time, with consequences more far-reaching than any other environmental threat we face. What can we do? A broad coalition of environmental and social activist groups is planning a climate march that may be the largest such action in history. The People's Climate March of 2017 will take place on April 29. The primary location will be Washington DC, but there will be regional and local marches that day around the country, including Chicago and Des Moines. Our planet is in crisis, and voices from around the nation must and will be heard. Sometimes this problem can seem overwhelming, but if we all come together, we can make our voices heard. Please join us for one of these marches! We need you!

### March Locations

**Washington DC** — Start at RFK Stadium. See <https://peoplesclimate.org/logistics/> for details.

**Chicago, IL** — Federal plaza • 219 S Dearborn St. 11:00 am

**Des Moines** — Iowa State Capitol, 1007 E. Grand Ave. 1-3 pm

Iowa City — Iowa City Pedestrian Mall 1:30-3:30 pm

For a complete list of Sister Marches happening all across Iowa and the U.S. visit :

<https://peoplesclimate.org/sister-marches/>

### Transportation to Marches

For rideshare information for the Des Moines march, there is now a dedicated Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ClimateMarchRidesDesMoines/>

For more information follow us on Facebook for **Southeast Iowa Sierra Club Leopold Group**.

### CLIMATE COMMITTEE

The Climate Committee educates and advocates for the reduction of CO2 emissions and the rapid transition to clean, renewable energy.

If you would like to join our new Sierra Club Climate Committee, our next meeting will be Friday, May 12 at 12:30 at Revelations (north room) please email Mary for more details:

[southeastiowasierraclub@gmail.com](mailto:southeastiowasierraclub@gmail.com).

### WANTED

**Sierra Club members who would like to be on an on-call list for volunteering.** Maybe you don't have time to attend meetings or be an organizer, but would like to help the mission of Sierra Club... Email [roo52556@yahoo.com](mailto:roo52556@yahoo.com) today and be a valuable on-call volunteer!

