

# Sierra Club Rallies in Defense of Arctic Refuge — Once Again

Over the past 25 years (since Ronald Reagan's presidency from 1980 to 2001), environmentalists have successfully won the use of a 5% portion of the Alaska coastline for oil exploration, on grounds that its destruction would be caused by native species, especially caribou. It is entitled to protection. The refuge is in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, on the border between Alaska and Canada's Yukon Territory, which has protected its share of the oil resources.

Over 250 members in New Jersey have taken the opportunity to see photos of this pristine environment, and to tour Alaska and Native lands indigenous to the region. The Sierra Club's Warren Smith and Dennis Schvejda, along with our Chapter Chair Tina Schvejda, presented to 650 folks in dissent by Congressmen Frelinghuysen and Garrett.

There were also two presentations in New Jersey and one in nearby Pennsylvania. The slide show included photos of the oil production area near Prudhoe Bay, dramatically demonstrating the environmental impact of oil production with the Arctic Refuge.

President Bush has rekindled the debate over the area to the oil industry. It is time to remind our federal government of the folly of an energy policy that encourages more consumption of oil and to the essential neglect of the environment. There is more backtracking and instruction on the part of the administration that should be reminding our government at the following website: [alaskawild.org/](http://alaskawild.org/) (Visit the



Tina and Dennis Schvejda accompany Warren Smith, a Gwich'in native from Old Crow, Alaska, at one of the presentations opposing oil exploration in the Arctic Refuge.

links section for many additional sites.) And visit our NJ Chapter alert website: <http://alerts.sierraactivist.org/>.

Dennis Schvejda, our Sierra Club "man in Washington," reports that new legislation (S. 261/H. R. 567) to permanently protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge has 22 Senate cosponsors and 112 House cosponsors, including (from New Jersey) Senators Corzine and Lautenberg, and Congressmen Andrews, Holt, Menendez, Pallone, Payne, Saxton and Smith. The "missing" Congressmen are LoBiondo, Garrett, Ferguson, Pascrell, Rothman and Frelinghuysen. Some of these "missing" legislators received Club endorsement of their 2004 re-election campaigns: LoBiondo, Pascrell and Rothman. These three have all opposed drilling the ANWR in the past. It is probably time to remind them of our sentiments. ♪

# Jon Corzine Endorsed for Governor

By Rich Isaac, Chapter Political Chair

In its earliest ever endorsement for an open statewide seat here in New Jersey, the Sierra Club has voted to support U.S. Senator Jon Corzine's candidacy for Governor.

Senator Corzine has demonstrated national leadership in protecting the environment. He would bring his integrity and leadership to the Statehouse.

Corzine skillfully moved the Highlands Stewardship Act through the Senate. This important initiative, signed into law last Fall, is bringing \$110 million to protect the Highlands region. He sponsored the "Save America's Forest Act" — to prohibit clearcutting of forests and protect our nation's wildlands — as well as legislation to establish heritage areas in NJ. He voted against energy programs that pollute, and has prevented oil drilling both in Alaska and off our New Jersey coast. He has supported mass transit in New



L to R: Senator Corzine, Political Chair Rich Isaac, Chapter Director Jeff Tittel, Highland Park Mayor Meryl Frank, Congressman Frank Pallone, and Chapter Chair Ken Johanson.

Jersey, and worked to reinstate the Superfund program (for toxic cleanups in NJ), and to strengthen the Clean Air Act, opposing the Bush Administration's rollbacks. The League of Conservation Voters awarded Sen. Corzine a three-year score of 94%, one of its highest.

Corzine is committed to stopping sprawl in NJ, to protecting our water and air resources, to protecting our coast from over-development, to reform-

ing government — giving the people a voice, and to working toward the implementation of the State's environmental law. He strongly supports recycling programs, the use of renewable energy, and protecting New Jerseyans from exposure to toxic pollutants. He is very committed to making New Jersey a leader in efforts to reduce global warming, and the Club looks forward to working with him on an array of issues. Deal with this very critical issue.

## A Call to Arms — and Legs

Before making our endorsement, we sent issue-questionnaires to all the endorsed candidates, both Repu-

lican and Democrat. We are especially interested in how they would deal with the environment. The results are available on the Club website. We are also interested in how they would deal with the environment. The results are available on the Club website. We are also interested in how they would deal with the environment. The results are available on the Club website.

by the Club. With so much work to do, we especially need our grassroots members to make sure we have a strong voice at the Statehouse next January. We would appreciate your time, not to mention your legs and hearts, to help distribute Club campaign literature and to do "tabling" to distribute issue charts at various events. If you are interested in helping out, for one afternoon or morning or evening, please contact Richard Isaac at 716-0297, or [risaacx@aol.com](mailto:risaacx@aol.com).

# Interview with Ken Johanson, Newly-elected Chapter Chair



**When did you first become interested in the environmental movement?**

I think I've always had an appreciation for the natural environment and a concern for the planet. I want to share the planet with us.

My first forays into the environmental movement involved other organizations. I stuffed envelopes, performed trail maintenance and even did some pro bono legal work. However, there was something missing. I found that while these other organizations do fine work, they are largely staff driven. Then I discovered the Sierra Club. I attended a Group ExCom meeting and was pleased to find that volunteers were running the meeting. The Group Chair at the time asked me if I

always felt a need to be actively involved in the decision-making process, whether at work or in my outside activities. The Sierra Club has provided me, as well as many other like-minded volunteers, with the opportunity to satisfy that need.

**What do you hope to achieve as Chair of the New Jersey Chapter?**

I think my number one goal is not to break anything. Under the able leadership of Sunil Somalwar, our past Chair

## Chapter Election Results

The Oct-Dec issue of this magazine included a Chapter ballot for the election of four (of the nine) at-large members of our New Jersey Chapter Executive Committee (ExCom). About 100 ballots were cast. The following (in alphabetical order) were elected for two-year terms:

George Denzer • Ken Johanson  
Lee Snyder • Bonnie

specially if they are adjacent to the coastal area, Pinelands. If you believe you have heard them, you can file a DEP using the form at [www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensprprt.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensprprt.htm) (pictures included). Existing threatened or endangered species are listed and described on the website at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/ensprprt.htm> (pictures included). Wildlife officials can then act to identify and corroborate your observations. Cooperative that you act quickly on proposed development, it is easier to assemble the data and inform officials that the wildlife species are threatened or endangered, but destruction of habitat has the same effect. Protection of our goal.

We can protect habitat, but it is important that the species are identified. Monmouth and Ocean counties might hear or see Pinelands tree toad, a bog turtle, northern pine siskin, a shouldered hawk or swamp sparrow (possibly protected plant). In the future, it might be a bald eagle, a osprey or piping plover. You can report your observations.

The wetlands regulations (NJ Administrative Code [NJAC] 7:7A-

require a 150-foot buffer. That keeps construction away from the habitat, the place where they live. Under the Coastal Area Protection Zone regulations, no development is permitted in the habitat area (NJAC 7:7E-3.38). In the Pinelands, the regulations (1) provide a 300-foot buffer around all wetlands (NJAC 7:50-6.14), (2) require no irreversible impact on habitats critical to survival of local populations of threatened or endangered species (NJAC 7:50-6.33), and (3) prohibit disturbance to significant populations of fish and wildlife, whether they be threatened or endangered (NJAC 7:50-6.34).

Fortunately the State already has some information integrated on its landscape-mapping database, which it uses to protect habitat. That mapping is available to the public on the I-MapNJ DEP website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/newmapping.htm>. Under the regulations, endangered and threatened species are presumed to be present in the mapped habitat areas unless the developer proves the contrary. NJAC 7:7A-2.4 (wetlands rules); NJAC 7:7E-3.38 (coastal rules).

Unfortunately, the State does not have all the habitat information, and is not likely to look in areas targeted by the State Plan for development. That is where you can provide the missing data and protect the wildlife and the land they depend on. ☺

## Volunteer Job Opportunities, Regionally and Locally

Volunteers are provided with training; the time involved is flexible, and is tailored to individual needs of volunteers. Finding out more about our volunteer opportunities is as easy as picking up the telephone and calling our Group Effectiveness Coordinator, Rich Isaac at 973-716-0297, or e-mailing him at [risaacx@aol.com](mailto:risaacx@aol.com).

### STATE LEVEL (CHAPTER) OPPORTUNITIES

**Advertising Editor** - Maintain and increase the *Sierran's* advertising base. Work with a wide range of existing and potential advertisers.

**Program Coordinator** - Revitalize the Seniors Section, possibly including outings and other events.

**Public Relations Coordinator** - Work with Chapter Conservation Chair and others on public relations-related issues.

**Energy Issues Coordinator** - Work with Chapter Conservation Chair and others on energy-related issues.

**Marine Issues Coordinator** - Work with Chapter Conservation Chair and others on marine-related issues.

### LOCAL (GROUP) OPPORTUNITIES

**Passaic Valley Group (Passaic & most of Bergen Counties):** Fundraising Chair, Hike Leaders, Coordinators for conservation issues such as air quality, brownfields, environmental justice, global warming, hazardous waste, recycling, and preservation.

**Delaware Valley Group (Raritan & Somerset Counties):** Conservation Co-Chair, Fundraising Chair, and Co-Membership Chair.

**Monmouth/Ocean Group (Monmouth & Ocean Counties):** Programs Coordinator, Coordinators for conservation issues (marine, wetlands, sprawl, toxics, recycling, etc.)

**South Jersey Group (Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties):** Programs Coordinator, Waste Coordinator, Energy Issues Coordinator, Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator, Sprawl/Open Space Coordinator.

...those same precious and finite resources.

Around the world, population issues are in the news:

Earlier this year, China symbolically recognized the birth of its 1.3 billionth citizen. Over 30 years ago, China realized that its economy could not support its rapidly growing population and took measures to reduce that growth. With the help of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), China has made voluntary family planning a valuable tool in helping stabilize its population - which would have been 300 million more if the issue had not been addressed.

In the Philippines, a legislator introduced a bill to encourage couples to limit family size to two children; and a government campaign plans to educate two million couples on responsible parenthood.

Father Sean McDonagh, a missionary and environmental expert, writes in his book, *The Death of Life*, that, "unless we reduce population growth and simplify our lives, more than 11,000 species face extinction over the next 50-100 years." He calls on "the Catholic Church to revisit its teaching on birth control," and says, "political and economic decision-makers do not appreciate the extent to which the insatiable demands of our global economy are tearing apart the web of life..."

In a good news/bad news report, the Catholic Church in Spain said it supported use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS. However, fearing that condoms might be used for birth con-

...relegated to the back pages. ...pers, if reported at all. But ...times there is still a daily ...Normally, 60% of Indonesians use contraception; however, ...everything and with lives ...there is increased demand ...ception as couples try to p ...nancy. Women do not want ...dren while living in refu ...Women already pregnant (a ...15,000 in one province al ...supplied with medical care ...supplies by UNFPA to ensur ...UNFPA has relief efforts i ...affected countries. To read ...the life-saving work they ar ...to see how you can hel ...[www.unfpa.org](http://www.unfpa.org).

And, in New Jersey, we ...lobby for equality in contra ...erage. We want to see a bil ...row exclusion clause that v ...many women as possible. A ...clause allows religious orga ..."opt out" if their primary pu ...moting their religious belie ...not include universities, ...charities who hire and ser ...population. To help with th ...contact me at [blt44blt@verizon.net](mailto:blt44blt@verizon.net) or phone at 609-259-6438.

To learn more about ...issues, go to [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org) ...lation/factsheets/ and read t ...sheets which inclu ...Environmentalists Care Ab ...Planning in the U.S.," and ...on Migration." ☺

## Resolutions adopted by Chapter ExCom in January and February

We authorized intervention in the proposed merger of PSE&G and EXELON. The latter is the largest owner of nuclear power plants in the US. By objecting to the merger we would hope to be able to influence how "surplus" land, that would be disposed of by PSE&G, could be preserved as open space. (Jan)

We opposed the siting of cell-phone towers along the ridge of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. (Jan)

We urged support for the activities of the Club's Northeast Regional Coordinating Committee (NERCC), which has formulated a work plan for conserving energy and producing it

more sustainably. (Jan)

We endorsed Senator Joe ...candidacy for Governor. (A ...view with the Senator on 29

We opposed DEP-proposed Ground Water Quality Standards equivalent to protect the quality of the State's residents who consume water obtained from wells. A letter was sent to Leslie Le ...Office of Legal Affairs, DEP. ...of the letter, contact Kelly M ...the Chapter Office. (January)

\* We took positions on the ...the Club's National ... (February; see the editorial in this Newsletter) ☺

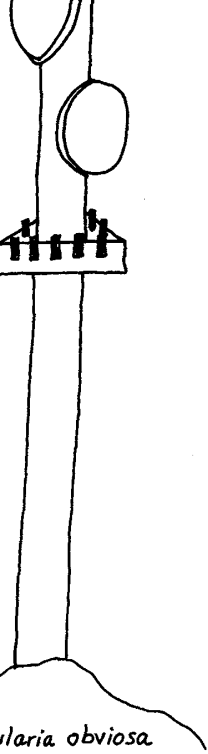
## INTERVIEW

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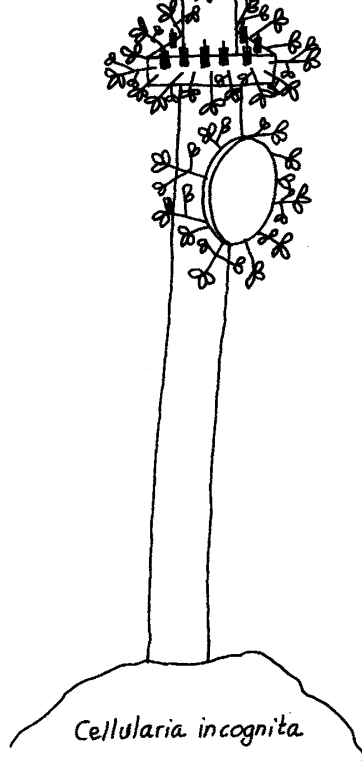
...across to young people, that we find ways to attract new volunteer activists, that we strengthen our financial base and that we reach out to our Congressional delegation and provide them with the support they need to resist the Bush onslaught.

**Do you feel optimistic about the**

...ings in these troubling times ...do believe that with the help of Jeff, Ruth Prince, our new Co-Chair, Laura Lynch, our Co-Chair, Rich Isaac, our Political ...all our other volunteer and ...the New Jersey Chapter of ...Club will continue to ma



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# Editorial Sierra Club Referenda

(dick.colby@stockton.edu)

at this time the national Club elects a third of its 15-member Board of Directors (BoD). The ballot, which is mailed to you in March, are referenda questions on policies, submitted as mem-

ber New Jersey ExCom) considered at our February meeting, whether we endorse positions on these referenda questions, as candidates themselves, or whom were selected by a Nominating Committee, and whom petitioned for places on

remember that last year the Club had national notoriety for a referendum question on whether the Club should oppose immigration into the United States — on environmental issues. Last year the “Nominating Committee” candidates were challenged by a large number of petition candidates who opposed both immigration and overfishing. A record number of candidates were elected, and both the restrictive and the petition candidates were defeated. (Incidentally, only 20% (2000) of the Club’s New Jersey members voted.)

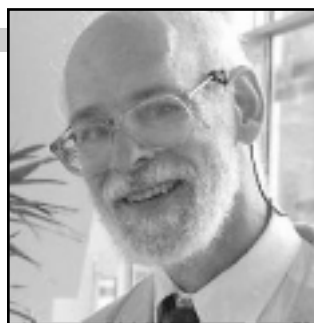
Another referendum question on has been put on the bal-

our political and economic institutions to continue to welcome immigrants. And, providing we accomplish smart growth and encourage responsible parenting, there should continue to be room for immigrants. (Indeed, overpopulation is a WORLD-WIDE problem, not just an American problem.)

ExCom also urged a NO vote on Bylaws Change Question #1, which would maintain spaces on the BoD ballot for write-in candidates. Our reason is that the chance that a write-in candidate would win is small (it would take about 50,000 votes), but that any candidate who could acquire that many write-in votes would probably deserve to win.

On Bylaws Change Question #2, which would impose at least one year of probation on any candidate for the BoD, our ExCom was again unanimous in endorsing a YES vote, in the hope of limiting single-issue challengers.

ExCom was also offered the chance to endorse specific candidates for the BoD, but decided not to do so. Not many of them are known to any of us personally, so your judgments based on the candidates’ ballot statements will probably be as good as ours. I would like to recommend my “all-purpose” method of deciding on candidates: I



to muller down and get to work. But let me personalize the message a bit. This past January I took over as Chair of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club. The good news is that the New Jersey Chapter is strong and vibrant. The bad news is that Bush won the election.

I feel honored that the Chapter Executive Committee chose me to serve as Chair and I look forward to working with this incredible group of dedicated activists. But at times I am also a bit overwhelmed by the enormity of the challenge that we all face. The next four years are going to be very difficult for all of us.

But it’s not going to be a cake-walk for Bush either. He’s made some decisions and done some things that are bound to come home to roost. The only question is when. And the 48 percent of us who did not vote for him are not going to make it particularly easy for him when they do.

So what does all this have to do with the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club? The New Jersey Chapter is in my mind the most visible and most effective environmental organization in the State of New Jersey. And, while many of our efforts are directed at state and local issues, we also play an important role at the national level. We have cultivated an excellent relationship with most members of our congressional delegation, both Democrat and Republican, and over the years have been very successful in garnering support from our friends in Congress on key environmental initiatives. Now, more than ever, it is absolutely crucial that we continue our efforts in this area.

It is also important that we reach out to our fellow citizens here in New Jersey and let them know just how the Bush administration is destroying our natural environment. Remember, John Kerry

ing our message across. So how can you help? If you are not already a Sierra Club member, fill out the application form on the back of this newsletter and send it in. Your Size does matter. The more members we have here in New Jersey, the more effective we can be.

The second thing you can do is get involved. Standing up to the administration promises to be a challenge. Help us out in any way you can. Sign up for our activist alert and send messages to your elected representatives letting them know how about important environmental issues. Send letters to the editor of your local newspaper. Attend Group and Sierra Club meetings. Let your friends and neighbors know that you care about the environment and that you need their support.

And of course there’s always a financial element. As I’m fond of saying, effective activism costs money. So if you are not already contributing to the New Jersey Chapter, please consider us a check, made payable to “Sierra Club - New Jersey Chapter,” in the amount you can afford. We assure you that your contribution will be put to good use.

I have mentioned a few things that you can do to help make a difference. That if you give the matter some thought, you can come up with other things that our four years will not be easy. What choice do we have? We can’t do anything but the mind-numbing vacuum of inaction consumed so many of our lives. Let’s and focus all of our attention on the latest exploits of Dick Cheney and Paris Hilton, or we can get on with getting away at the things that matter. It’s not a difficult decision. S

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...of 2000. Since then our  
...grown to over 10,000  
...all 50 states. I've asked  
...ding 1,100,000 e-mails!) on  
...and our membership has  
...y sending almost 470,000  
...public officials! We have an  
...record of getting the word  
...who will make a difference.  
...some of the issues we've  
...g on this year. If you are not  
...member, please visit  
...network.org/SierraClubNJ/j  
...sign-up today!

### **Port Full Funding for the Conservation Act!**

**<http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/pealfasttrack/>**

Background: After many years of  
...e (federal) Highlands  
...n Act was signed into law  
...er. While the Act authorizes  
...llion per year over the next  
...and conservation, we won't  
...unless funding is appropriat-  
...end, Rep. Sue Kelly is seek-  
...s to a letter requesting full  
...million) for the Highlands  
... Act in FY 2006.

...the Sierran goes to press,  
...folks have responded to this  
...gible member of the NJ dele-  
...PT Rep. Ferguson has signed  
...elinguysen and Rothman do  
...s to appropriators, since they  
...Committee.)

### **Get NJ Family Planning**

**<http://actionnetwork.org/campaigning4/>**

Background: The Sierra Club supports  
...family planning because a  
...man population places  
...demands on our open space  
...emmental resources, particular-  
...e most densely populated  
...ontraceptive Equity bill, A-  
...cheduled for a vote in the  
...sembly Appropriations  
...on Monday, February 28.

...cost of medications such as Viagra, but  
...do not cover family planning pills and  
...devices. The Contraceptive Equity bill  
...will resolve this inequity.

Status: The scheduled Feb. 26 vote  
...was postponed. 643 NJ Action Network  
...members sent 8,359 letters to  
...Committee members prior to the sched-  
...uled vote. If you haven't already done so,  
...please visit the website to find out more  
...about the issue and to send your mes-  
...sage to members of the Assembly  
...Appropriations Committee.

### **(3) Repeal Fast Track Cosponsors Needed!**

**<http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/rpealfasttrack/>**

Background: The biggest issue of envi-  
...ronmental concern in New Jersey has  
...been the passage of Fast Track, state leg-  
...islation that will roll back thirty years of  
...environmental protections while gagging  
...the public from participating in develop-  
...ment decisions affecting their communi-  
...ties. Over 50 NJ environmental organiza-  
...tions have formed the Save New Jersey  
...Coalition to fight for a repeal.

Status: Over 50 members of the NJ  
...Legislature have signed on as cospon-  
...sors. The Save NJ Coalition continues to  
...hold press conferences, and public meet-  
...ings throughout the state. 760 folks have  
...responded to this alert so far.

### **(4) "Sprawl by the Sea" Bill before NJ Assembly Committee**

**<http://actionnetwork.org/campaign/cafra/>**

Background: On February 14, the state  
...Assembly Agriculture and Natural  
...Resources Committee considered A-  
...3742, sponsored by Jeff Van Drew (D-  
...Cape May). This bill would overturn a  
...decision by DEP Commissioner Brad  
...Campbell to do away with poorly  
...designed growth centers along the NJ  
...coast. Environmentalists and others con-  
...cerned about the coast, smart growth  
...and preventing overdevelopment attend-  
...ed this hearing in force.

Status: 900 individuals responded to

...ity hasn't given up. CITGO is now offer-  
...ing to give a conservation easement on  
...the island to the federal government in  
...partnership with one or more private  
...land trusts for FREE and to clean up ALL  
...contamination to government environ-  
...mental standards. CITGO is also offering  
...to donate \$2 million to a land trust to  
...manage and conserve the island. Tax-  
...payers will not be liable for any envi-  
...ronmental clean up costs. Almost 900  
...activists responded to our first Petty's  
...Island alert. We have made progress  
...towards our preservation goal, and we  
...need you to speak out again!

Status: Quite a bit has happened.  
...Pennsauken has authorized condemnation  
...of Petty's Island and other industrial prop-  
...erties in its redevelopment zone. The  
...township must now conduct an appraisal  
...of the island and make an offer to CITGO.  
...The company would then have 14 days to  
...accept, reject or request negotiations  
...toward a different sales price. A lack of  
...response is considered a rejection. The  
...township would then file suit to acquire  
...the land through condemnation.

CITGO has not given up trying to  
...donate the island to the U.S. Fish and  
...Wildlife Service as a refuge. CITGO is  
...also considering a federal suit, perhaps  
...over enforcement of laws designed to  
...protect bald eagles.

The environmental community contin-  
...ues to work together. The fight's not  
...over, but our options are dwindling. It's  
...been disappointing that not one elected  
...official has emerged as a champion of  
...Petty's Island preservation.

If you haven't already, visit our Petty's  
...Island Photo Gallery:

### **(6) Oppose Oil & Gas Drilling Off the New Jersey Coast!**

**[http://actionnetwork.org/SierraClubNJ/notice-description.tcl?newsletter\\_id=2956803](http://actionnetwork.org/SierraClubNJ/notice-description.tcl?newsletter_id=2956803)**

Background: Rep. Pallone asked the NJ  
...Congressional Delegation to sign onto a

...the Budget!

### **(7) Keep Arctic Refuge D**

**[http://actionnetwork.org/cticrefuge\\_budget/3bxuug4/](http://actionnetwork.org/cticrefuge_budget/3bxuug4/)**

Background: (See the stor-  
...this Newsletter.) Once ag-  
...administration is attemptin-  
...annual budget process to adv-  
...change in law that has be-  
...opposed by the American pe-  
...ping for a budgetary provis-  
...drilling in the Arctic Natio-  
...Refuge, the Bush administrat-  
...to avoid a filibuster in the  
...gets can't be blocked by  
...We've defeated this tactic  
...before, but this year the S-  
...too close to call!

Status: Almost 900 folks h-  
...ed to the Action Alert, se-  
...4,000 messages to elected  
...vote in the Senate will be c-  
...the time to send a message  
...ed officials. Then follow-up  
...calls (for contact info, visi-  
...raactivist.org/contactoff  
...Write a letter to the editor  
...raactivist.org/write.php. As  
...family to speak out. It's re-  
...never.

### **(8) Tell Your Representative Sewage Out of Our Waters!**

**[http://actionnetwork.org/NJ/notice-description?newsletter\\_id=3026813](http://actionnetwork.org/NJ/notice-description?newsletter_id=3026813)**

Background: The fede-  
...released a draft guidance  
...allow inadequately treated s-  
...discharged into waterways v-  
...This practice leads to bea-  
...algal blooms, and increased  
...pfisteria, giardia and hep-  
...breaks. These are just a few  
...that result from the danger-  
..."blending" sewage. Three  
...the House of Representa-  
...Shaw (R-FL), Stupak (D-MI)  
... (D-NJ), urged their colleague

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# The National Sierra Club Meets to Decide its Future

## Opportunity to Participate as a Sierra Summit Delegate

...mber 8-11, 2005, the Sierra  
...ld it first large-scale conven-  
...a **Summit 2005**, in San  
...d will bring together 3,000  
...d activists from all over the  
...ether with top-notch keynote  
...e'll have 60+ educational  
...sessions, an exhibition hall  
...undreds of the latest outdoor  
...nd "green" ideas, products  
...ologies, and an opportunity to  
...e Sierra Club's work. All of  
...o energize and inspire us for  
...eash. It will be a time to cele-  
...brations that show us just  
...e can do together!

...process. Group and Chapter leaders and  
...activists have always had input into our  
...conservation priorities (and will again  
...even if they do not attend the conven-  
...tion). But the Summit process will give  
...activists much more than input. It will  
...be a chance for Summit Delegates to  
...help decide what we should be working  
...on as the largest grassroots environmen-  
...tal organization in the United States.

All interested, active Club members  
...and leaders are encouraged to put their  
...name forward to be a Summit delegate.  
...Reduced rates for convention registra-  
...tion and hotel rooms will be available to  
...Summit delegates, and there will be spe-

...these four areas:

1. The environmental issues deserving the greatest commitment Club-wide (i.e. nationwide)
2. The best ways to build involvement and support for our issues in local communities
3. The best Club-wide strategies for approaching our conservation work
4. The internal capabilities we need to focus on and strengthen in order to successfully address our environmental challenges

Chapter and Group ExComs will be  
...asked to provide group responses to the

...information and opinions with

At the Summit, delegates  
...to discuss and determine  
...mental issues that we have  
...commitment to work on Cl-  
...can advance nationwide o-  
...five years. The Conservation  
...Committee and the Board  
...will act on the results to bui-  
...nationwide campaigns.

### **How to Become a Delegate**

\* One delegate will be ele-  
...Chapter ExCom or member  
...\* One senior volunteer le-  
...appointed by the Chapter Ex

...narrowed as linkages became... and specific issues, but there... a lack of shared vision in... complex issues. That is... to a fundamental defect in... and group thinking character... to recognize when a sim... approach to a given problem... and when it is necessary to... problems with a broader... approach.

...growing threat of devastating... due to emerging or re-emerg... is a good example (I am... only to naturally-occurring... of those intentionally initiat... rubrics of biological warfare... m). Emerging and re-emerg... are those that are entirely... s HIV/AIDS) or become ram... w geographic area or reap... en area after many years of... (diphtheria in the ex-Soviet... good example).

...r approach to those potential... epidemics is to conduct... surveillance, hopefully detect... early, obtain proper patient... analyze the specimens, deter... ure of the infecting organism,... eefully, treat the cases and... ead. Immunization is a part... on pattern. That, in essence, is... ion aside) picking up the... he event has occurred. If we... prevent a horde of HIV/AIDS... cs in the coming decades and... it will require a systems... amining all the linked societal... provide the milieu in which... d re-emerging infections arise... then finding leverage points... n that can modify the entire... by reducing the risk.

...e critical variables that will... e frequency and severity of... d re-emerging infection epi... isted in the accompanying... d away the most important,... ing, variables are population... global warming.

...role of population increase... change can be illustrated in

...and less hospitable. Additionally, mosqu... tend to be more active, eat more voraciously, and bite more frequently at higher temperatures. As the mosquitoes move into warmer, for them previously less hospitable geographic areas, and as population increases in that area, they encounter larger numbers of non-immune hosts resulting in increasing numbers of new cases of malaria with resultant consequences both for health and the local economy.

Perhaps, the most telling synergism of population growth and global warming relates to refugees and internally-displaced persons. At present, there are perhaps 40 million persons either refugees outside their own countries or internally displaced. By 2050, as population grows from 6 billion to 8.5 to 9 billion, if there is a small increase in global temperature (1 to 2 degrees centigrade) causing worldwide flooding and drought, the combination of population growth and climate change could result in as many as 200 to 500 million refugees and internally displaced persons, a massive number likely to exceed the coping capacity of the global society.

And, of course, population increase exacerbates global warming for a variety of reasons - increased energy needs, more automobiles, more fossil fuel use, more cattle and other sources of methane, more rain forest destruction with carbon dioxide release and reduced carbon dioxide sequestration capacity. A global temperature rise together with the inevitable population increase also promotes emerging infections by increasing urbanization with accompanying unhygienic slums that are ideal incubators for emerging and re-emerging infections.

The poverty and malnutrition that exist today are likely to be accentuated by the disruptions created by global climate change and, even if the percentage of economically deprived and undernourished remains the same or falls, population increases will result in larger total numbers of poor, inadequately nourished individuals, often living in urban slums, who can act as the starting point for severe epidemics.

...that combination is a recipe for warfare as crowding and competition for natural resources impacts existing ethnic, religious, and tribal antagonisms and creates new adversaries.

I use this example of emerging and re-emerging infections to emphasize the essential point, namely that we, all of us, must approach complex problems in a systems context. Actually, the first step is to consider whether the problem can be solved or ameliorated using simple linear thinking. Many problems will respond to simpler approaches, but the more complex the problem, the more likely a systems approach is needed. For example, we are now attempting to cope with terrorism and the inevitability of more terrorism. The simplistic thinking is, in essence: find the terrorists; eliminate or neutralize them; and, hopefully, the threat of terrorism will diminish. That kind of simplistic, and unfortunately ineffective, thinking is the current practice by the United States Administration and the military. Obviously, terrorism is much more complex than that and requires a systems approach. Step 2 is to draw a systems diagram such as that depicted for emerging and re-emerging infections, include as many variables that relate to the problem as possible, link the variables by unidirectional or bidirectional arrows and include leverage points where the system can be modified beneficially. It is always surprising to me how much drawing the diagram changes the way I think about a given problem.

It is really quite simple. If we do not utilize the appropriate thinking pattern, we are not likely to be able to solve or ameliorate the major problems facing us at local, national, or international levels. Putting complex problems in a systems perspective does not, of course, guarantee success in solving or mitigating them. But, it can help to avoid stupid actions and promote sensible policies and programs. Systems thinking would, at the very least, make clear the utter stupidity of rejecting a Kyoto Accord or reducing family planning funds instead of increasing them by, perhaps, five-fold. A systems approach to energy needs in the coming decades might get our thinking-challenged politicians to spend \$10 billion a year less on military dominance and devote that money to developing environmentally friendly sources of energy (wind, solar, ocean, etc). We should be using a systems approach to a lot of problems - substance abuse for example, or a woman's right to choose, or the growing scientific ability to markedly prolong life spans.

There are real consequences to thinking in simplistic fashion about complex problems. If we do not recognize that, if we do not approach our major problems, when appropriate, in a systems context, we will not be able to solve some of the major problems facing our global society and, in the end, that society will not thrive. More than that, if we

...satisfactory and when a syste... is required. We must insist o... able to create systems diagr... ability to think in systems sh... forced at every level of the ec... tem. Absent this modest chan... cational system, that system... to be dysfunctional, not pro... people with the essential thi... needed if they are to particip... in solving major problems fa... ety and to assume leadership r...

The notion that the future... al society depends on chan... we think and how we teach... to think may appear to be... hyperbole, but given the me... the concept surely, at the... deserves thoughtful consider...

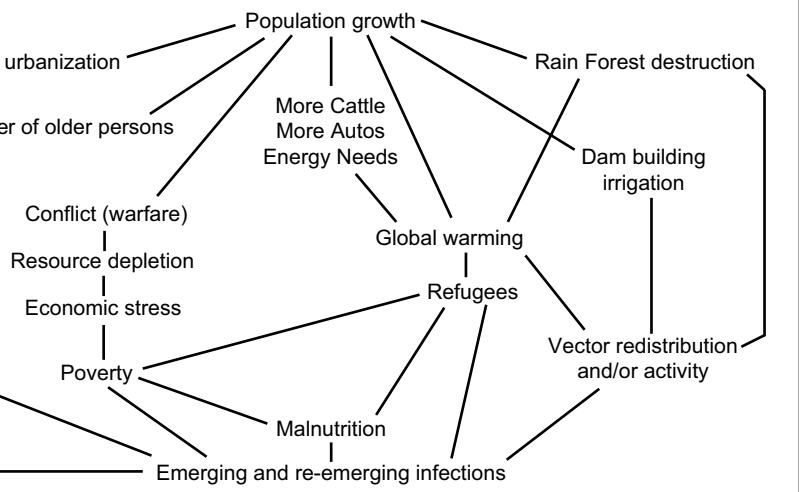
*(Dr. Louria is Proj... Chairman Emeritus of the... of Preventive Medi... Community Health at the... Medicine & Dentistry of Ne...*

## Healthy Trends--as perceived by the Bush Administration

Contributed by Ben Isaac



### RELATEDNESS OF SOME MAJOR VARIABLES IN EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING INFECTIONS



**Northwest Jersey Group:** Hunterdon, Sussex & Warren  
**Essex County Group:** Passaic & most of Bergen  
**Essex County Group:** Essex  
**Meadowlands Group:** Hudson & SE Bergen  
**North Jersey Group:** Morris & Union  
**South Jersey Group:** Mercer  
**Valley Group:** Somerset & Middlesex  
**Shore Group:** Monmouth & Ocean  
**North Jersey Group:** Gloucester, Camden & Burlington  
**South Jersey Group:** Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

*Designations are approximate: members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient*

## Northwest Jersey Group

**Northwest Jersey Group** (formerly **Northwest Jersey Group** and **Hunterdon and Hunterdon Counties**; note that the former Hunterdon County has merged into the Northwest Jersey Group)

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**MEETINGS:** The Northwest Group meets at 7pm on the LAST TUESDAY of each month at the Hackettstown Community Center, 294 Main Street, Hackettstown, NJ. We feature guest speakers, plan hiking trips and address conservation issues. For more information, please call Dennis Miranda.

We are vigorously opposed to the expansion of a sewer service area in the township for Mountain Creek Ski Resort — that would result in the degradation of the pristine Black Creek Marshes, home to half a dozen NJ Endangered and Sensitive species.

In Ringwood Boro, the Northwest Group mobilized the residents to oppose a 200-unit development in the Highlands for 700 new adult housing units. Attending the board meetings, representatives of the Northwest Group managed to have the application withdrawn. Many people show up in opposition as well. The application was postponed due to unresolved issues that violated the Boro's land use ordinances.

## North Jersey Group

**North Jersey Group** (formerly **North Jersey Group** and **North Bergen Counties**, approximately)

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**COMMITTEE/CONSERVATION MEETINGS:** Held at least four times a year (once per quarter). For the date and location, please contact Betsy or Mike (see above).

**MEETINGS:** Held once a month (except in July, August and December) at various locations. See below:

**Activities:** At Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, 443 Van Nostrand Avenue, Newark, NJ. "Trees!" - a presentation by Pamela Tappen of NJ DEP's Community Outreach Program about the benefits of trees and responsibilities of municipal shade tree commissions. With tips on tree health, habitat, placement, rescue, replacement, and how to establish a commission.

**North Jersey Group** (formerly **North Jersey Group** and **North Bergen Counties**, approximately)

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**NEWS:** The Hudson-Meadowlands Group is recovering from "growth pains" and is recruiting active volunteers to operate the Sierra Club, people interested both in the development of environmentally responsible development of the Hoboken waterfront area and the Hudson River State Park, motivations for using public transport, local parks, and other issues, etc.), and people interested in the larger regional and statewide issues. These issues were discussed at monthly Chapter ExCom meetings and pursued by our Issue Committee. The Hudson (and southern Bergen) County always presents interesting political and environmental endorsement issues.

### Issue Priorities for 2005:

- 1) Closing of Indian Point/Oyster Creek (held informational meeting Sept 15, 2004 with Kyle Rabin)
- 2) Regional transportation issues (held informational meeting July 15, 2004 with John Souder from Senator Corzine's Office)
- 3) Preserving urban parkland (held informational meeting June, 2004 with John Souder in the formation of a committee which has had one meeting: Point per se is a high priority potential parks designated as our 2004-5 priorities:
  - a) Hoboken Park: Leah Healey, former head of Hudson River Walkway Conservancy
  - b) Guttenberg Park: Renee Pollani
  - c) North Bergen Park: Gil Hawkins (New Jersey Fisherman's Association, our ExCom, et al) with Connie Ftera (our ExCom) currently doing research
  - d) Edgewater Park—Grand Cove Marina
- 4) Edgewater Master Plan Revision
- 5) Replacing the "Superfund Site" sign on toxic land in Edgewater: Tina M. (our ExCom)

## Essex County Group

**web site:** [http://NJSierra.org/NJS\\_Groups/Essex](http://NJSierra.org/NJS_Groups/Essex). We are also accessible through the Chapter web site.

### OFFICERS:

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**ACTIVITIES:** Working to preserve wetlands in the Hatfield Swamp in the Newark Bay Basin and remaining forested areas in Essex County, continuing to ensure that the County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent manner. Addressing environmental justice (EJ) issues. Working to bring an energy audit to the County through the D.O.E.'s ReBuild America Program and to establish a commission to study the feasibility of expanding the current light-rail project in Newark.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Please contact Janine (see above) for dates and locations.

...n, Verona Boathouse: **Sustainable Energy—past, present and future.** Jeff ... the Loantaka Sierra Group will present a program on Sustainable Energy. ... will trace humanities' use of energy from pre-historic to modern oil- ... times as well as examine possible futures. How does the interaction of poli- ... economics and life style produce our world? Jeff is a retired environmen- ... teacher and summer adjunct at Kean University. For more information con- ... larke, 973-723-1642.

## Education, history and environment in West Orange. Noted authority speak to preserve historic monuments.

...sday, March 31st, at 4pm, a press conference will be held in front of ... Prep School's Gates — on Northfield Avenue, West Orange, followed at ... slide presentation to the general public at the West Orange Public ... Mount Pleasant Avenue, just behind the City Hall). The featured speak- ... Bruce Kershner, forest ecologist, author and national authority on old ... ts.

...s Seton Hall Preparatory School's plan to clear cut an area of 22 acres ... as an old growth forest of trees ranging in age from 150 - 240 years, 33 ... ecies of trees and the historic remains of the estate of George Brinton ... Civil War general, candidate for President and Governor of New Jersey, ... o. The site would be cleared to add more parking lots, bleachers, base- ... tennis courts and practice fields to an existing athletic facility.

...20 of 40 acres were clear-cut in 1999 after Seton Hall Prep was given ... board approval over the objections of the neighborhood. The second ... ear cutting has been stalled while Headmaster Msgr. Michael E. Kelly ... remainder of the money necessary to complete the Edward D. and Helen ... hletic Complex.

...lly has been presented with alternative plans which would avoid ... the old growth trees in favor of a living outdoor classroom with ball ... gically placed in an area presently used as a dump site for the trees ... ase one of the project. "Some of these trees witnessed the birth of our ... his the example for stewardship of a living historic monument you ... ect from an educational institution?" asks Bruce Kershner, who in 2002 ... t in, by local environmental groups, to do a survey of the estate when it ... d that Seton Hall Prep had not provided the legally mandated environ- ... ct statement.

...ernor George Brinton McClellan Estate remains the only unprotected ... ered old growth forest site within the New Jersey Metropolitan area. ... controversy and debate are expected. For more information contact ... ke: 973-723-1642.

## Loantaka Group

(Union Counties, approximately)

<http://Loantaka.NJSierra.org>

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our activities, go to: <http://loantaka.njsierra.org>

mailing list, send a blank email to:

May 11: Susan Kraham of the Environmental Law Clinic of Rutgers University. The Clinic advocates on behalf of national, state and local environmental ... to put a stop to ongoing pollution, to demand environmentally strong re ... protect local coastal resources and critical watershed areas, to halt env ... degrading development and to improve the capability of environmental a ... ty groups concerned about their health and the environment to voice th ... to businesses, environmental regulatory agencies, elected officials and c ... The Clinic is a vital partner with the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra ... should be a most enlightening evening.

**Jun 8:** Jeff Huppert of our own Loantaka Group presents a program ... **Wildlife Refuge**, which is threatened by oil exploration and and devel ... program will connect the fate of the Artic Wildlife Refuge to critical decis ... makes about energy policy. Caught in the balance is the culture of ... Indians and the survival of migratory wildlife in this fragile ecosystem.

**Activities:** (Look on our website for more information.)

The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environ ... nizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union C ... to safeguard the water resources on which we all depend. We are also o ... unteers to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union ... Systems. In addition, the Group is actively involved in State-wide initiati ... air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are ... come. Call Paul (908-233-2414), Chris (973-377-1742) or Bob Johnson (9 ... for more information.

On Saturday, April 23, the Loantaka Group will meet at Lewis Morris Park ... and otherwise remove invasive species of plants that line our adopted trail ...

The Loantaka Group of the NJ Sierra Club will be running a road litter ... Sunday, May 15. Volunteers will assemble at the Pyramid Mountain Natu ... Area parking lot on Boonton Avenue, Rte. 511(between Boonton and Rte ... and will be de-littering Boonton Avenue north to Fayson Lakes. Bring your ... we will bring jugs of water to replenish your supply. Participants should ... own lunches, which we will eat when we gather at the Pyramid Mou ... (before we tour the facilities). A hike to Tripod Rock will take place fo ... enough energy. Only heavy rain will cancel.

**Saturday, May 21:** We visit the Schiff Nature Preserve, 1-4 pm. First, a br ... describing the history and mission of the Preserve; then a "Natural Histor ... by Mr. and Mrs. Bisignano. Located at 339 Pleasant Valley Road, Mendham ...

## Central Jersey Group

(Mercer County, parts of Somerset and Middlesex)

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**WEBSITES:** To get the most up-to-date information and news on our issu ... ties, visit [www.sierraactivist.org/getbusy](http://www.sierraactivist.org/getbusy).

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Meetings are generally held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month at 7:3 ... contact Laura Lynch (above) for the location, which may vary. These ... open to all Sierra Club members.

### GENERALMEETINGS:

We meet on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:30 pm at t ... Branch of the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville C ... our website for a map. Our meetings are free and open to all members an ... public. We always share information about our involvement in local, state ... conservation issues, and suggest ways in which everyone can get involved.

/snacks, head protection, feel free to bring a friend! Check our website or contact Dennis Schvejda at 973-427-6863.

**ICES:** If you'd like to receive those last minute reminders of meetings or please send your e-mail address to Tim Ridge (above). If you'd like to receive please send your e-mail address to Laura Lynch (above).

## Valley Group

*(Camden and Somerset Counties, approximately)*

[www.njsierra.org/~njar/](http://www.njsierra.org/~njar/)

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are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep re pro-farmland preservation. Group members are involved in local issues, questions for concerned citizens regarding development and reviewing all township/regional land use master plans in our area. This rking to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas. Help olopers from buying sub-standard lots and obtaining permits and variances new homes.

**Volunteers:** The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. e positions of political chair and secretary are open. If you are interested open position, contact Sandi Lowich, the Group Chair.

**MEETINGS:** Held at 7:30 pm on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month uly and August. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Society of New 176 Tices Lane, East Brunswick. Take the Ryders Lane exit off Rte 1 Brunswick. Make a left turn at the first four-way intersection onto Tices e church is the second driveway on the right. The public is invited and s are served. For further directions and information, visit our website.

### SCHEDULE:

**Track:** Kelly McNicholas, Program Coordinator of the Sierra Club, NJ d give a comprehensive presentation on New Jersey Fast Track legislation developers fast-track access to the 1.5 million acres of the state. Explore his will have on the environment.

**Organic Gardening:** Michael Azzara of the Northeast Organic Farming ill discuss chemical-free gardening practices, and where in New Jersey rganic farms and markets.

**Plainsboro Preserve:** Plainsboro Preserve Sanctuary Program Coordinator Tara scuss the book "Wild Journeys," and the Plainsboro Preserve with its hik- acre McCormick Lake, and wildlife habitat. Discover this hidden gem lex County. (Rescheduled from January)

**Committee Meetings:** Held at 7pm on the FIRST THURSDAY of every other pt for July and August. Currently, meetings are held at the Bound Brook Church, 409 Mountain Ave. in Bound Brook. All Sierra Club members are end. Please contact us first.

## Shore Group

*(Atlantic and Ocean Counties, approximately)*

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<b>Open position!</b>		

**Jun 7:** To Be Announced. Check our website, at <http://njsierra.org/~njar/> meeting date approaches to find our topic and speaker.

**Pre-Meeting Walks - April 25, May 23, June 27:** Warm up those hiking shoes on concrete and field path around West Long Branch's scenic Franklin Lake. Meet between 6:15 & 6:45 pm at the gazebo on the west side of Locust Ave south of Broadway. Walk clockwise, then repeat counter-clockwise; you'll see different camera-ready views of this waterfowl-decorated lake in only 10 minutes. Meet after the walk at the gazebo for coffee, cookies, or bring a bag of snacks. Monthly meeting is just 10 minutes away afterwards!

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Group's Executive Committee meets monthly at members' homes. Please come to attend. For more information, please call Dennis Anderson at 732-247-5760.

## West Jersey Group

*(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)*

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<b>Inner City Outings:</b>	<i>Need volunteers!</i>		

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month at the Unitarian Church, 401 N. Kings Highway (Rte. 41), Cherry Hill (located at the convergence of Rtes. 70 and the convergence of Rtes. 38 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Cherry Hill. Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

**Apr 12:** Mike Hogan will present **Natural Wonders of the Pinelands and NJ**

**May 10:** To be announced. Please check the website and local newspaper for details.

**Jun 14:** Mike Hogan will present **The Rebirth of the Big Timber Creek.**

## South Jersey Group

*(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)*

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The central conservation issue, for which the Group was founded in the 1970s, is to be protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continue to use the energies of those few officers who remain active — both within the Sierra Club and in two other organizations that have "spun off" from the South Jersey Group. Many of our local members seem interested in the meetings we've scheduled in the past few years, and many of them have been cancelled for lack of interest. For the future, we will continue to be listed in this Newsletter, and offer a point of contact for Club members in South Jersey who want help with local issues. If you have topics (and places) to discuss, please let the officers know about them. Please contact the officer(s) responsible in advance of each meeting, if you wish to attend; otherwise we'll cancel. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey.

**Current Issues:** Club officers and staff have been following closely the state's efforts to protect the state's natural resources.



7pm: Great Egg Harbor River Council: Comprehensive Management Plan on meeting. Contact Fred Akers, 856-697-6114. Warren Fox Nature Center.

## Section

Chapter-wide special interest section offering hikes/cleanups, social movies, meetings, etc.)

hopes to promote Senior participation in letter writing campaigns, in s, and in increasing membership in a dynamic group component of the NJ For further information, contact Nancy Carringer (ncarringer@yahoo.com) aac (risaacx@aol.com).

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The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-ori s to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club involvement. welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and are about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have vol them - if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it!

Address: <http://singles.njsierra.org>  
@njsierra.org (mention "Sierra Club" in your subject line)

- Announcements: (973) 364-7573
- Final Friday Film Fest (last Friday of each month)
- Ron Pate's upcoming hike
- 2nd Monday monthly meeting
- 3rd Tuesday of the month dinner in Montclair
- Joyce Haddad's outings
- Singles Dance-and-a-Movie or Volleyball

ay to be notified of upcoming events is to join our listserv by visiting [njsierra.org/listinfo.cgi/nj-sierra-singles-announcements-njsierra.org](http://njsierra.org/listinfo.cgi/nj-sierra-singles-announcements-njsierra.org) (long, events, including those planned after publication, will be sent to your x. If you prefer not to receive email, you may view all messages which ent to the listserv by going to <http://lists.njsierra.org/pipermail/nj-sierra-announcements-njsierra.org/>.

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opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. eeded for the positions of: hike leaders, Conservation Chair, Fundraising airs, and members of all committees, including social event planners for Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers terested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We're p you learn the ropes.

MEETINGS: gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, and letter writing. NDAY of each month starting at 7pm with optional pizza, at the Chatham (Main St). Guest speakers at each meeting at 7:30pm. \$5 donation at door y required for pizza only) to joycemwhite@att.net or 973-364-7573, ext. 3, by y before. (Please leave name and specify plain or veggie-topping pizza.) RSVP required) if you're not having pizza.

s will be on the following dates: April 11 (guest speaker on the Schiff rve), May 9 (guest speaker Paul Smith from Duke Gardens Park), and June n our listserv to find out more details as the dates near.

to the Chatham Library: From I-287 take Rte. 24 East to Exit 8 (Summit

## Sierra Student Coalition

(a semi-autonomous organization of college and high school students)

Website: [www.ssc.org/nj](http://www.ssc.org/nj)  
Contact Tejal Kuray; 732-770-2142; tejal.kuray@ssc.org for information.

## Inner City Outings Section

(another Chapter-wide special interest activity)

### OFFICERS:

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| Chair                  | (North/Central Jersey): Anne Dyjak | 732-560-0953 | Njicoutings@ |
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|                        | and Maxine Vogt                    | 856-779-9156 | Mvogt1@jun   |

Inner City Outings is a community outreach program which provide adventures for inner city youth of NJ. Volunteer certified outings leaders ings on weekends, generally day trips on Saturdays.

NJ is currently served by two ICO groups, one in the northern/central re in the southern region/Camden area. If you would like to experience th introducing NJ inner city youth to the wonders of nature, your involvem aged and you are requested to contact us at the above email addresses. To visit our webpage at <http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/>, or send NJICOutings@aol.com.

# Learn to Conduct Inner City Outings — April 1

by Martin Cohen

The North/Central NJ Inner City Outings Section (ICO) offers an all-day Introduction to ICO and volunteer training session on Saturday, April 16, at Harriman State Park (detailed directions and meeting time will be provided to registrants). This session will be an excellent opportunity to find out about the extensive program offerings of ICO, learn how ICO operates, and meet Sierra Club members who dedicate their time and love of the outdoors as ICO volunteers. ICO is a nation-wide community outreach program of the Sierra Club whose mission is to provide opportunities for urban youth and adults to explore, enjoy and protect the natural world.

If you are looking to increase your involvement with the Sierra Club, ICO could be the perfect opportunity for you. If you like working with people who look to you for guidance and education, enjoy sharing your passion for nature, like providing a superb public service, or just think you might enjoy bagels and coffee in good company, then the April 16th ICO event may be your cup of tea. From 10am to 1pm experienced ICO leaders will present information on all aspects of planning and leading an ICO outing. In the afternoon, we will have an optional 2-3 hour hike. A subsequent session to be held in central New Jersey is also in the plan-

accustomed to giving of you benefit of the community probably participated in tor mental campaigns where t has not always been gratifyin that environmentalists only v order to be able to fight aga with ICO the only battle is your own inertia. If you w counter some of the angst environmentalist in these tin mix in some ICO where the is instant and long-lasting.

If you are interested in ga insight into ICO please feel fr us at [NJICOutings@aol.com](mailto:NJICOutings@aol.com) website: <http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/>. If you are in Essex County or elsewhere in so Jersey, please visit the South Jersey website: <http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/southjersey/>.

To entice you, here are so from outing reports prepared " .....around 11:45 we h toward Shorahapok Rock an up Indian Shelter Rocks. W walking along Clove Road a welcomed us up close and perhaps looking for some bi saw a woodpecker, cardinal sparrows, red-winged black chickadees, and maybe a

For those who know the trail is roughly from the Eves let Sanctuary to the Weldon participate in the Chapter's k day of 2005, meet at 10am, il 10, at the Eves Mountain y parking area. Bring a bow s, plenty of drinking water,



*Chris Mills and Paul Sanderson (L to R) on the Chapter's first Trail Maintenance Day, last September.*

and lunch/snacks. For more information, directions, etc, contact me: Dennis.Schvejda@SierraClub.org. ☞

# ional Activist Outings

g days grow longer, our n toward outings into the ear, why not select a Sierra activist outing?

activist outing? An intriguing that takes you to a special eeds protection. And while ying a memorable outdoor in a scenic location, you're w you can become a leader n to keep the area wild ivist outing? As a Sierra Club u seek more than just travel: ur wildlands enjoyment with r the magnificent place you activist trips make it easy and er you to defend America's against the sinister attacks of ministration.

he Sierra Club proudly pre- tional activist outings—from ember: choose from Maine, o, Alaska, or Utah.

8: Protecting the Owyhee s of Nevada, Oregon, and e States and One Treasure. nknown desert uplands and canyons boast spectacular matic geology, and immense- ology. Hike, camp, travel by ore this breathtaking, incom- -open country. Leader: Craig -ce: \$625. [05035A]

5: Rafting the Wild Rivers of rney Through the Wrangell, nd Chugach Mountains. mighty Copper River, sur- ofty peaks and massive glac- ld-class adventure. Float 150 draw inspiration from this erness. Enjoy time for hik- g, and wildlife viewing. ge: 16. Leader: Cristina \$2,495. [05036A]

1: Protecting Wild Nevada. reams, lush meadows, and

11,000-foot snowy peaks in Nevada? Yes, you'll drive across this little-known and less-traveled state to its eastern edge to day hike in varied astounding wild areas. The Schell Creek Range and Mt. Moriah are just the start. Nevada has more potential wilderness than any other state. Leaders: Cal and Letty French. Price: \$595 [05101A]

July 17-23: Vision for the Maine Woods: restoring Valuable Wilderness. Maine activists are working to create wilderness areas in a once-primeval forest now largely privately-owned. Learn more about this major long-range campaign as you canoe four days on the idyllic west branch of the Penobscot River [once explored by Thoreau] and camp one night at Lily Bay State Park. Canoes provided. Leaders: Joan and Barry Saxe. Price \$475. [05102A]

September 17-24: Utah's Wild West Desert. Virtually unknown compared to redrock country, western Utah offers compelling Great Basin mountain ranges and endless, sweeping landscapes. Car camping by van, explore on day hikes and one overnight backpack. Enjoy scenic peak climbs in the majestic Deep Creek and House Ranges, plus other wild ranges. Leader: Vicky Hoover. Price \$525. [05103A]

For more information, contact Vicky Hoover at (415) 977-5527 or vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. Ask about partial scholarships for applicants for whom cost is a deterrent. Some Chapters may be able to help if you become an official Chapter representative. For a trip brochure and application form, call the Sierra Club Outing Department's 24-hour voicemail at (415) 977-5522, or visit www.sierraclub.org/outings. ☞

*Supplied by Vicky Hoover, Activist Outing Chair*

## ON NETWORK

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that calls on the EPA to abandon y to expand sewage dump- tion's waters.

er 1,200 Network members nded. A total of 128 tives signed on -- in New y Rep. EXCEPT Ferguson, n and Garrett. Contact your ank them for signing or ppointment if they didn't .

nk Out Today to Protect

ing the same type of wetland as was destroyed.

Please contact EPA and NOAA and let them know you oppose issuance of the "Federal Guidance on the Use of Off-Site and Out-of-Kind Compensatory Mitigation Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act."

Status: Over 1,240 Network members responded. The administration has not moved to implement these guidelines. We'll keep you posted!

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**Chapter Outings:** Ellen Blumenkrantz 201-784-8417 eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

**Outing Leaders:** Please send July-September 2005 write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before April 30. If you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of our quarterly publication periods, please submit it for the previous Sierran, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send outing rosters or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

**Note:** If possible, leaders should send their trip descriptions to the Group Outings Coordinator instead of directly to the Chapter Outings Coordinator. This is particularly important for occasional leaders.

**Group Outings Coordinators:** Please submit your July-September trip write-ups by May 5.

**NOTES ON OUTINGS:** All Outings are open to Club members, guests and anyone interested in outings. Unless otherwise specified, the events are free and open to the public. ALL participants must sign liability waivers on ALL outings sponsored by Sierra Club. This is a new policy. Please check with the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may permit pets on outings if the event description specifically includes bringing pets.

Sierra Club outings are arranged by volunteer leaders who are in charge of the trip and responsible for the safety, welfare and enjoyment of all participants. Leaders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equip-

Please arrive early at the meeting if you can start on time. For day hikes, luncheon, extra clothing, rain gear, and equipment should be carried in a small daypack. For easy hikes, sturdy over-the-ankle shoes are worn. For most trips, you are expected to bring your own equipment. In some cases, it may be necessary to purchase outdoor/camping supplies -check the trip leader. If the weather is questionable, you may assume that the date of the outing, you may assume that unless the schedule indicates otherwise.

Unless registration is required, such as for river trips or if you have a question, it is not necessary to contact the trip leader. Do not call to join a trip after the line date. When phoning a leader, please include the requested calling times and call 30 minutes before the outing. Please include a self-addressed envelope (SASE) when writing to a leader. Sierra Club members will be given priority.

Watercraft trips let you experience the beauty of our region, but water safety does require some special requirements. The size and skill of each party must be appropriate to each river, so participation in each outing is at the discretion of the leader. We ask you to register at least one week in advance. Unless a phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest assessment of your paddling experience, whether you need a canoe or a kayak, your phone number, and any questions you may have. You will receive a description of the trip, with details of what you can rent a canoe, and what you will need to bring. Trip leaders can arrange for partners to share a canoe if you will be coming by yourself. Unless stated otherwise, canoes are available, trips do not require special skill or exceptional physical conditioning, and participation is not available, non-members may participate if they are able. Smokers are welcome.

If you are a Sierra Club member interested in leading an Outing Leader or have suggestions for new outings, contact your Group Outings Chair or the Chapter Chair for assistance and further information. Please contact your Group contributing each outing is given priority in the write-up, as follows:

- (C) Central Jersey (JS) - Jersey City
- (L) - Loantaka (N) - Northern New Jersey
- (NW) - Northwest Jersey (S) - Southern New Jersey
- (W) - West Jersey (NJ) - Northern New Jersey
- (H) - Hudson (RT) - River Touring
- (IC) - Inner City Outings (ACOC) - Active Outing Coordinators
- (E) - Essex County (Outings)

## APRIL 2005

**Apr 2 (Sat) 8am: Social Cherry Blossom Hike, Washington, DC.** Hike among the beauty and fragrance of the Capitol's cherry blossoms. Meet at Hilton Hotel, Rte. 70, Cherry Hill. We will have lunch at dinner in a restaurant in Baltimore. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net. Cold weather cancels hike.

**Apr 3 (Sun) 9am: Social Hike. Wells Mills Park.** 6 miles moderate pace. Hike trails with spectacular views of Atlantic white cedar, pitch pine and oak trees. NP/NC. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate at Hilton Hotel, Rte. 70 Cherry Hill, rear parking lot to carpool/caravan or meet at 10am in parking lot on Rte. 532, 3 miles east off Rte. 72 Waretown, Ocean Twp. Ocean Co. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net

**Apr 3 (Sun) 10am: Singles Hike at Tulip Springs** but all are welcome. Hike 7 miles at a moderate pace through the South Mountain Reservation and see some of the many highlights this 2000-acre track has including a 25-foot waterfall and a spectacular view of New York City and South Jersey. Children 10 and dogs are welcome. Bring water, lunch and wear hiking boots. Meet 10am in the Tulip Springs just off Cherry Lane that runs between Northfield Avenue and South Orange Avenue in South Orange. Fee will be charged to nonmembers. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain Cancels Outings. Ogens: Banditelm64@comcast.net, Ron Pate, Walter Goldenbaum (E)

**Apr 9 (Sat) 4:45pm Social Sunset Hike and Star Gaze.** 6 miles at moderate pace. Hike together and watch the sun set over the pines. We come back to our social and then meet with the Astronomical Society to view the night stars. NP/NC. Bring picnic type food to share, blanketed chairs. Meet at the northern parking lot Batsto Village, Rte. 542, 8 miles east of Hammonton, NJ. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or Pis1@cccnj.net

**Apr 9 (Sat) 11am: D&R Canal Towpath-Rocky Hill to Kingston.** Enjoy an easy 4-mile spring hike through the D&R Canal towpath. We will walk from the Rocky Hill entrance to the towpath to Kingston Lock and back to the Rocky Hill entrance to towpath. Steady rain cancels. Leader: Sandi Lowich, abstract46@aol.com

**Apr 9 (Sat) 9am: Singles hike in Lower Norvin Green State Park.** We will start the circular hike through the Norvin Green State Park at the Weiss Ecology Center parking lot. 8 miles at a moderate pace. Bring water, lunch, snacks and 2-3 quarts of water. Well-behaved dogs welcome. Inclement weather cancels. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Hikers must pre-register to confirm the time and route. There is a \$3 fee for this hike. Optional stop after hike at a local restaurant for food and drinks. There is a \$3 fee for parking. Leader: David Thompson 201-315-3530 or e-mail dthompson8@earthlink.net (E)

**Apr 10 (Sun) 9:30am: Social Walking Tour of Old City Pa.** 4 miles moderate pace. Come walk through the history of Old City Pa. Learn about the Colonial High Life and other little known facts about the city of Old City. A fee will be charged for the guide. After tour we will have lunch at a local eatery. NP/NC.

**May 22 (Sun) 11am: D&R Canal Towpath-Weston to East Millstone.** An easy 4-mile hike along the canal towpath. Take Exit 7 from I-287, left on Weston Canal Road towards Manville approx. 1/2 mile. The area is near the canal crossing. Steady rain cancels. Leader: Sandi Lowich, abstract46@aol.com

**May 22 (Sun) 9am: Southern Allaire State Park** (Special Interest: Geology) 4.5 mile moderate northern fringes of the Pine Barrens. Bring drink and snack. Hiking shoes preferred. Meet at paved parking lot on the right, off Hospital Rd., in Wall Township. Take GPS to Exit 98, Allenwood Rd. At "T" intersection (Ramhorn Rd.) turn right. Make next left (Hospital Rd.); then approximately 1 mile on the right. Bad weather cancels. Confirmation/Questions: call Leader 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

**May 22 (Sun) 10am: Social Hike and Fire Tower Tour.** 7 miles, moderate pace. Tour Cedar Brook with its spectacular views of the Pine Barrens, ocean and bay. We will hike a new trail in Gloucester Ocean Co. Meet at Fire Tower on Rte. 539, 4 mile N from Rte. 72 or 8 miles S from Rte. 70. Bring food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve, or, pserdiuk@aol.com

**May 27-30 (Fri-Mon) 10am: Social Outdoor Memorial Day Weekend.** Hike 7 spectacular waterfalls, campout in the deep woods at Ricketts Glen SP, Pa. Camping will be available Fri, Sat, & Sun. Leader by April 30 to reserve space. Call leader for carpool/caravan information, or meet at office, Rte. 487, Exit 35 off I-80 PA Tnpl at 10am. NC/NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk. 609-462-3593 pserdiuk@cccny.net

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Social Hike in Palisades Interstate Park.** Join us for a strenuous 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace. Enjoy the majestic views of the Palisades. Highlights include Peanut Leap Falls & the Giant Ledge. Hiking shoes are required and participants must be in good condition. Bring lunch or snacks and 2 quarts of water. Meet before 10:30am at the State Line parking lot off Palisades Parkway. Take the left lane toward George Washington Bridge. When Turnpike divides, bear RIGHT. (spur that forks left in left lane, following signs for local NJ exits as you head toward the George Washington Bridge tollbooths. Take Exit 72 for Fort Lee/Palisades Parkway. At first light go left onto Fletcher Avenue right lane & follow Fletcher Ave. for short distance and bear right onto Palisades Parkway. Line Lookout exit, just past Exit 2. Follow road a short distance to parking area near Lookout Point. Meet at the snack bar. Leader: Joyce White at 908-272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com. (L)

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Brookdale Community College/Thompson Park** Moderate 6.5 mile hike that follows the edge of the Reservoir. Please bring drinks and snacks. Hiking shoes are suggested. GSP Exit 109, head south County Rte. 520 approx. 2 miles to Brookdale Community College make first right to meet in the right back corner at 9am. Bad weather cancels. Confirmation/questions please call mjverange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com. (JS)

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Clean up South Mountain Reservation** We will meet at Tulip Springs parking area off of Route 520. We will hike and clean as we go. Leaders Esther Kirk and Ron Pate. Rain cancels. 973-364-7573

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Social Hike - Pasadena Tile Works.** 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Hike along sand roads as well as tile work ruins. Possible history lesson to be given by local authority. NP/NC. Meet at parking area near group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rte. 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rtes 70 & 72. Bring food to share at tailgate social after hike. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve, or pserdiuk@aol.com

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Blauvelt Parks: Piermont-South Nyack.** Strenuous 10 miles. Visit Rockland Cemetery, an abandoned and an abandoned National Guard rifle range. 2 quarts water. Hiking boots. Joint with AMC. Meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural) by 10:15am. LP out of the abandoned RR. Leader John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10pm) or jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

## MAY 2005

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Social Flatwater Kayak Training.** Learn how to handle a flatwater kayak or improve your skills. Call leader to reserve space. After lake training we will do the Wading River. Bring food to share at tailgate social after trip. NC/NP. Meet at Bel-Haven Canoes on Rte. 542, Atl Co, 12 miles from Monton. Leader: Paul Serdiuk. 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccny.net

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Social Hike at Pyramid Mountain** - but all are welcome. Hike 6-7 miles at a moderate pace and enjoy views, streams, and unusual rock formations like Tripod Rock; a 160-ton boulder perched atop Pyramid Mountain. Several overlooks with great views of NYC and the surrounding hills. Children 10 years and older are welcome. Bring water, lunch and wear hiking boots. Meet before 10am at the Pyramid Mountain Center. Take I-80 West to I-287 North. Exit 45 Wootton St. First LEFT onto Wootton St. Go south onto Beonton Ave (County Rd 511). Follow 4 miles and parking is on the LEFT. A \$3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. All participants must sign a liability waiver Rain cancels. Leaders: David Ogens 973-226-0748 mcacast.net, Ron Pate, Walter Goldenbaum. 973-364-7573 #2 (E)

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Kayaking & Boating on the Lower Ramapo River.** Join us for 9 miles of leisurely paddling in the beautiful Ramapo Hills from Mahwah to Oakland, NJ. Mostly class 1 with a few class 2 bends & chutes. Bring your own paddling gear. If you don't have gear, we'll also be looking for any interesting bird species the river may offer. (No liability locally.) Leader: Ira Grindlinger, 179 Lake Shore Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436, 201-651-0100

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Bulls Island to Frenchtown:** About 10 miles one way, canal walk. Will involve half-hour of rowing (+) pace. Flat. Meet at Parking lot, Rte. 29 next to Bull's Island. Lunch in Frenchtown. Ken Shure 609-443-9138. Steady rain cancels.

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Canoe Trip on the Passaic River.** Canoe 4 hours at a moderate pace observing the wildlife along the banks of the river. Bring water, lunch and comfortable clothes. Meet promptly at 10am at the Passaic River Canoe Center at 621 Eagle Rock Ave in Roseland. It is 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Passaic River and Eagle Rock Ave in Roseland. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. A limited number of canoes available. \$15 per seat (\$18 for non-members). Older children are welcome and can sit in the middle. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain date Sunday. Leaders: David Ogens 973-226-0748 mcacast.net, Ken Shure, Ron Pate (E)

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Schunemunk Circular.** Moderate 8 miles. Steep (1200 foot) initial climb will reward the hiker with spectacular views in all directions from the highest point in Orange County! A brief geology lesson is included. Bring hiking boots, lunch, 2 quarts of water. Joint with AMC. Meet at 10am in Mountainville at the intersection of Rte. 2 North from the Harriman Exit of the NYS Thruway about 7 miles to Angola/Pleasant Hill. Meet at Black Rock Fish and Game Club sign. Leader John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10pm) or jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Leonard J. Buck Garden-Far Hills.** Explore the pleasures of the arrival of spring in this 33-acre garden. Highlights include lava flows, rare trees, and an extinct waterfall. Meet at the garden's Layton Center. Steady rain cancels. Leader: Sandi Lowich, abstract46@aol.com (RV)

**May 27 (Sun) 10am: Clean-up/Hike in Watchung Reservation.** Please come out to help clean-up Watchung Reservation. We will pick up light trash and then hike the hills & level terrain nearby as time permits. Hiking shoes are required and participants should be prepared for moderate activity. Bring lunch or snack, rehydrated as well as bags and gloves. Meet before 10am at the Trailside Nature Center parking lot. Take Exit 43 (New Providence/Berkeley Heights). At light, turn right onto McMane Avenue. Turn left onto Glenside Ave. Drive about 1 mile or so and turn right onto Valley Road, then quick left onto Glenside Road. Meet at Seeley's Pond Picnic Area. OR Take I-78 East to exit 44, turn right at the Glenside Avenue. Then follow directions above. Rain cancels. Leader: Joyce White, 908-272-4478 or joyce00201@yahoo.com (L)

## JUNE 2005

**June 4 (Sat) 10:30am: Social Hike at Eagle Rock Reservation.** We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Bring water and snacks and wear hiking boots. Meet before 10:30am at the Highlawn Pavilion Parking Lot, 100 Rock Ave. in West Orange. Take I-280 to Prospect Ave (Exit 8B) head north, right turn onto Prospect Ave, left turn into reservation. A \$3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. Well-behaved kids and dogs are welcome. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain cancels. Leader: Joyce Haddad. 973-364-7573

**June 4 (Sat) 10:30am: Social Hike in Jenny Jump State Forest.** We will hike about 5 miles of hills at a moderate pace. Highlights include panoramic vistas of the Highlands. Hiking boots are preferred. Bring lunch or snack & 2 quarts of water. Meet before 10:30am at the state park office parking lot. Take I-80 West to Exit 12 (Rte. 521- Hope). From the off ramp, take left turn onto Great Meadows-Hope Road. Travel 2.4 miles to Fair View Road. Turn left on Fair View Road. Turn right onto the park office entrance on right (turn right at the Jenny Jump State Forest sign). Leader: Joyce White. 908-272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com. (L)

**June 4 (Sat) 10am: Wurtsboro Ridge.** Moderate pace, all day 10-11-mile hike on the Wurtsboro Ridge. Great views of the Catskills. Several ups & downs. Opt. dinner stop after the hike. Group must preregister. Joint with AMC. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, 201-784-8417, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

**June 4 (Sat) 10am: Cold Spring Foundry.** Easy 4 miles. We will visit the historic Cold Spring Foundry. Presentation by professional storyteller Jonathan Kruk who will thrill us with his tales of mystery! Joint with AMC. Drivers at the foot of Main Street in Cold Spring NY by the railroad. Meet at 10am. Leader: John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10pm) or jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

**June 4 (Sat) 10am: Wilderness Backpacking** in the remote mountain lake regions of the Catskills. This adventure we will pack into one of the more primitive lake areas of the Catskills. We may hike some of the high peaks in the area from our camp some of which may not be accessible. We will use navigational techniques using maps and compass. The trip should be an instructional wilderness backpacking. A camp where we can also swim in a wilderness setting by a mountain lake. Moderate difficulty; not for beginners. For more details regarding transportation, equipment and contact the leaders. This is a joint trip of the AMC, Sierra Cub and UCHC. Leader: Al Tatyrek, 100 Maplewood, N. J. 07040. 973-763-2303 (no calls after 10pm). Coleader: Brant Collins 732-458-8417

**June 5 (Sun) 10am: Canoe Trip on the Passaic River.** Canoe 4 hours at a moderate pace observing the natural beauty of the river. Bring water, lunch and comfortable clothes. Meet promptly at the Passaic River Canoe Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave in Roseland. It is 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Passaic River and Eagle Rock Ave in Roseland. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. A limited number of canoes available. \$15 per seat (\$18 for non-members). Older children are welcome and can sit in the middle. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Rain date: Sunday. Leaders: David Ogens 973-226-0748 mcacast.net, Ken Shure, Ron Pate (E)

**June 5 (Sun) 9:30am: Social Kayak trip.** Paddle the Oswego River, one of the most picturesque rivers in New Jersey. Bring lunch and water with you. We will stop to explore and swim along the way. Meet at Bel-Haven Canoe Rental Rte. 542, Greenbank, Burl. Co. Leader: Ken Shure 856-697-3870 or pis1@cccny.net

**June 5 (Sun) 9:15am: Island Pond Loop.** Moderate pace, full day, 12-mile loop hike from Island Pond & back. Slight ups & downs. Bring lunch & lots of water. Group limit 12 people. Meet at Island Pond. Register. Joint with AMC Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, 201-784-8417, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com

**June 5 (Sun) 10:30am: Chambersburg, Trenton:** 3 miles followed by lunch at Mexican eatery (6000) homes built to house workers at the Roebling Steel Mill, this urban area is now home to a diverse population. Meet at Columbus Park: Hamilton and Division St. near playground. Moderate (-) Ken Shure 609-443-9138. Steady rain cancels.

**June 12 (Sun) 8:30am: Social - Wissahickon Gorge.** 7 miles moderate pace over hills. Hike through the gorge with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at rear parking lot Harkon Hotel, on Rte. 70 Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan. Or meet at 9:30am at the rear parking lot in park. Leader Paul Serdiuk. 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccny.net

**June 12 (Sun) Noon: Ocean Grove Boardwalk.** An easy 4-mile hike along the boardwalk and ocean. Row streets filled with Victorian-style houses, shops, and colorful Methodist camp tent-covered porches. Meet at quaint streets town. Lunch at a local cafe after. Gated entrance to Ocean Grove is off Rte. 100. Meet at boardwalk at the end of Main Street. Steady rain cancels. Leader: Sandi Lowich, abstract46@aol.com

**June 18 (Sat) 10am: Monument Trail to A.T. Highpoint, NJ.** This is a moderate hike of about 5 miles to the Highpoint, which offers some pretty views. Hiking boots a must. Bring lunch and water. Meet at parking lot on your left just before the Ranger's Station on Rte. 23 North at 10am. We will have drivers who have park passes. Please contact Leslie McGlynn at 973-252-8122 or LSI1@cccny.net to confirm hike.

**June 18 (Sat) Clayton Park, Upper Freehold Township** (Special Interest: History) Join us on a hike in one of Monmouth County Park System's best kept secrets. Moderate elevation gains. 10 miles. Bring snack and drink. Meet at the Wawa store near the intersection of County Road 100 in Upper Freehold Township. Bad weather cancels. Confirmation/questions: call leader Mike 902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

**June 18 (Sat) 7:30pm: Social Moonlight Hike.** 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike under the Strawberry Hill moon. Walk along old cranberry bogs and listen to the evening serenade. Bring snack type food to share at tailgate social after the hike. NC/NP. Meet in parking lot at Whiteshade Village, Burl Co. From



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**July 4 (Mon) Manasquan River Reservoir, Monmouth County** (Special Interest: birds). Enjoy a circular hike on one of the largest reservoirs in the area. We may observe water-fowl. Bring bird books or binoculars. Hiking shoes are not required. This is a great family hike. Meet at entrance to the reservoir on Windeller Rd. Take the GSP to Exit 98. Head west on I-195 to Go north on Rte. 9. Make first right onto Windeller Rd. The main entrance is 1.5 miles on y the parking area at the far left toward the back. Bad weather, including high heat Confirmation/questions please call leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com

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