**Report from Trenton:**

**The Fight to Stop PurGen**

By Kara Seymour, of our Trenton staff

The Club will continue its effort to prevent construction of a 750 Megawatt coal-fired electricity plant, using carbon capture and sequestration (CC&S) for the CO2 with PurGen, a new company under the supervision of the County Council on Underground Mining. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Board has unanimously approved 240 tons of toxic lead, 7,000 tons of arsenic, and 225 tons of toxic gaseous waste products of coal combustion, that would be put up 450 offshore wind turbines producing 175,000 residential roofs, creating 1,350 MW of electricity, or it could be used to power the energy produced by the plant.

Instead of subsidizing risky technology, the state Environmental Protection Agency is still in an early stage of development, its failure could have catastrophic environmental and public health consequences. (The world’s longest running CC&S project, Steepen in Norway, is only 13 years old.) PurGen proposes to liquefy and pressurize the carbon dioxide produced in coal combustion, and then pipe a trillion pounds of this liquid, per year, through a 1,600-mile pipeline from the Atlantic City, where it will be injected under the seabed.

The proposal goes next to Linden’s Planning Board. From there it will need permits from the Minerals Management Service, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

This $5 billion experiment poses numerous threats not only to Linden, but to the entire state. It would severely degrade the local and surrounding environment. More importantly, the technology for CC&S is still in an early stage of development; its failure could have catastrophic environmental and public health consequences. (The world’s longest running CC&S project, Steepen in Norway, is only 13 years old.) PurGen proposes to liquefy and pressurize the carbon dioxide produced in coal combustion, and then pipe a trillion pounds of this liquid, per year, through a 1,600-mile pipeline from the Atlantic City, where it will be injected under the seabed.

The people of New Jersey should not be exposed to such an experiment. Liquid CO2 evaporates into an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that asphyxiates people and animals. 1.8 million people live in 41 municipalities within 10 miles of the proposed site.

The company proposing PurGen, SCS, is hoping to tap close to $100 million a year in federal tax credits. We would prefer safe, proven renewable sources like wind and solar. For one thing, the CO2 emitted from burning natural gas is not toxic. By 2050, New Jersey should be running on 100% renewable energy, using offshore wind, solar, and other clean sources.

**Chapter Reorganization**

Our Annual Installation of Volunteer Officers took place at our January 16th monthly meeting, with Don McBride (Raritan Valley Group), Ken Johanson, Chapter Chair since 2005, was re-elected to a sixth one-year term of office, with Susan Somah (Newark Group) beginning new three-year officer assignments.

**New Electronic Newsletter:**

With bi-weekly updates on state environmental issues. Sign up from the "Take Action" box on the Chapter website.

All too often a call comes to the Club’s Trenton headquarters from an alert member who has read an article in the local paper about plans to build homes, or a shopping center, or athletic fields, on an old farm or a stretch of the last remaining wetlands or endangered species habitat. And no one should be building where water supply. The Sierra Club strongly supports a policy that towns will choose to build workforce housing instead of the low- and moderate-income housing that is needed more. There also should be rules to make sure (subsidized) workforce housing is not sold at higher market values down the line.

The current COAH law has had a big impact on land use and development that include, over 30 years, 225 tons of toxic gaseous waste products of coal combustion, and then pipe a trillion pounds of this liquid, per year, through a 1,600-mile pipeline from the Atlantic City, where it will be injected under the seabed.

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**Our New NJ Land-Use Guide**

By Laura Lynch, Chapter Conservation Chair (njsierranluch@gmail.com)

All too often a call comes to the Club’s Trenton headquarters from an alert member who has read an article in the local paper about plans to build homes, or a shopping center, or athletic fields, on an old farm or a stretch of the last remaining forest on the edge of town. What can the Sierra Club do to stop it, and preserve the land instead? Often it’s too late: the decision for development may have already been made.

After far too many of these phone calls, members of our Chapter’s Conservation Committee have written a guide for opposing such projects. Land Use and Preservation in New Jersey: A Beginner’s Guide’s 28-page handbook that can be found on our website, http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Preservation紐泽西县环境维护委员会已备好了一份由我们编辑的指南，。The State Planning Commission should be granted authority over affordable housing. Otherwise, we’ll simply be replacing COAH with another agency and bureaucracy. The Commission is filled with developers and people who work for developers. If you think that the COAH rules are arcane and hard to follow, try following the State Planning Commission’s Plan Endorsement process. The State has a failure. Workforce housing should not be considered the same as low- and moderate-income housing. While the Sierra Club supports the development of workforce housing in New Jersey, we’re concerned that towns will choose to build workforce housing instead of the low- and moderate-income housing that is needed more. There also should be rules to make sure (subsidized) workforce housing is not sold at higher market values down the line.

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Sustainable Life-style

Project Runway: A ‘Green’ Wardrobe

By our columnist, Suzanne Dragan

Wearing your birthday suit is probably the only way to dress without impacting the environment. But since clothing is not optional in New Jersey, how can we help the planet by choosing our fabrics?

Some materials are better than others:
- Polyester, rayon and other synthetic fibers are washable and can require hundreds of gallons of water to produce an ounce of fabric.
- Organic cotton, hemp, and bamboo require only about half the water content for growing conditions. Bamboogoods.com.
- Organic cotton is also naturally less susceptible to pests and requires less chemical pesticides than conventional cotton.
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Death of NJ Environmentalist Denny Bennett

From a press release issued by our Trenton staff

The Chapter is saddened by the loss, on Dec 15, 2009, of Denny Bennett, 79, of Fair Haven, New Jersey, past president of the American Littoral Society (ALS), which is running a series of events this winter, to honor the legacies of the institutions that protect our oceans, coastlines and estuaries. Many Club leaders and members are privileged to have heard his dedication, his creativity, and the smile and twinkle in his eye.

He worked to protect New Jersey’s horseshoe crabs, essential to several species of migrating birds, and to restore Atlantic steelmagnes to Delaware Bay.

The ALS is the only national environmental group headquartered in New Jersey. It is dedicated to protecting all aspects of our marine environment, from the fisherman, boaters and other non-environmental groups. Its inspiration is the story of the founders of NJN/Cay Baykeeper, Clean Ocean Action, and the Delaware Riverkeeper. We are proud to celebrate with leaving the ALS in the good hands of our former Chapter Director, Tim Dillingham.

The staff and volunteers of the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club offer our sincere condolences to the Bennett family and to the Littoral Society.

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POPULATION ISSUE COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Year of the Tiger

By Bonnie Tilley. (btt448@msn.com)

“We’re in the worst form of violence…”, Mahatma Gandhi

Poetry is the best contraceptive…”, Vishwanath Kolwaid, Secretary, Family Planning Association of India

India. The world’s largest images of exotic temples; elephants, cobras and tigers; stories by Kipling; bright colored saris and the Taj Mahal. Is there also a harsher reality which we saw on a recent Sierra Club Global Population and Environment Program study trip to India. This article is the first in a series about that trip.

Currently, one out of every six people in the world lives in India where the total population of 1.2 billion people lives in an area about one-third the size of the United States, home to 306.8 million (Population Reference Bureau statistics mid-2009). India is on track to overtake China as the most populous country in just 15 years. Is there a hope of slowing or stabilizing population growth to reduce pressure on the land and its resources, and on the air and water in India, as on the rest of the planet? Slowing population growth is not a challenge that can be averaged.

The Family Planning Association of India (FPA-India) was one of the founding members of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. They are proud to note that Margaret Sanger was a guest on their visit. At our headquarters in Mumbai, they commented that population, the environment and development are directly linked. The organization works at the grassroots level with local communities to meet their needs for reproductive rights, health care and economic access. With one in four people in India not attending school, sex education (“life skills education”) is an important part of teacher training. Parents, in fact, prefer to have their children learn about reproductive health in schools. One clinic we visited was a meeting place for young women ages 14 to 21 who had either finished school or dropped out of school. They gather to learn and talk with staff about their own health care and social environment. A nearby clinic has similar programs.

Three challenges faced by FPA-India and other reproductive health organizations people with are more dire than ever, because about 70% of the population live in villages or small towns difficult to get to, and the fact that “it’s a woman’s business” means that women and girls have less than $2 a day (Population Reference Bureau statistic 2005) leads people to desperate measures such as rural women becoming sex workers in large cities like Mumbai.

We met with women in brothels who, through their poverty, have been forced into sex work in order to help their families survive back in the villages. These women, beaten down by poverty and the stigma of their profession, none-the-less have been empowered through sex worker’s rights organizations to demand that their clients use condoms. This is helping to control the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases which have a strong foothold in the country.

Why is it important to try and stabilize India’s population? A haze of air pollution covers the entire continent; the water is polluted, and the growing population is fighting for land and resources with species such as India’s national animal, the Royal Bengal Tiger.

February 14, 2010, marked the start of the Year of the Tiger. Once abundant throughout India, the tiger is now facing extinction. In the late 19th Century it was still estimated there were 40,000 tigers in India. In 2008, that number had dwindled to 1,500 menin, 8 tiger reserves have been established around the country. Tigers are at the top of the food chain, and when an area is preserved for them it conserves the entire ecosystem. Species all the way down the food chain benefit.

“The air we breathe and the water we drink stem from the biodiversity of the world in our backyard. The tiger is the centre of this truth. If it goes, we go,” said Indian con- sectar Arjun Singh. To learn more about the programs offered by FPA-India go to www.fpa.org.in.

To learn more about efforts to save wild tigers and see how you can help go to: www.savewildtigers.org. Photo credit trip participant Suzanne Zanye.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park: May 7-9, Jul 16-19, Aug 6-9, Sep 10-12

California’s Channel Islands are Galapagos USA! Marvel at the sight of whales, seals, sea lions, rare birds & blazing wildflowers. Hike the wild, windswept trails. Kayak the rugged coastline, snorkel in pristine water. Discover remnants of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or just relax at sea. These 5-6 day “live aboard” fundraiser cruises are sponsored by Angeles Chumash Sea Preserve & Angeles Chumash Sea Preserve. The fee ($590 for May and Sep; $575 for Jul & Aug) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks & beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with you and point out the flora and fauna. For more information call 714-728-4735, or visit www.fishinpaint.com. Check out the website for more information.

Highlands Land Use Acrotomy

By Greg Nelson, Chair of our South Highlands Group (ggregssa@hotmail.com)

Close your eyes. Imagine driving west on Route 79, toward Pennsylvania, through fertile farmland, old forests, and beautiful valleys. It is a pleasant drive, a process that provokes asthma attacks and increased cancer rates. Residents who live in a miles of trucks and pollution - all day and night.

Unfortunately, this scenario is in the works for those who live on Franklin Township (Warren County). The proposed location is about 192 acres of fertile farmland and old forest, with 700-1000 truck move- ments expected per day on rural roads.

There will be hundreds of loading bays, a warehouse, and a truck service area. There will be exhaust pipes spewing diesel smoke 24 hours a day! Diesel smoke contains particulate matter that provokes asthma attacks and increased cancer rates. Residents who live near a miles of trucks and pollution - all day and night.

For more information contact the Sierra Club Global Population and Environment Program. To learn more about efforts to save wild tigers and see how you can help go to: www.savewildtigers.org. Photo credit trip participant Suzanne Zanye.
One way in which Sierra Club members have been active in the community, as well as improve the Quality of Life in their communities, is by serving on municipal Shade Tree Commissions. Many of us can count off the benefits of trees that border both residential and shopping streets: coolness in summer, color in fall, and dryness in sudden downpours; they remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, and are shapely, both as leafless winter skeletons and in leafy summer outline. An important additional benefit is that they shade the roofs of nearby buildings, providing natural air conditioning.

New Jersey state law provides for municipal Shade Tree Commissions in Chapter 40, Section 64: if authorized by municipal ordinance they consist of 5 to 7 unpaid members appointed by the mayor, with powers to conduct plantings and maintenance. Members are required to receive periodic training from landscape professionals.

There has been considerable discussion over the years about which tree species make the best plantings. Factors include:

1. A root system that is kind to side-walks and curbs. (a problem for maples and oaks, but surface roots can be prevented in some species by proper soil conditioning, or reinforcing of nearby concrete)

2. Leaves that are colorful in fall, and bloom that are colorful in spring. (Sugar maples have the most fall color in my town.)

3. Leaves that are small and easy to collect in fall, and that don't shed leaves that can be blown into mailboxes or gutters (e.g. in the Pinelands).

4. Trees that are not smelly or messy, e.g. that don't shed bark (a problem for firs, pine and Douglas fir).

5. Trees preferred (or repelled) by particular bird, mammal and insect species (e.g. woodpeckers, squirrels, gypsy moths, bark beetles, bees).

6. Trees resistant to current fungal and bacterial infection, and potential fire problems caused by chestnut oaks), and that don't poison the grass underneath (problem for beeches, Bradford pears and tulip trees).

7. Trees with graceful limbs that are eye-catching for your support! (a problem for maples and oaks)

8. Trees with graceful limbs that are hardy, sturdy, inex-...
All wildlife issues are issues of habitat. Every species on Earth has evolved the ability to co-exist even if it is lucky, in multiple habitats. We have developed an understanding of what constitutes a habitat for each species, especially in the last few decades, but there is much we don’t know. Animals have made many adaptations, sometimes to extreme conditions, to survive in a habitat. An animal’s habitat may include a finite territory, e.g. a particular section of a particular stream, or vast areas of the plains or oceans. Habitats may be seasonal, or may change as animal matures, or migrates to a breeding ground.

As with “men,” no species is an island! All organisms interact in complex dependencies, so a habitat change will often affect other parts of the ecological web. When we start learning about animals, we start to realize the interdependence of species at and across several levels – all life. Thus, if one thing in the web falls out of balance, the impacts always come back to us.

Many animal habitats interact with that of our species. I remember the first time I observed a eagle; it started me on the path to becoming a birder. Part of the appeal of birding is the moment of discovery, part is learning about the complexities of life for each species, sometimes the impact these creatures have on our world. I believe that we have an innate appreciation or fascination with wild creatures. What impact do humans have upon animals? Many animals have successfully adapted to our presence – whether or not we have wanted them to do so. Some have even become dependent upon us. Many animals have not, and are declining toward extinction.

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Much has been written about the harmful effects of industrial agriculture. One alternative is urban farming, including roof top farming (practiced successfully in parts of New York City); permaculture - a means of (re)designing ourselves culturally by focusing on a 'consciously designed landscape'; and CSA: community supported agriculture whereby consumers contract with local farms to receive weekly deliveries of produce. There's also bio-intensive farming, whose biggest proponent: John Jeavons, talks about giving back to the soil, in return for nutrition, health and tasty food!

The detractions of industrial agriculture include the need for price supports and government subsidies. Additionally there are the health costs of eating highly processed foods, water pollution (by agrochemicals), fuel costs for producing fertilizers and long-distance transportation, and lastly the huge carbon footprint (15-30% of the US total).

By contrast, urban farming has a positive social, ecological and economic bottom-line. The technical systems used, including worm composting and aquaponics, are relatively cheap.

Some sample projects in New Jersey: CSA: If you visit www.localharvest.org/csa/ and enter your zip code, you will be rewarded with a list of local farms that will contract to deliver a box of fresh, organic vegetables to you every week. Besides local and organic food, you will enjoy fresh tastes and improve your health. Northwest Organic Farm Association (NOFA): This organization is one of the better known venues for the organic and sustainable food and farming community. Last year’s annual conference was attended by more than 500 farmers, gardeners, educators, policy makers, students and consumers.

An organization called Brighter Planet conducted a Sustainable Cooking Contest last year in Vermont. It brings Americans together to share tips and experiences about reducing their environmental impact in the kitchen. The average American’s carbon footprint from food is as big as that of a car or a home.

Relevant websites:
- CSA: www.localharvest.org/csa/
- Northeast Organic Farm Association (NOFA: nj. org)
- Rutgers University (www.njfarmfresh. rutgers.edu/archive.html)
- Better food habits - www.michaelpol- lan.com
- Slow food movement (www.slow- food.com)
- Restaurants like Eno terra (www.eno- terra.com) and Namaste cafe (in New Brunswick, www.namastejiabar.com/)

More on the Chapter’s Annual Appreciation Day

In addition to honoring Senator Robert Menendez, as reported in the previous Newsletter, annual awards on Nov 22 went to BPU Commissioner Joseph L. Fiordaliso with technical intervention (formerly Northwest Jersey Group) and lastly the huge carbon footprint, (Continued on page 6)

HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR GROUP (BY COUNTY)

Skylands Group: Sussex & northern Warren
South Highlands Group: Hunterdon and southern Warren
North Jersey Group: Passaic & most of Bergen
Hudson-Meadowlands Group: Hudson & SE Bergen
Essex County Group: Essex
Loantaka Group: Morris & Union
Central Jersey Group: Mercer
Raritan Valley Group: Somerset & Middlesex
Jersey Shore Group: Monmouth
Ocean County Group: Ocean
West Jersey Group: Gloucester, Camden & Burlington
South Jersey Group: Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland & Salem

These designations are approximate: members are welcome to participate in whichever Group(s) they find convenient.

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GENERAL MEETINGS: On the first Wednesday of every month, 7:30 pm, at Sussex Community College, Building D in the Auditorium. Shuttle Bus runs regularly from all parking lot areas.

Please see our website for information on scheduled guest speakers, monthly meeting topics and conservation issues our group is focusing on.

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See us and keep up to date with our Group on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?gid=53817156187

We are now on Facebook! Now you have two ways to stay updated on our group and events/activities going on! Either go to our Facebook page or get our email distribution list. Please contact shighlandssierra@gmail.com for more information!

Currently we have a variety of fun outings and events planned for our members. The list is constantly being updated. Please see our group page for information on upcoming activities. On the initiatives front, we are tackling a variety of important issues, but focusing on three major topics: conservation issues, such as preserving open space (a priority in Hunterdon County), protecting our environment, and clean energy / energy conservation. GET INVOLVED!

MEETINGS, OUTINGS, and EVENTS:
Make sure to check our Facebook page for the updates and the latest and greatest on Meetings, Outings, and Events for members and non-members! For information on any of the events, please contact us at shighlands@sierraclub.org.

Meetings are held at the New Jersey Water Supply Authority Annex, 1851 State Rte 51, Clinton 08809. Please check our Facebook page for meeting updates as dates and loca-

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Meetings set at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of every month.
GENERAL MEETINGS: General Meeting Topics: April – Outdoor Gardening May – Endangered Species or Bats June – Hunterdon/Warren Wildlife - “Local wildlife and their environments” September – Energy October – Winter Birds November – Fall Harvests OUTINGS: (Please RSVP - David English, denglish@hotmail.com - Put “Sierra Club Outing” in Subject Line when reserving)
April 15, 12-2pm - Hike - Columbia Trail - Starting High Bridge May 29, 9am-12noon - Bicycling, Nokotton to Freewordtown (Round Trip) June 27, 1-3pm - Crystal Springs, in Teetertown Preserve (Tewksbury)
We are in need of hike leaders - if you are interested, please contact David English, denglish@hotmail.com - Put “Sierra Club Hike Leader in the Subject Line)
WHERE WE WILL BE:
We are anxiously awaiting our 2010 tabling events to be lined up. We will start around Earth Day in April and Continue into the Fall season! Please check our Flier Book page for an up-to-date schedule of our events.
CURRENT ISSUES:
Franklin Township Truck Depot
A 191 acre truck depot has been proposed for farmland about one half mile from Route 17 for Bloombury Road parallel to the Musconetcong River, a designated Wild and Scenic protected waterway. The proposed truck hub and depot include:
• 6 warehouses measuring 1.44 million square feet
• 2891 parking spots, 851 for Trucks & loading docks, and 2404 Autos
• Roads and parking lots throughout the acreage
• An additional 700 to 1000 truck trips per day on rural roads
Construction on this depot would lead to increased pollution of the Musconetcong, increased air pollution for residents in Franklin Township and surrounding commu-
nities, and noise pollution. This will destroy pristine environmental areas that are within the Conservation Area of the Highlands Plan.
Spruce Run Office Building
Construction of a new three story, 10,000 square foot office building adjacent to the Spruce Run Reservoir in the strictly protected Highlands Preservation Area of the Township will degrade water quality in the Spruce Run Reservoir and two major water supply intakes in the area, and create a loophole for future development.
The building would be situated on Lot 3, Block 68, near Echo Lane in the northern-most part of the Township. That area is now zoned RC (Rural Conservation), but under the agreement with NJSC, the land would become OB-1 (Office Business). The proposed three story building will be sandwiched between Spruce Run State Park property on its northerly boundary and the nearby New Jersey Water Supply Authority property to the south and west.
Millford Mill Cleanup
Georgia Pacific and International Paper have stepped up to the plate to take responsibility in the clean-up of the Mill prior to the designation by the EPA of the Mill as a Superfund Site. What this means is still unclear and the effort the companies will put forth will still have to be seen. The community advisory group will remain active over-
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peek Environmental Group’s efforts to save the “peak” of a mountain range in Hunterdon County. Our efforts have resulted in the full or partial purchase of C3 steams, exceptional resource wetlands, critical habitat, and conservation priority lands.
North Jersey Group
North Jersey Group: (Bergen, Passaic and northern Morris Counties, approximately)
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WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/North
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held four times a year. For more information, please contact Betty or Mike (above).
GENERAL MEETINGS: Begin at 7:30 pm; dates and locations below. Please contact Betsy (above) to make sure the program is on. Signed up for e-mail notices at info@its4sierraclub.org/archives/NJ/NORTHJERSEYNEWS.html
Apr 14, place and program TBA
May 18 at Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 115 Cottage Place, Ridgewood: a program on water issues that will include the film “Flow” about the worldwide trend to priva-
tize water resources and its impacts.
CONSERVATION ISSUES:
To find out more to tell us about an issue, contact Mike, Tom or Betsy (above).
(1) The proposed 1,196-unit Tuxedo Reserve in the Ramapo River watershed upstream in TN through 34.8 miles of the drinking water for 2.5 and a Million of New Yorkers. If built, this development would drastically alter the landscape (massive tree clearing, bulldozing, rock blasting), destroy critical habitat for reptile and amphibian species (notably the threatened timber rattlesnake), fragment the regional forests, and reduce the town of Tuxedo’s population. During hearings last fall, the supplemental EIS was shown to be full of errors. We await Related Companies’ responses.
(2) Bad news for the NJ Highlands - and the over 65% of New Jerseyans who depend on it for their drinking water: PSE&G has received BPU approval to build the 300kV Susquehanna-Roseland 45-mile transmission line with new 190-foot towers - a dirty coal project that will pollute Highlands water, damage forests and slopes, and spoil the views. Because the power lines will cross through the “Shaware Water Gap and Appalachian Trail, the National Park Service is undertaking an EIS. Please write your concerns to the NPS by March 5, 2010!
Meanwhile the Highlands are facing other threats: funding for the Highlands Protection Fund has been frozen. And the planned Tennessee Gas Pipeline is to cut through 340 acres that contain C3 streams, exceptional resource wetlands, critical habitat, and conservation priority lands.
(3) The Hackensack River’s vegetative riparian corridors north of Route 4 should remain undisturbed: they are essential for habitat, flood control and the health of the river. Bulldozing them for a paved pathway would harm the fragile ecosystem in the Town of Upper Makefield, and the area where the Northern Harrier, Black-crowned and Yellow-

Coming in the next issue of this Newsletter: results of the Reader Survey included in the January-March issue.
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MEETINGS: The Hudson-Meadows Group holds their meetings during the last week of each month. Please contact the Secretaries, Judith or Ruth for more information about the next meetings and/or check out our web page: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Hudson/M HUDS. Our Meeting in February featured two speakers on evolution and habitat: Janet Glass on her National Geographic Charles Darwin tour of the Galapagos and Alison Evans-Fragile speaking about our own very monk parakeets of Edgewater. Also look for our table at Liberty State Park on Earth Day.
CONSERVATION ISSUES: We focus on issues need immediate attention and stay with them until the case is resolved - for the good of the environment, we hope! The most important issues facing us are saving open space on the Hudson River shore and preserving the glorious Palisades cliffs on the east side of the New Jersey Palisades south of the George Washington Bridge. Get involved in the fight to save some of this last open space in Hudson County. To find out how you can take some action call Jodi or Helen. We continue to support the Coalition to Preserve the Palisades Cliffs. The Coalition has filed a lawsuit against a development for a proposed Walgreens, Starbucks and Bank of America which will cut significantly into the Palisades and violates the New Jersey Steep Slopes Law. Please contact them at http://www.thepetitionscene.com/2coalition-to-protect-the-Palisades-Cliffs. If you wait any longer it may be too late! Make a difference in your community... get involved, take action! We are also opposed to a 256-unit development proposed on the last parcel of open space on the Hudson River in North Bergen. The oversized residential plan’s applica-
tion was “denied without prejudice” at a Hudson County Planning Board meeting in

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October which means they can bring it back at any time. The plan is still before the Town of North Bergen Planning Board and we continue to attend these meetings to dispute the application. As planned this development will cause many traffic issues on an already congested roadway plagued with flooding problems and it will destroy the view of the Hudson River for many current residents. We would like to see this space become permanent parkland as it had been designated in the Hudson County Master Plan. We feel that it is much needed open space in this urban environment.

**Essex County Group**

**web-site:** http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Eces/. Or click from the NJ Chapter’s web-site.

**OFFICERS:** The Essex Group is in reorganization. To facilitate this, the Chapter Executive Committee has assigned mediators to help rebuild and strengthen the Group. Essex members will receive a postcard giving the time and place of a reorganization meeting. Questions? Contact Joan Denzer: jdenzer73@yahoo.com.

**ACTIVITIES:** Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the second highest mountain in New Jersey, Pinnacle Mountain. Also working to preserve a five-acre forested tract in West Orange as open space. Also working to preserve a five-acre forested tract in West Orange and an ancient forest on Gov. McClellan’s former estate. Contact Sally Malanga at 973-756-7397 or sally@seccobella.com or Linda Stiles at 973-756-2224 or birdla- dy070298@msn.com if you want to get involved.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are free and open to the public. They usually take place on TUESDAYS, from 7 to 9pm, at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave, in Roseland. Contact Walt Goldenbaum (goldenb1@optonline.net or 973-525-8662) for general information.

**Loantaka Group**

(Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

The website address for the Loantaka Group: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

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If you might be interested in getting involved, come to one of our Executive Committee Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month and get to know us. Or come to one of our General Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. There are no obligations and there will be no pressure.

To find out our activities, go to: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

To join our e-mailing list, go to: http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/nj-loantaka-news.html

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St. Chatham.

All members are welcome at Executive Committee meetings. Right now, we have open positions on it! If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** are held on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St. Chatham.

Come learn something new and make some new friends. We'd welcome the chance to meet you and to introduce ourselves. Please see the schedule, below, and join us!

**DIRECTIONS:** Directions are posted on our website : http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- **Ace 14:** The Environmental Impact of Population Growth in India. Ronnie Tilley, who recently went on a Sierra Club trip to India, will give a presentation on the environmental impact of population growth.
- **May 12:** Dennis Anderson will present a slide show on Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Part of the presentation will be spent describing Fiji history, botany and stories of why the Fijians became cannibals. Find out about hunting wild boar in the Fiji jungles and white water rafting there today. Dennis has some Fiji war clubs to show and explain.
- **June 9:** Eric Hausker will show segments of CNN’s “Planet in Peril, a CNN Worldwide Investigation.” “Planet in Peril” was filming in 15 countries, uncovering robbers, poachers, and illegal loggers. This will be a great environmental story that is not a theory or a future forecast, but a crisis happening in real time. Featured are CNN anchor Anderson Cooper. CNN’s chief medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta and Animal Planet host and wildlife biologist Jeff Corwin.

**ACTIVITIES:** (Consult our website (http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/) for more information.)

The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union Counties, and to safeguard the water resources on which we all depend. We are also organizing volunteers to help maintain and improve trails in the Morris and Union County Park Systems. In addition, the Group is actively involved in State-wide initiatives involving air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome. Call Paul (908-235-2414) or Eric (732-669-0719).

**Central Jersey Group**

(Mercer County and neighboring towns in adjoining counties)

**Website:** http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/central.

Please visit our online calendar for our website for conservation news, meetings, event details and last-minute announcements.

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**We need you!** Want to help out? Thinking of becoming involved? Opportunities abound. Open positions: Conservation Chair, Publicity, Secretary, Treasurer, Recruiting, Events and Outreach. Try volunteering for a few hours or an event! Please contact Terry or Leona.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** All Sierra Club members are invited to find out what’s happening in Central Group and to help make things happen too! Please contact Terry.

**GENERAL MEETINGS:** Our meetings are held from 7:30 to 9pm (pre-meeting social at 7) on the THIRD TUESDAY at the Whisk and Spoon meeting room of Whole Foods Market, Windsor Green Shopping Center, Rt 1 South, Princeton. No general meeting in July, August and December; special event in January.

April 20 (Tue): Rain Barrels. Don’t let the spring rains go to waste! Save money on water bills, help prevent basement flooding, control pollution and reduce storm water runoff in local rivers and streams. Middlesex County Master Gardener April Lippert-Fazek will have a wonderful slide show and discuss how rain barrels can be constructed and used to harvest rain water and benefit the environment.

May 18 (Tue): Travel to the South Pacific. Dennis Anderson, dennisaz@aol.com Chair of the Jersey Shore Group will present his slide show on Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. The remainder of the time will be spent describing Fiji history, botany, stories of the Fijians becoming cannibals and hunting wild boar in the Fiji jungles.

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why the Fijians became cannibals. Also, hunting wild boar in the Fiji jungles and white water rafting today. Dennis has some Fiji war clubs to show and explain.

June 15 (Tue): India is on track to overtake China as the most populous country on Earth. The Indian National Population Issues Coordinator speak about her recent Sierra Club study trip to India and the efforts being taken to slow population growth there.

CENTRAL GROUP SERVICE ACTIVITIES for Earth Day Week: Important! For details, updates and new events visit the Central Group online calendar accessing from the Central Group website. ALWAYS check for cancellations, etc. We would appreciate your support on any of the service events planned for this 40th Anniversary of Earth Day! Please volunteer your time. Complete details are in The Jersey Sierran Outings Section.

Apr 18 (Sun): Earth Day Week – Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal (Mercer Co). 9am. Join us for a day of service collecting collect trash from Cherry Tree Lane to Millstone.

Apr 22 (Thurs): Earth Day Hike and Cleanup at Mercer County Park (Mercer Co). 10am. 5 miles, easy pace. We’ll pick up trash along macadam and woods trails.

Apr 24 (Sat): Earth Day Week! Land Cleanup in Asunpink Wildlife Management Area (Monmouth Co). 10am. Service day with NJ Sierra Central and the Princeton Ski Club. Cleanup ends 12:30pm. Option for late lunch at La Piazza Ristorante.

Apr 25 (Sun): Earth Day Week – Tree Planting (Mercer Co), 9am. Join the NJ Sierra Central Group and NJ Community Water Watch and participate in this ‘green’ event by planting 25+ trees that have been made available through the NJ Tree Foundation.

Outings (see The Jersey Sierran Outings Section for details): There are Central Group outings on the following days: Apr 11, Apr 19, May 9, May 19, May 23, May 30, June 7, June 11, June 14, June 26, and June 27. Visit our website for more info.

GROUP NEWS

NJ-CENTRAL NEWS: You can receive infrequent e-mail reminders of meetings and events and occasional notices of local import. Just send an email message to Membership Coordinator Don Carlo at: doncarlo@aol.com

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Welcome to the Raritan Valley Group website. Please see the website for news of meetings. We need members to keep us informed of environmental concerns in their communities. So please come out and meet with us during the next few weeks.

If you can’t attend our meetings, then try to attend your town’s planning/zoning board or land use board meetings. If you are aware of any large development proposals in your town that may have a negative environmental impact, PLEASE come to a meeting and tell us about it. If you can’t make a meeting, please give us a call. We rely on our members to keep us informed and strongly encourage members to attend their town Land Use or Planning/Zoning meetings.

Shore Group Happenings: The Shore Group is working on getting Green Teams formed in all the towns in our area. These teams help towns to become more sustainable and thereby increase our quality of life. We are working with the Sustainable Jersey program which gives points to towns for forming Green Teams. Contact Lois Blake (lgblake@optonline.net) if you want us to help you with your green team. See www.SustainableJersey.org for more info. It’s a great program!

Along with Monmouth University, we are in the process of forming a coalition of all the towns on the Whale Pond Brook watershed. Our goal is to clean the watershed and keep it clean by educating the surrounding towns about fertilizers, integrated pest management and storm water runoff. Our first project on the watershed is to help build a rain garden in Long Branch with the Long Branch Environmental Commission.

SPECIAL EVENT: Apr 10 at 8pm: Would you like to spend a leisurely evening talking to like-minded friends! Come to our “Sustainable Saloon at the Shore.” Meet your fellow activists for fine wine and good conversation. Contact Faith Teitelbaum faithat@gmail.com if you would like to come. All are welcome! Where: The shore in Long Branch Contribution: $10.

Help Needed: If you would like to participate in cleanups of our local waterways, please contact Laura Bagwell at lbagwell@verizon.net. In this vital effort, our Group joins forces with the Navesink Swimming River Group which since 2002 has removed more than 40,000 pounds of debris from our local banks and streams.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 8pm on the FOURTH MONDAY of each month - except in July, August and December - at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 1475 West Front Street, Lincroft (please check the congregation’s website for directions (http://www.uucmc.org/where-we-are.htm) or use Google or MapQuest). Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For additional directions or information, please contact Dennis Anderson or Faith Teitelbaum (above), or visit our web site at http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/JerseyShore/

April 26: Cindy Zipf, executive director of Clean Ocean Action at Sandy Hook, and COA attorney David Byer will analyze how a federal approval for a liquid natural gas (LNG) terminal in the Gulf of Mexico could affect the companies by several countries to build three LNG facilities in the Atlantic Ocean off the NJ and NY coastlines. COA criticizes the federal approval that said US reliance on imported fuels would be reduced by the Florida facility, which COA quickly pointed out would receive only imported LNG.

May 24: The NY/NJ Baykeeper’s Executive Director, Deborah Mims, will discuss major challenges in protecting the region’s Hudson and Raritan estuaries, which includes 150 species of fish and shellfish and 550 bird species, from the pollutants of 15 million people in the region. Last year, the 20-year-old group joined two other conservation groups to sue National Lead and their former organization to make them clean up toxic wastes in the Raritan River. In addition to advocacy, the Baykeeper has an active oyster restoration program.

June 28: We plan outdoor farm this month at Sandy Hook, with a trail cleanup at 5 pm and a pot luck family picnic by the lighthouse at 6 pm. Children are most welcome. At 7 pm, National Parks Historian George Hoffmeyer will talk about the challenges in protecting the region’s Hudson and Raritan estuaries, which includes 150 species of fish and shellfish and 550 bird species, from the pollutants of 15 million people in the region. Last year, the 20-year-old group joined two other conservation groups to sue National Lead, and their former organization to make them clean up toxic wastes in the Raritan River. In addition to advocacy, the Baykeeper has an active oyster restoration program.

OCEAN COUNTY GROUP

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Generally held on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at the Ocean County Library.

Activities & Issues: We’re hard at work: Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife refuge and off the Jersey Coast, defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting Mountain Top Removal, watching the progress of legislation resulting from the framework of the Copenhagen meeting on Global Warming and supporting expanded reclamation legislation.

We’ve also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues with special emphasis on the massive “over-development” of Jackson Township and Lakewood. We’re also involved in the campaigns to create a new park at “Anchor Reef” on Barnegat Bay and to stop “nitrification pollution” of the Bay. Protecting the Ocean County Hiking Trail in Lacey. We’re watching the progress of the first Wind Turbine erected in the County which will help green-energy in creating a greener and sustainable environment in Ocean County.

Volunteers are needed to help with all these issues, membership outreach, tabling at local events, fund-raising and a computer-based voter education program.

For More Information about our activities and events, please visit our WEB SITE: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean.
MEETINGS AND EVENTS: General Meetings are held bi-monthly (i.e., in alternate months) usually on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafe” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. See our Web site (above) for directions.

April 17 (Sat): Please mark your calendars for our 5th ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEAN UP in Toms River. This is our opportunity to highlight the need for legislation to stop the trash going into our waterways. Meeting place for this event will be on the Marshall’s side of the “Seacourt Pavilion”. We will meet in the side parking lot at 9:30am for coffee and bagels. To join us in our efforts to clean up Long Swamp Creek, please call our Outings Chair Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6540.

June 26 (Sat): Our 5th Annual CANOE and KAYAK TRIP. We plan to canoe either down the Raccoon or Mullica River. Please check our web site for further details. Please bring lunch and sunscreen. To register please call our Outings Chair Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6540.

West Jersey Group
(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

Web site: http://www.mysite.letters.net/rz7ev1jrj/

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GENERAL MEETINGS are held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month, September thru May at the Quaker Meeting Hall on Friends Ave in Haddonfield.

Group Officers: Gina Carola, Frank Zinni, Ellen Zinni

MEETINGS AND EVENTS: General Meetings are held bi-monthly (i.e., in alternate months) usually on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafe” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. See our Web site (above) for directions.

April 17 (Sat): Please mark your calendars for our 5th ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEAN UP in Toms River. This is our opportunity to highlight the need for legislation to stop the trash going into our waterways. Meeting place for this event will be on the Marshall’s side of the “Seacourt Pavilion”. We will meet in the side parking lot at 9:30am for coffee and bagels. To join us in our efforts to clean up Long Swamp Creek, please call our Outings Chair Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6540.

June 26 (Sat): Our 5th Annual CANOE and KAYAK TRIP. We plan to canoe either down the Raccoon or Mullica River. Please check our web site for further details. Please bring lunch and sunscreen. To register please call our Outings Chair Dawn Marie Johns at 732-644-6540.

South Jersey Group
(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

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[Enclose in a BOX.] The Cape May County Conservation Committee hosts bi-monthly educational presentations at the Arc of Cape May administrative building: 822 Rte 47 in South Dennis. Our get-togethers are 7:30pm. Each with a guest speaker covering an environmental topic ranging from wind power and solar power to aquifers and habitat. The Chair is Douglas Jewett, 5 Timberline Lane, Swainton 08210-1642 (email: jewett@comcast.net, cell phone: 609-780-7129), or call Vila Pombo at 609-665-3565. Look for our meeting notices in the CMC Herald. [End box]

The general conservation issue for which the South Jersey Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be the protection of the Great Egg Harbor Wild & Scenic River, and continues to consume the energies of those few officers who remain active both within the Sierra Club and in the Watershed Association (GEHWA) that “spun off” from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we once scheduled. For now, we’ll 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. We strongly recommend GEHWA’s website for keeping up with local issues, and for links to many other local, regional, state and national environmental organizations: www.gehwa.org. If you have ideas (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey. To be placed on a carefully guarded distribution list for local issues and meetings, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu.

Current Issues: Two Cape May County campaigns to prevent the use of tropical rainforest wood for rebuilding oceanfront boardwalks, in Ocean City and Wildwood, are being led by Georgina Stanley [janleyg2001@yahoo.com]. Club officers and staff have been following closely the several studies seeking to determine sustainable water supply levels for southeastern New Jersey, with the hope that findings will be used by planners (such as those employed by the Pinelands Commission) who authorize development. Other hot issues include damage done to sand trails by ATVs, a campaign to promote Community Solar (photovoltaic) installations (especially in each municipality in Atlantic County), and support for a New Jersey Bulletin Bill, known as the Smart Container Act.

Some Possibly Relevant Meetings of Allied Organizations:
Apr 15, May 19 and June 17, 7pm: Atlantic County Friends of the Parks: Monthly meet- ings of Friends of the Parks, a group which works to improve and promote the Atlantic County Park System. All are welcome. Warren Fox Nature Center (WFNC), Atlantic County Park in Estell Manor, Milepost 15 on NJ Rte 50, 3½ miles south of Mays Landing. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.
Apr 21 and June 16, 7pm: Great Egg Harbor Scenic and Recreational River Council: Representatives of the 12 municipalities discuss river management strategies. Open to the public. WFNC. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.
Apr 27, 7pm: Special members’ meeting of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assn. open to the public. The annual Belinda Irizarry Memorial Award will be bestowed. WFNC. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

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May 12, 6:30 pm: Bi-monthly meeting of Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and its Tributaries. Meeting place: Cant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck Street. Cumberland County development issues are commonly discussed, including art, historical and recreational attributes of the area. Contact Renee Brecht (C) at 856-505-3288 or dan.cumaurierriver.org. Website: www.cumaurierriver.org.

May 25, time and location TBA: Bimonthly members meeting of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Assoc, open to the public. The annual “Hike for Frogs” will take place at a local vernal pond in the watershed. Contact Julie Akers, 856-697-6114.

Singles Section
(A chapter-wide, special interest section offering hikes/cleanup, social gatherings, meetings, etc., please join us!)

Please join us! The SJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who might like to know more about us. We are not a local group, we are a statewide additional layer of “club” involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. One or two fell single club members and others who care about the environment. We only want to work with as many activities as we have volunteers to run them – if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give in to it.

Webpage address: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/Singles/

The BEST way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free listserv; anyone may subscribe by going to: http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html and clicking on “Join or leave the list. You may subscribe and unsubscribe at will; directions on how to unsubscribe are at the bottom of each announcement. We recommend joining the listserv as some events are advertised only by email. If you prefer not to receive email, you may view an archive of all prior messages at http://lists.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html.

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Volunteer Opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers are needed for the positions of hike leaders, Fundraising Chair/Co-Chairs, and members of all committees, including social event planners. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We’re happy to help you learn the ropes.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Casual pizza gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, speakers, and letter-writing at the Chatham Library (214 Main St). Dates and topics will be announced on our listserv; see above for subscription information.

ExCom MEETINGS take place once a month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for location.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS: SOCIAL DINNER: FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month at “7 pm. Join us for dinner in Morristown at the Famished Frog. RSVP required; join our listserv for further details.

SOCIAL DINNER: THIRD TUESDAY of each month at “7 pm. Join us for dinner in a Morristown restaurant, location will be announced 2 weeks before the social. RSVP is required to jkhaddad@juno.com or 973-564-7575 option # 4

Consider volunteering with the Coal City Campaign. The message and method of empowering groups to manage carbon dioxide emissions are relevant for public and private sector groups, nonprofit community organizations, etc. in New Jersey. Volunteers with diverse skills and interests are important for environmental success. Now sign on! To participate in the Coal City goals but have limited free time? Contact Terry Stimpfel at terystimb@hotmail.com with your ideas and to learn about short duration assignments.

HIKES: Please join our listserv to receive notification of our outings See above for instructions on how to subscribe to the listserv.

Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section
(A chapter-wide special interest section offering hikes, cleanups, social gatherings, meetings, etc., please join us!)

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues. We work through a “List Serve” by which members learn about current environmental issues, and how they can be supported.

Arline Zatz is the editor of the Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section. She can be reached at azatz@fantravels.com, and invites members to check her web site at www.fantravels.com for trips and travel information.

GROUP NEWS
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Young Sierrans
(A special interest section for Sierra Club Members in their 20’s & 30’s, providing Socials and Outings to inspire a sense of community, appreciation for the environment, and involvement in preserving our future. Many events are open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital status, so whether you are single, dating, or married, please come join us!

Web site: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/YoungSierrans

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We need Young Sierran Outing Leaders for all areas, but extra especially for the Northern and South Jersey areas. We will help you step-by-step through the training process to properly lead hikes and outdoor activities. Reimbursement, insurance and guidance are provided under the Sierra Club’s membership. If interested contact Chair or Young Sierran Coordinator at YoungSierrans@sierraclub.org for information.

EVENTS: Volunteers for events throughout New Jersey wanted. Meet great people in your special area. Publicity provided. Contact Coordinator at YoungSierrans@sierraclub.org for information.

All Events will be announced via The Young Sierrans’ E-Mail List Serve. To be put on it, send an email to YoungSierrans@sierraclub.org with subject heading “Young Sierrans E-Mail List” – or to the Young Sierrans@sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SIERRANS-NEWS.html. Events for 20’s are only available for those wanting to volunteer to host 20’s only events. Young Sierran Event Volunteers always needed and welcomed.

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

National Website: http://www.ssc.org/

Innertown Outings Section
(another chapter-wide special interest activity with the motto: No Child Left Insidel)

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Innertown Outings is a community outreach program, providing wilderness adventures for city youth of New Jersey. Volunteer certified leaders lead outings conduct (generally day trips) mostly on weekends. If you would like to experience the rewards of introducing inner-city youth to the wonders of nature, you are encouraged and you are required to contact Marty at the above e-mail address. To learn more, visit our webpage at http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/newjersey/.

You HAVE MORE TO GIVE THAN YOU KNOW
Maybe you can’t make a gift to protect the environment during your lifetime, but you can become a financial hero by remembering the Sierra Club in your will. You can even direct your gift to a special Club program or to the organization of your choice.

For information about making a bequest to the New Jersey Chapter call George Denzer at 609-739-5150.

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Outing Leaders: Please send July-September 2010 outings to your Group Outings Coordinator before May 1st if you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of our upcoming publication periods, please submit it for the previous Sierra, due to the occasional lag in mail. Also, please send outing rosters or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

Please note: If possible, leaders should send their trip descriptions to the Outings Coordinator instead of directly to the Chapter Coordinator. This is particularly important for the Inner City Outings.

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NOTES ON OUTINGS: In general, 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. NOTICES on outings sponsored by Sierra Club. This is a new policy. Please offer free or a small charge without mentioning Sierra Club on an outing. A parent or another responsible adult must accompany persons under 18 at their discretion, leaders may prohibit kids on outings if the event description specifically excludes younglings.

Sierra Club outings are arranged by volunteer leaders for the public benefit and the welfare and enjoyment of all participants. Leaders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equipment, environment and involvement in preserving our future. Many events are open to all Young Sierrans regardless of marital status, so whether you are single, dating, or married, please come join us!冱 club events. This is a new policy. Please offer free or a small charge without mentioning Sierra Club on an outing. A parent or another responsible adult must accompany persons under 18 at their discretion, leaders may prohibit kids on outings if the event description specifically excludes younglings.

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roads to be followed, and special precautions to be taken. Please arrive adequately prepared and equipped. If you have any allergies, please remember to bring your medication. The leader will have the final word in the conduct of the outing. Please be prepared for all types of weather and bring plenty of water.

Please be on time at the meeting place so the outing can start on time. For day hikes, lunch (at least a light lunch) should be carried. All equipment should be carried in a backpack. For all except easy hikes, water shoes or boots should be worn. For most trips, you are expected to have your own equipment; in some cases, it may be rented from outdoor/camping suppliers - check the yellow pages or call your own equipment. In some cases, it may be rented from outdoor/camping suppliers - check the yellow pages or call your

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The season date. When phoning a leader, please honor his or her requested calling times and call 3 days before the trip. 

The trip leader. If the weather is questionable on the date of the trip, please call the leader before you leave home. Unless stated otherwise, rental canoes are available, trip leaders will provide you with specific safety information and further assistance. The Sierra Group conducts all canoe outings in good weather at the end of the week. It follows:

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If no one is in the office to take your call, please leave a message on the answering machine. Please SPELL your name and the area you live in.

Upcoming ExCom Meetings:
All meetings are welcome to attend these monthly statewide policy deliberations, held on SECOND SUNDAY’s. Details, including agendas and travel instructions, available from Ken Johanson, the Chapter Chair.

Apr 10 at the Chatham Public Library (124 Main St)
May 8 at the New Brunswick Public Library (Livingston Av.)
June 12 in our Trenton Office (145 W. Hanover St)

Conservation and/or Political Committee meetings usually start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon. The main meeting starts at 11am. We sometimes continue discussions informally over a dinner at a nearby restaurant, at 5pm.

Outings (Continued from Page 17)

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