Hundredth Birthday Party for National Park Service

By Toni Granato, Administrative Assistant

The Sierra Club is proud to commemorate this centennial because the National Park Service exists to carry out our mission of Preserving and Protecting the Planet. National Parks display the distinctly American ideal of land ownership by the people and for the people. Other countries may have crown jewels, but our jewels are our national parks.

Ellis Island), two National Recreation Areas (Gateway (Sandy Hook) and Delaware Water Gap), parts of two National Scenic Trails (including the Appalachian), five National Wild and Scenic Rivers (the Great Egg Harbor, Mac Ne. Musconetcong and the Wild and Upper Delaware), a National Coastal Heritage Trail, a National Historical Trail (the Washington-Rochambeau), and 58 National Historic Landmarks. The best way for you to celebrate this anniversary is to enjoy one of them with your family. There is one near you; just google "National Parks New Jersey"; you don’t have to drive all the way to Wyoming.

The picture above, taken on Aug 19th, shows Congressman Bill Pascrell (D, 6th CD), Chapter Director Jeff Tittel, and Sierra Club members Ken Johanson, Laura Tracey Coll and her son at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. The event marked the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

Candidates Endorsed For Political Office

By Chair Chapter and Chair Political Chair Rich Isaac

The Sierra Club urges your vote for the following candidates for US President and Congress - based upon their voting and sponsorship records and interview performances. The election will be held on Nov 8th. I would welcome the opportunity to explain to Club members, members of the Press, and anyone else, details of the basis for each endorsement (or non-endorsement) in New Jersey’s 12 Congressional Districts, and suggest how you can contribute your time, energy and money to help our endorsed candidates get elected. (Please contact me at: rich.isaac@sierranews.org)

President and Vice President: Sec. Hillary Clinton and Sen. Tim Kaine

Congress:

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Paul Sanderson (Loantaka Group): I first joined the Sierra Club in the early 1990’s, currently serve on the Loantaka Group E C O, and Membership Chair. To serve, I have tried to work as a Group Chair and Group Co-Chair during the following years. I am an avid gardener and hiker, giving me an intense sense of caring about our environment. I credit my involvement and interest in politics to watching my uncle work for the Club, having participated in many candidate interviews and discussions to decide on political endorsements. I am currently in training to become the next Chapter Treasurer.

R ich I saac (Loantaka Group): A club member since 1976, Rich has been the Political Chair of the North Jersey, Loantaka Group and Essex County Group. Rich organized the Ocean County, South Highlands, Skylands, and Hudson Valley Groups. Rich is currently serving as both the Chapter’s Chair and Political Chair. Rich is also currently serving on the Club’s national Policy and Action and interacts with Congressmen. In his capacity, Rich has received the Chapter’s Political Action Award and Outstanding Grassroots Champion Award. Rich enjoys quiet walks in the woods with his wife.

J oan D enzer (Central Jersey Group): My husband and I have been Sierra Club members since 1983, for 35 years. In that time, I have held positions at the local, regional, state, national, and federal levels. I’ve learned that, like politics, all environmentalism is local. I support the Club's local and state efforts. Since these efforts take money, I’ve worked mainly in fundraising efforts for the Chapter. In addition to these fundraising issues, I work on clean energy, air and the Arctic Refuge. Should you choose to reelect me, I will continue to support these efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

John Kashwick (West Jersey Group): An avid hiker and political activist, John has served as Chair, Chair of the New Jersey Sierra Club, President (since 2011), and a director of the New Jersey Sierra Club, which serves as the States each year are unintended. The rate of unintended pregnancies is estimated to be 1,960 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in the U.S., with a range of rates in other countries. In the U.S., the rate of unintended pregnancies is highest among women ages 15-19 and lowest among women ages 40-44. This rate is also highest among women who are unmarried, who have lower levels of education, who are poor, and who are members of racial/ethnic minority groups.

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- Fred E. Caruso
- Cleo Ciraulo
- Wanda Knapp
- Wynn Johanson
- Pat McCall

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- Paul Sanderson
- Rich Isaac
- Joan Denzer

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- Kevin Meister
- Robin Nance
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- Tracy Farley

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nately, that won’t get her elected. The outcome of a popular election rarely turns on so rational a basis as platform statements. Both candidates have been conducted of issues that motivate voters, environmental issues have been way down the ranking, far behind jobs, taxes, national and residential security, “change and hope,” abortion rights, gun control and health care entitlement.

My perspective benefits, I like to think, from the opportunity my job has long provided for me to spend three months of each year at a British university. So I’ve had a chance to follow closely the June 23rd “Brexit” election in which the United Kingdom voted decisively to abandon the membership of the European Union. Even many of my intellectual friends chose to reject the rational economic arguments for “remaining,” as well as the post-Second World War lesson of a need for political unity as an escape to nationalistic tendencies (restraining Germany and Russia), not to mention that the “Brexit” outcome is a source of expected to follow the corporate (eco-
nomic) interests.

Opposing economic arguments was a pow-
ful gut rejection of the petty regulatory meddling that the EU bureaucracy is felt to impose on everyday life, and its per-
ceived unaccountability, perhaps most especially among the poorer mans-
grants (especially Muslims); also the patri-
fic flare of desire to maintain the “separ-
ateness” of British culture. There were ex-
pressions (such as “loser!”), interests, e.g. interaction, even odor. I’m not sug-
gest that the candidates can or should change their behavior; rather that voters be made aware and understanding of the psychology that motivates them, in the hope that issues will replace personali-
ties as a basis for voting. Unlikely.

No doubt the snap-doctors who pro-
duce campaign strategy are well aware of the need to out-دومنize each other’s opponent candidates. Experience dic-
trates that each must be expected to be mor-
culously countered, with barbs targeted onto appro-
piate audiences. It is a price we pay politically. I think my disgust for Donald Trump has a more substantive basis. His promi-
nation of national “greatness” reminds me of other populist campaigns that have been whipped into existence particu-
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There is clear, overwhelming evidence showing that low-income neighborhoods and communities of color in many of the large urban communities such as Newark, Camden, and Jersey City bear incidences of environmental injustice, including exposure to polluted air, water and lead paint, and stress of lack of access and/or poor maintenance of open space and greenways for recreation. Since the Sierra Club supports a clean and healthy environment for all people, the New Jersey Chapter is committed to working for Environmental Justice throughout the State.

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The mission of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Committee is to continue en-
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Possible Activities

• Supporting existing local and state organizations working on environmental justice issues, our own activists already involved, and others that may be inter-
esting seeing.

• Seeking additional resources for Club activities already involved including, but not limited to, pro-bono attorneys, expert witnesses, grants, and supplying helpful materials, such as soil- and air-
test.
Irresponsible Legislation Proposed to Restore NJ's Transportation Trust Fund

From a press release issued by our Trenton staff on July 29

The State Senate’s Budget and Appropriations Committee has released a set of bills intended to solve the problem of a bankrupt Transportation Trust Fund (TTF), enabling repair of our crumbling roads and bridges, and continuation of the subsidies that make public transportation in New Jersey affordable. One of these bills includes, with us that the appropriate source of new funding should be an increase in the tax on gasoline. But the problem with a series of proposals has been Gov. Christie’s, and other Republican leaders’ refusal to use the existing new tax revenue, or to even think about requiring that it be balanced by a tax decrease somewhere else. You can guess who would be given that tax break. The Senate leadership has refused to post SCR66, the long-promised road rule repairs to other essential budget programs! Stupidity is at hand!

The deal announced on July 29th is a merger of S2A4 (Sarlo/Alto (Prieto), S2A11 (Sarlo/A11 (Prieto), and A12 (Prieto). These revisions include a 12.5 percent increase in the Petroleum Products Gross Receipts Tax, a four-cent diesel surcharge and a seven-cent gasoline tax. These increases will increase the funding for roads and bridges that the TTF should be used to repair, and therefore of funding road repairs cuts to other essential budget programs? Stupidity is at hand!

Senate Sides with Christie by Selling Out Clean Water

From a press release issued by our Trenton staff on July 29th, with editing by Irene Gnarra

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued an Administrative Order to implement new Flood Hazard Rules. The package is put into a rule that could be defended by a court. The same is true for the entire

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From a press release supplied by our Trenton staff on July 18th, edited by Joe Testa

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Christie Budget Steals from DEP and Clean Energy

From a press release issued by our Trenton staff on July 18th, edited by Maggie Yinazi

Governor Christie’s budget legislation has once again stolen funding from New Jersey’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Clean Energy Fund. The Christie Administration continues to promote development over conservation, and to refuse acknowledgement of the threat that climate change poses to our coastal communities.

This new DEP report says one thing to the federal government and another to the people of New Jersey. While the DEP acts like everything is fine, its own report shows a deterioration of wetlands and watershed quality across the State.

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We have waited more than six years for this report. PFOA directly impacts public health. Not only is the DWQI not doing its job, but it continues to side with polluters rather than protecting our environment. We need to set a safe standard that will force treatment of contaminated water.

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Sierra Club Endorses Hillary Clinton for US President

Nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization cites Clinton's detailed plans and ability to build on Obama's legacy

From a Press Release issued on June 9th by Club Executive Director Michael Brune

The Sierra Club believes Secretary Clinton will be the strong environmental champion that we need to lead our country.

Over the last eight years, under Barack Obama, our country has made enormous advancements in cutting carbon pollution, transitioning away from dirty fuels, and increasing clean energy deployment. Secretary Clinton has a clear plan to continue to build on this progress. She has listened to the grassroots and crafted detailed plans to safeguard our climate, air, water, and public lands, to protect the most vulnerable from environmental injustice, and to continue the rapid expansion of our clean energy economy. Senator Bernie Sanders and his millions of supporters ran a hard-fought campaign and helped elevate climate change and protecting our environment while reducing inequality as key issues in the Democratic Primary. Senator Sanders and his supporters brought the passionate, principled advocacy that we need, and we are eager to work together to raise grassroots support in every campaign—not just the presidential race.

Together, Senator Sanders and Secretary Clinton made this an election about issues and finding real solutions. Solutions like protecting our oceans and public lands from fossil fuel development; rejecting dangerous trade deals such as the Trans Pacific Partnership; and transitioning onto 100% clean, renewable energy.

Contrasted with that, we have a reckless and misinformed candidate in Donald Trump, who has called climate change a “hoax,” a “con job,” and a “con-cept created by the Chinese.” Trump’s record-setting contradictory statements include his ‘energy plan’ Trump claims he’ll protect clean air and water but has pledged to dismantle the EPA. He offers vague promises to create jobs but would still increase wind and solar, which are among the fastest growing sectors of the U.S. economy. And when he gets to specifics, Trump makes rash promises, like ripping up the Paris Climate Agreement, a landmark agreement that brought 196 countries together for the first time in history. The gap on environmental and climate issues between Secretary Clinton and Donald Trump is the largest in U.S. political history.

The Sierra Club, like so many Americans, not only wants to protect President Obama’s legacy—we want to expand it. That is something we can accomplish with a Clinton White House, and it’s why the Sierra Club’s members and supporters will work tirelessly to make sure she’s elected this November. We have an historic opportunity to build a clean energy economy that puts millions of people to work, and there’s no turning back.

Sierra Club News

FERC Denies Transco’s Application for a Natural Gas Pipeline

From a press release issued by our Trenton staff on July 6, edited by Maggie Yilmaz

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and air pollution, as well as construction and water pollution to the area. It is environmental approvals such as the 401 Certificate, and violating the National Permit from the New Jersey DEP.

Chesterfield (Burlington Co). Transco (known in the US as Williams) applied for a Warrent, Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, and Mercer Counties, ending in

The Garden State Expansion compressor station would bring more noise, light, and air pollution, as well as construction and water pollution to the area. It is unneeded and unnecessary and we will continue to fight to stop it.

B.L. England Permit: Dirty Deal for Dirty Air

From a Press Release issued on Aug 4 by Chapter Director Jeff Tittel

The NJDEP has approved new air permits for the B.L. England electric power plant in Marmora (Cape May Co), which will enable the plant to continue burning coal for another five years. The permits are written loosely, enabling the plant to increase operations and air pollution. The plant includes three burner units, some for coal and some for oil, and is currently operated only as a peaker plant, but is under reconstruction so as to enable the burning of natural gas. Then, full-time operation would result in a 500% increase in pollutant emissions. This Christie Administration decision to enable the repowering of natural gas to bypass the more-stringent regulations that would apply if the plant were to be built from scratch.

The DEP’s response to our public comments on the application is full of deliber-ate misinformation. It fails to consider the substitution of solar or offshore wind energy for B.L. England. The claimed air quality impacts from the plant are based on a grossly outdated report that failed to properly design the plant to control pollution. The DEP is saying that if this plant closed down, the region would depend on dirtier out-of-state power. That is not true because those out-of-state plants are being replaced by renewables.

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Reports from Trenton

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B. L. England Group:

From a Press Release issued on Aug 4 by Chapter Director Jeff Tittel

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Another new Sierra Club website to explore: www.sierraclubgreenhome.com.

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E-MAIL: skylands@gmail.com

OFFICERS: (All are members of the Group Executive Committee.)
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Secretary: Norine Haberski haberski@yahoo.com
Conservation Chair: Greg Gorman ggorman74910@gmail.com
Outings Chair: Dave Alcock dwwoold@hotmail.com
Acting Publicity Chair: Jeri Doherty bdj412@nac.net
Membership Chair: Open Position!
Events Chair: Open Position!
Ex-Com: 
Members-at-Large: Dave Alcock dwwoold@hotmail.com
Jeri Doherty bdj412@nac.net

ACtIVITIES: We provide education about a variety of environmental issues by hosting movies or speakers at our general meetings. We also provide information to residents by tabling at town days and other events throughout the spring/summer/fall seasons. We are focusing our efforts on the Sparta Mountain WMA “Stewardship” Plan. It is really a logging plan and clear cuts have already been done in one of the most pristine watersheds in the state. Please see our Facebook page for up to date information. If you like to help us fight this plan or want more information about it, please contact us. Skylands Group@gmail.com 973-222-0274 OR ggorman74910@gmail.com 973-488-6790

The Skylands Group also sponsors hikes and other outings throughout the region to encourage people to reconnect with the outdoors.

GENERAL MEETINGS: SECOND TUESDAY of the month from 7:30-8:30pm at the Unitarian Fellowship, One W. Nelson St. Newton. Best check electronic sites for more current information.

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GROUP NEWS

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All Events are posted on our Facebook website and the online events calendar on the Chapter website. We also advertise on various media sites throughout the Skylands region.

South Highlands Group

(Hunterdon and southern Warren Counties)

Section Members:

Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

WEB SITE: http://www.siercclub.org/new-jersey/south-highlands/

MEETUP: http://www.meetup.com/siercclub

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/groups/58871650187/

OFFICERS:

Chair: Jonathan Wall

Vice-Chair: Debbie Young

Treasurer: Kristin Keeth Hall

Secretary: Amy Wall

Outings Coordinator: Jonathan Wall

Webmaster: Jonathan Wall

(*Group Executive Committee Member)

Conservation Co-Chair: Laura Tracey Coll

Political Chair: Jermaine Spence

Political Associate: Phoebe Gistrak

Air Quality Issues: Laura Tracey Coll

Climate Issues: Jeff Rapaport

Membership Chair: Buddy Jenson

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Publicity Chair: Mary Cohon

Social Media Co-Coordinator: Ariana Schanzer

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Unless otherwise noted, meetings and outings are free and open to general public. Please check our web site, Meetup page, or Facebook page (see above for URLs) as these as topics, dates, times, and venues are subject to change. You can also email us at northjerseysierracub@gmail.com.

Oct 18 (Mon): Executive and Conservation Committee Meeting. 7:30pm, location TBD. This is the quarterly meeting of the Executive and Conservation Committees of the North Jersey Group. The meeting is casual and informative. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the Club, hear about and discuss issues, plan future events, and become more active. Please check the on-line calendar of events to confirm.

Trail Maintenance. To get on our trail maintenance militia email list, just send an email of interest to marycohen@verizon.net.

Gateway Group

Serving Hillsdale, Elizabeth, and Essex County

(except for Livingston, Millburn and Roseland)

Group Members:

Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

WEB SITE: http://www.siercclub.org/new-jersey/Gateway/

MEETUP: (also accessible from the NJ Chapter website) On Facebook: Gateway Group, NJ Sierra or https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gateway-Group-NJ-Sierra/1280998563814728

OFFICERS:

Chair: David Yennior

Vice-Chair: ZaShah Khadem

Secretary: Open Position!

Treasurer: Open Position!

Program Chair: ZaShah Khadem

Issues Chair: Open Position!

Publicity Chair: Anna Whitney

Fundraising Chair: Open Position!

Membership Chair: Open Position!

Water, Newark

Issues Chair: Bill Chapple

Recycling Issues Chair: Lyle Landon

Passaic River Co-Chairs: Brenda Toyloy and Jeff Weiss

Elizabth: Paula Borenstein

Issues Chair: Open Position!

Outings Chair: Open Position!

Group Executive Committee: David Yennior, ZaShah Khadem and Bill Chapple

Gateway Group is very grateful for the contributions of John Beadle, Barbara Conover, ZaShah Khadem, Bill Chapple, Steve Yafet, Anne Hirs, Paula Borenstein, and Brenda Toyloy.

The Gateway Group invites YOU to join in the activism and asks your support as we strive to address the many issues facing the urban as well as suburban communities.

Gateway has been involved in the recent Massive Climate March in NYC, stopping more surface parking lots in Newark, banning Fracking Fluids in Elizabeth, cosponsoring a GMO documentary, a proposed development in Verona, a church expansion in Cedar Grove, the Pilgrinn Pipeline, Keystone XI Pipeline, Fracking, Newark’s Covanta Incinerator, Passaic River Restoration Committee Advisory Group, Maplewood Green Day, formerly the West Orange Setton Hall project, the Newark Water Wars, advocating for NJ Sierra endorsed candidates for State and National Offices, and supporting other environmental groups. There are several vacant positions listed, along with a full list of officers. For further information about upcoming activities, volunteer opportunities, or to discuss any concerns please contact our Chair dyennior@gmail.com or call 973-844-1384.

LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

There are no events currently on the calendar For up to date information about programs please check the website.
Hudson County Group

Group Members: Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

Working to help preserve Liberty State Park and Braddock County Park, support mass transit and bicycling, foster urban composting, and help keep our urban environment a healthy place to live.

Website: http://www.sierrclub.org/new-jersey/hudson-county. Sign up here to receive email updates:
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubHACentral
E-mail: hudsonsierran@sierraclub.org
Phone: Janet Crowley (201-617-1316) or Toni Granato (609-645-7612)

OFFICERS:

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Membership Chair: Yasmine Tetsa yasmine.tetsa@gmail.com
Programs/Events Chair: Janet Crowley jrry2@yahoo.com
Ex-Com at Large: Nancy Booth boothnancy2011@hotmail.com
Outings Chair: Serh Lutbios stilitbios@gmail.com
Braddock Park Issues: Lili Martinez lilliamartinez@optonline.net

MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Meetings and events are free and open to general public. Please check our Facebook page, or web site for meeting dates, times, and topics (see below for URLs and email).

Sept 18 (Sun): 1-4pm. Toni Granato will speak on Why Hudson County Should be Concerned about Oil Trains, held at Hudson County Community College at the Culinary Arts Institute/Coffee Center at 161 Newkirk St, Room 510 (fifth floor). Hudson County Group is working to lead the County into a sustainable future, we support developing alternative energy sources. With the State Chapter and National Sierra Club, we oppose new fossil fuel infrastructure. We are working to ban potentially deadly "oil-trains" which transport highly explosive crude oil from the Bakken oil fields through our communities.

Oct 16 (Sun): 1-4pm. Guest Speaker, topic to be determined, at Hudson County Community College, please check the Hudson County Sierra Club Facebook page or website for updates.

Dec 18 (Sun): 1-4pm. Meet and Greet Holiday Party, Location to be determined; please check the Hudson County Sierra Club Facebook page or website for updates.

Loantaka Group

(Morris and Union Counties (except for Elizabeth and Hillside), plus Livingston, Millburn and Roseland, approximately)

Group Members: Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

WEBSITE: http://www.sierrclub.org/new-jersey/loantaka/ Loantaka now has a Facebook page. Please check it out and like it: https://www.facebook.com/LoantakaGroupNJS

OFFICERS:

Group Chairs: Eric Hausker 732-669-0719 erichomass@gmail.com
Treasurer: Paul Sanderson 908-235-2141 paulsanderson@aol.com
Secretary: Scott McCarthy 813-767-5593 hi_risescott@earthlink.net
Conservation Chair: Len Fariello len@wildlifepreserves.org

Loantaka Group: Montclair County

Union County: Open Position!

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at the Chatham Library, 214 Main St. Chatham. All members are welcome to attend 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: posted on our website: http://www.sierrclub.org/new-jersey/loantaka/

MEETING SCHEDULE: (Please use the website)

ACTIVITIES: (Consult our website (http://www.sierrclub.org/new-jersey/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 Parks. In addition, the Group is actively involved in state-wide initiatives involving air quality, transportation, and environmental legislation. Volunteers are always welcome. Call Eric (732-669-0719).

Central Jersey Group

(Mercer County and neighboring towns in adjoining counties)


OFFICERS (tentative):

Group Chair: Joanne Pannone 609-445-6992 jpannowoodbrook@gmail.com
Group Vice Chair: Xiaping Du xiaping_du@yahoo.com
Secretary: Leona Flack Leona@pineyponders.com
Outings Coordinators: Leona and George Flack Leona@pineyponders.com
Treasurer: Open Position!
Programs: Steven Eisenberg steven@sierranet.org
Conservation Chair: Kip Cherry kcherry10@gmail.com
Recycling: Open Position!
Trails: Open Position!
Webmaster: Open Position!
Membership: Open Position!

Science Mondays at Mercer County Community College - third Monday of the month. We will be holding our Central Jersey Group monthly meetings on THIRD MONDAYS. The first will be Monday, Sept 19 at 6pm. The meetings will be held at the Mercer County Community College in the Student Center. Where we hope to attract faculty and students. The list of speakers is being finalized. We welcome your ideas and participation!

Please see the Outings List in this newsletter for some of our Fall adventures.

Raritan Valley Group

(Middlesex and Somerset Counties and surrounding areas)

WEBSITE: http://www.sierrclub.org/new-jersey/raritanvalley/ Our monthly meetings are usually on a weekday evening of the third week. We have a program with convenient telephone conferencing to duplicate the membership on activities. Please write to us on e-mail sierra_nj_raritan@att.net to participate.

Meetings Location and Updates: Because meeting dates and locations change, please subscribe to our Email list: NJ RARITAN VALLEY NEWS after creating a password on http://lists.sierraclub.org/

Please contribute to our Quarterly News Letter sent via the E-mail list. On our home page, please click on the link: Submit Issues, Events or Other News from your Township. The due dates are 15th of February, May, August and October.

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2. Passage of and responsible enforcement of environmentally friendly zoning and development ordinances.

3. Prevention of diversion of conserved land for commercial or other development. We are for preservation of open space and preventing diversion of land from State’s Green Acres program to commercial development are our goals.

We encourage you to attend your town's planning/zoning board or land use board meetings. If you are aware of development proposals in your town that may have a negative environmental impact, PLEASE communicate concerns by attending our meetings and by contacting us via sierra_nj_raritan@att.net.

Jersey Shore Group

(Monmouth County, approximately)

Group Members: Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

WEBSITE: http://www.sierrclub.org/new-jersey/jerseyshore/

OFFICERS:

Group Chair: Dennis Anderson 973-976-6327 dennisa@aol.com
Secretary: Joe DeLuca 732-515-5445 joedelucci@art.net
Conservation Chair: Faith Teitelbaum faith@coak.com
Webmaster: Open Position!
Treasurer: Pat Fuschetti 732-508-4588 fuschiet0@yahoo.com

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of Sierra members, BCC students and the public through 2016. Our meetings, billed by BCC as “Science Monday,” average 75 attendees a month, with some talks peaking at 120 to 150 people. The cooperative effort between Sierra and BCC extends the “reach” of both organizations into the Monmouth community. Our BCC liaison is Dr. Patricia Dillon, biology professor in the college’s Science Department.

We meet at BCC to share our speakers with environmentally concerned BCC college students, the general public, and other environmental organizations. A buffet is available for the students and adults at 6pm. The programs start at 6:30 pm.

To get to Brookdale, take GSP Exit 109 to Rte 520 West (Newman Springs Rd, which becomes E Main St at the Lincroft campus). Exit the traffic circle into the campus and follow the signs to the Warner Student Life Center (SCL), where the meeting usually is in the Twin Lights Rooms I and II. Use parking lot 7 as you walk towards the building complex. Warner will be down the slope on your left. If lot 7 is full, use parking lots 5 or 6. A campus map is at http://www.brookdale.edu/pdf/Maps/Maps_04_08.pdf.

Oct 24: The Lives of Red Knots and Horsehoe Crabs. A round-robin talk by representatives of the American Littoral Society and NJ Audubon Society will explain the interdependence of horseshoe crabs and red knots, and the efforts of both organizations to protect both species in the Delaware and Raritan Bay areas.

Nov 28: Protecting Liberty State Park. Greg Remaud, deputy director of NY/NJ Baykeeper, will discuss how Gov. Christie’s new-defiant plan to allow private development in the very popular Liberty State Park fell apart due to citizen opposition. Baykeeper and the Sierra Club were two of many organizations that spearheaded the successful opposition, and Remaud will describe the coalition’s tactics to defeat the plan.

Dec 4: Sierra’s traditional holiday party will be held at Dennis Anderson’s house: 6 Maple Ave, off of Middletown Rd, Matawan. Use MapQuest for directions, but beware: there are two Middletown Roads in Matawan. If you get lost, call him at 732-970-4547. Everyone is asked to bring hors d’oeuvres, cakes or other hot and cold dishes, as well as soda, wine and beer. Please let Dennis know in advance at dennisaz@aol.com so we don’t wind up with too many of the same gifts. (If you’re bringing lobster and filet mignon….) If members of other Sierra Groups are in the neighborhood, please stop by and say hello.

West Jersey Group

(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

Group Members: Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

OFFICERS: Chair & Treasurer: A. Gregory Auramina, Esq. 732-451-9220 sierrachOC@aol.com

Vice-Chair & Conservation Chair: Margit Meisoner-Jackson 609-204-4676 sylvajd1991@yahoo.com

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- Nancy Brown

- Sierra Palmer

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 and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We’ve also targeted critical local open space, sprout, 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 the northeast coast, 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 resides in Ocean Gate. We’re also involved in creating a greener and sustainable environment in Ocean County.

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

Sierra Club website: www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey

WEST JERSEY GROUP MEETINGS

Meetings and Events: General Meetings are held bimonthly (i.e., in alternate months) on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafe” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. Information on meetings in Jan-March will be posted on the website: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/.

York County Group

WEBSITE: www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey/ocean-county/

Report from Faith Teitelbaum:

Here are some cleanup events and a seminar put on by the Whale Pond Brook Watershed Association, a former partner of the Jersey Shore Group.

Seminar: Rain Gardens. Sept 24, 1-3pm: Making the Beds and picking native plants, Ocean Twp Library, Deal Road, Ocean NJ.

Ross Island Cover-up. Sept 17, 10am: 20 Elmore Ave, Long Branch 07740: Help us put a giant tarp (donated by the Urban Coast Institute) to protect the 100 year-old stone roof from the freezing and thawing of winter. We just completed Phase II of a four-phase project.

Ross Lake Park garden maintenance. Oct 8, 10 am: Help us get the garden ready for its fall beauty.

Takasnee Lake and trestle cleanup. Nov 5, 10 am: Lake Drive, Long Branch 07740: This part of the greenway needs some fresh vision. Come help us clean and come to know it.

Recently, we received permission from Ocean Township to begin pursuing a dual easement which would allow us to gain access to the first mile (the blue line) of our Greenway. Below are some pictures of our first exploratory hike and GPS mapping outing. We have a 2016 grant from the NJDEP Trails and Recreation Division which will allow us to purchase simple tools for clearing a deer trail and also designing a kiosk for the entrance. We are so delighted to be making headway on our Greenway.

Our Monmouth County Watershed Ambassador, Tiffany Falcone, has helped us immensely this year. If you haven’t worked with a community watershed ambassador you are missing out on a great resource.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Our general membership meetings take place at 6pm on the fourth Monday of the month at Brookdale Community College’s Lincroft Campus (BCC). We are delighted that the college has invited us to continue the joint meetings of
Treasurer: Ellen Zinni ezinni4@aol.com

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Publicity Chair: Anne Caridi aecaridi@yahoo.com

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Program Chair: Open position! Call Gina to volunteer. 856-848-8851

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Social Media: Evyan Kostka evyan.kostka@gmail.com and Dayna Hovem daynahovem@gmail.com

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. Call Gina to reserve a seat. Website: www.sierraclub.org/jn https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSouthJersey?

Directions: From I-295, take exit 148 onto Rte 70 West. Follow the signs for Rte 41 South, which is Kings Hwy (you will have to exit to the right into a jug handle and then turn left onto Rte 41 Kings Hwy). Cross over Rte 70 and you will be on Rte 41 ((Beach Rd). Make the next right and then the next left onto Kings Hwy. About 1 mile, you will cross Grove Rd (Indian King Tavern is on the right corner). After crossing Grove Rd, go two more blocks and turn right on to Friends Ave. Go one block to the Meeting House. Park in the lot next to the Meeting House and enter the auditorium through the doors on the right side of the building. Do not go into the Meeting House.

Oct 12: The Unjustifiable Case of the Fanged Cardinal Fish - Dr. Alex Vagelli, director of the Marine Science Center at Kean University and an expert on all things fishy, will discuss the story of how a remarkable species is being led to extinction by the aquarium fish trade.

Nov 9: Camden’s Trees: Where are we now? Jessica Franzini of the New Jersey Tree Foundation will discuss the status of the many improved state and national environmental protections in the city of Camden since the foundation starting planting trees in Camden many years ago.

Dec 14: Join us for our Year-End Wrap Up and holiday party. Bring a favorite munchie to share as we discuss our successes and ongoing efforts for 2016 and plan for 2017.

Open Position!

South Jersey Group

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

Group Members:
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The central conservation issue, for which the South Jersey Group was founded in the 1970s, continues to be 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 South Jersey Group and the Watershed Association of Atlantic Counties (WAAC) that spans off from the South Jersey Group. Very few of our local members seem interested in the meetings we once scheduled (monthly, until 2005). 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 those residents in the state and national environmental protection efforts. Explore www.gehwa.org. If you have topics (and places) for meetings, please let the officers know about them. We welcome general comments from Club members in South Jersey. To see if we can provide an opportunity for local discussion or information, please e-mail dick.colby@stockton.edu. Dick is also an Atlantic County Parks Commissioner; contact him if you might be interested in attending monthly meetings of the Commission, which are open to the public (although we don’t meet in July and August).

Current Issues:
(1) A land-use controversy in Mullica - over what is known as the Draft Master Plan. The debate is back in controversy, with a court ruling requiring theDEP to accept comments. Jeff Tittel is probably the most knowledgeable person in the Chapter. (2) Controversy continues over the construction of a large-diameter (24") natural gas pipeline to feed the BL England electric power plant in Marmora (Cape May Co), with a likely lawsuit pending (see the Watershed Association of Atlantic Counties website, www.waacnj.org) that spans off from the South Jersey Group. Many of our local members seem interested in the meetings we once scheduled (monthly, until 2005). 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.

Please join us! The NJ South Jersey Group was specifically created to offer a variety of single-oriented activities to NJ South Jersey Club members, and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club activities. Everyone is welcome to come out and meet fellow Club members and others who care about the environment. We can offer many free as we have volunteers to run them - if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please contact one of our officers!

WEBSITE: http://www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey/SierraSingles/

The best way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free listserv. Anyone may subscribe by going to: http://listserv.sierraclub.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NW.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 to receive announcements for all of our events for a few weeks before each event. Events are also listed on the online calendar on the Chapter's website: www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey/.

You can now also "like" us on Facebook: "Singles Group New Jersey Sierra Club".

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2015 Executive Committee members: Rozanna Fonelli, Joyce Haddad, Ron Pate, Joe Preblish, Jeff Sovelove, Daphne Speck Bartsyki, Joyce White.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers needed as hike leaders, Fundraising Chair/Co-Chairs, and members of all committees, including planning social events and conservation activities. 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.

SINGLES SECTION:
A chapter-wide, special interest section offering hikes/cleanups, social gatherings, meetups, hiking and biking trips, and much more. We are always looking for new events - contact any officer for location.

SOCIAL DINNERS WITH MOVIE SHOWINGS:
A fun social event where we bring entertainment and conversation together. Please attend the 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.

HIKES AND OTHER OUTINGS:
The Singles Section sponsors many outings, ranging from beginners' level to advanced hikes. Many of these outings are listed on the online calendar (see above). Additional information can be found on our listserv and on the Chapter's website (see above).
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location determined by the leader. See the Outings section of this Newsletter for Silver Singles outings. Check the Singles listserve for announcements of more Silver Singles outings.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Section

Section Members: Please use the Ballot on Page 2 to vote for your officers

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism within the LGBT community through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues. Anyone is welcome to join our outings regardless of sexual orientation.

WEB SITE: http://www.sierraclub.org/new-jersey/LGBT/
MEETUP: http://www.meetup.com/njsierrablub
FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/njsierralgbt

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Dates and times subject to change. Participants should register for outings at http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/nj_calendar.asp or www.meetup.com/njsierrablub. Please contact leader for more information. You can also receive updated information by joining our email list. Please contact John at jkashwick@gmail.com to be included in the list.

Oct 16 (Sun): Executive Committee Conference Call. 9am. Help plan events for the summer months and discuss administrative issues. Contact John for dial-in number or more information at jkashwick@gmail.com.

Nov 12 (Sat): Palisades Interstate Park Hike, Alpine. 11am. This is a 5-mile hike starting at the Alpine Boat Basin heading north via the shore trail. After climbing approximately 500 feet, we return via the Long Path at the top of the Palisades with sweeping views of the Hudson. Leader: John Kashwick (jkashwick@gmail.com) or Jonathan Wall (docjwall@gmail.com). Contact leader if in doubt.

Volunteers Needed! We are continuing to recruit volunteers and outings leaders. For more information, please email John at jkashwick@gmail.com or Robert at robertmz@att.net.

Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section

(A chapter-wide special interest section which offers a weekly to monthly calendar of activities and events, including hikes, clean ups, social gatherings, dinner get-togethers and other functions intended for those members over fifty)

More New Jersey events are posted on a web site: http://www.funtravels.com. In addition, a monthly Buy & Sell newsletter is sent out to members free of charge, in which they can list items they are searching for or want to buy.

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@funtravels.com, and invites members to check her web site at www.funtravels.com for trips, tips, and travel information regarding New Jersey and other states.

Sierra Student Coalition

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

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

Introducing Children to the Outdoors Section

(Another Chapter-wide special interest activity with the motto: No Child Left Inside! Once known as Inner City Outings, aka (nationally) “Inspiring Connections Outdoors”)

OFFICERS:

Chair: Marty Cohen 201-670-8383 martincohen@verizon.net

NJSCO is a public service program, one of 50 Sierra Club groups nationwide which provide about 1,000 nature outings per year, oriented towards children. About five such outings take place in New Jersey each year.

In June we provided hikes in Harriman State Park for two groups of students from the New Roberto Clemente Middle School, in Paterson. We were blessed with exuberant students and pretty good weather, even a refreshing shower for the last ten minutes. (After one of the hikes one student, with an impish smile, thanked us for “punishing” her. She obviously understood one of our tenets: that one has to suffer some in order to truly enjoy an activity.)

Since we are currently only partnering with schools, we didn’t have any outings in July or August, but we do have some hikes scheduled for this Fall.

If you are an experienced hiker willing to commit to leading two hikes per year, or if you have no hiking experience but are willing to commit to attending two steering committee meetings per year, and performing some additional assignments totaling 20 hours per year, please contact the Chair. The operative word here is “commit.”

On the Trail

(Editor’s note: This section of the Jersey Sierran is ready to publicize YOUR favorite trail adventures, broadly speaking, in prose, poetry, photographs and even song! PLEASE send your trail news to the editor of this newsletter.)

On August 15th, the Sierra Club celebrated its role in lobbying for protection of the New Jersey Highlands with a picnic and hike, co-led by Joe Testa and Jeff Sovelove, and described by Joe as follows:

A group of 35 hikers braved hot and humid weather on a 2-hour hike at Norvin Green State Forest (Passaic Co), climbing to take in views of the area preserved by the Highlands Act. The Act protects a region responsible for the purity of much of North Jersey’s water supply.

(The top photo is credited to Joe Testa. The remainder were supplied by Wynn Johanson.)
OCTOBER

Oct 5 (Sat). Pinelands Month - Canoe/Kayak Cedar Creek (Ocean Co). 10am. Our annual "Cranberry Harvest" outing on Marsh Creek, which is rich in wildlife. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. Rental boats are not available. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (Cb).

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Oct 5 (Sat). Pinelands Month - Hiking on the Pearl River Scenic Trail (Mercer Co). 10am. This hike is designed to introduce hikers to the beautiful Pearl River Scenic Trail. The hike will cover approximately 10 miles, with some moderate hills. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and appropriate hiking gear. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. Rental boots are not available. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Oct 5 (Sat). Pinelands Month - Canoe/Kayak on-Water Cleanup in the Delaware River Watershed (Burlington Co). 9am. Downtown Burlington. We will be meeting at the bottom of the ramp, turn left on Rte 519. Proceed 1 mile to the blinking light and turn left on Rte 521. Continue one mile to the Milltown Regional Park. The parking area is ahead on your right. Leader: Rob G. 908-289-8813 or 908-209-2936 (day of hike)

Oct 6 (Sun). Bicycle Ride on the Columbia Trail (Hunterdon Co). 10am. 12-5 miles, 5mph pace. Full lunch on the way and on return. Meet at Whitehouse. Entrance fee $5/parking lot. High Bridge Municipal Lot, Main St, High Bridge. Bicycle helmets are required. Bring water and snacks. Registration required via email: cannibisrider@msn.com. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (C).

Oct 7 (Mon). Pinelands Month - Hike at Jakes Branch County Park (Ocean Co). 10am. This hike will be an easy 2.5-mile walk on the Orange Trail down to Hemlock Falls and also see the famous Turtleback Rock. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Water safety instruction. Bring lots of water, and wear hiking boots. We will take a 1-hour lunch break. Contact George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

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Oct 8 (Sat). Norway Green State Forest, Ringwood (Passaic Co). 10am. http://www.njwelcome.com/park- norway-green-state-forest.html. This hike will be in 3 hours to a rugged terrain. Magnificent views of the Wayne Reservoir from Cart Hill. Facilities: New water equipment. No pets. Hiking boots and a day-pack with water and lunch. Registration required via email: Directions for the meeting place will be sent via email to members who register. Leader: Jim O'Neill. Click on: TheHike@mic.com.

Oct 8 (Sat). Pinelands Month - Wells Mills Hike and 22nd Annual Pine Barrens Jamboree (Ocean Co). 10am. 5 miles, easy pace. After the hike we’ll enjoy the Jamboree! This day-long festival celebrates the history and culture of the Pine Barrens through music, arts, "paved and unpaved" vendors, and creative programming. The Jamboree is a Pine Barrens festival for the Pine Barrens. We'll take a break for lunch at Abe’s Restaurant. Rain cancels. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Oct 10 (Mon). Canoe/Kayak: The Wallingford (Burlington Co). 10am. Moderate pace. Easy hiking and cycling. Directions: Please note that this is a group event and includes coordinates. Rentals are available. Leona@pineypaddlers.com.

Nov 6 (Sun). ‘Fall Back’ Bicycle Ride at Duke Farms (Somerset Co). 10am. Approx. 10 miles, let’s say, that the orange, hills Farm. Duke Farms serves as a model of environmental stewardship in the 21st century. Meet at the main parking lot at 10:00 am. Lunch will be at a picnic on the Farm. Bring Snacks, water, and an umbrella. Please be advised that some rides may require rental, so be sure to check the schedule. Bring water and rain gear. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

Nov 8 (Tues). Clayton Park Hike on Election Day (Monmouth Co). 10am. 4-5 miles, easy/moderate pace mix of flat and some hills. Two routes; 4-5 mile or 8-9 mile trail. Bring lunch, water, and rain gear. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

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Nov 9 (Fri). Pinelands Month - Hike at Jakes Branch County Park (Ocean Co). 10am. 4-5 miles, easy pace. Meet at parking lot, turn left on Rte 519. Continue two miles to the blinking light and turn left onto Rte 521. Continue 1 mile to the park entrance. Bring lunch, water, and rain gear. George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).

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Nov 13 (Wed). Canoe/Kayak: The Wallingford (Burlington Co). 10am. Moderate pace. Easy hiking and cycling. Directions: Please note that this is a group event and includes coordinates. Rentals are available. Leona@pineypaddlers.com.

Nov 18 (Fri). Pinelands Month - Hike at Jakes Branch County Park (Ocean Co). 10am. This hike will be an easy 2.5-mile walk on the Orange Trail down to Hemlock Falls and also see the famous Turtleback Rock. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Water safety instruction. Bring lots of water, and wear hiking boots. We will take a 1-hour lunch break. Contact George & Leona F: 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W).


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This image is a screenshot of a webpage with a calendar of events for the Sierra Club New Jersey chapter. The content is mainly in text format, listing various outdoor activities and events, including hikes and canoe/kayaking outings. There are details about the dates, times, locations, and contact information for registration or questions. The events are categorized by month, with specific details such as the type of activity, the location, and any necessary equipment or attire. The calendar is designed to inform members and感兴趣的 individuals about upcoming events organized by the Sierra Club, emphasizing conservation and environmental education. The text is dense and sequential, providing a comprehensive overview of the activities scheduled in the region for outdoor enthusiasts. The overall layout is clear, with events listed in a logical sequence, making it easy for readers to identify and plan their participation. The webpage also contains links to maps and additional resources for each event, promoting community engagement and environmental awareness. The content is structured to encourage outdoor participation, highlighting the benefits of nature exploration and active living. The Sierra Club New Jersey chapter appears to be actively involved in organizing and promoting these activities, fostering a sense of community and environmental stewardship among its members and the general public.
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OUTINGS

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Pinelands. Leashed dogs are welcome. We’ll see the newly installed ‘Play Trail’ where children and their parents can appreciate the rich diversity of the environment while walking the trail. Meet at Jakes Beach Park, 1000 Islandview Road, Beachwood. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-5734 or leona@pinelands.org (W)

Dec 10 (Sat): Watchung Reservation (Union Co). 10am. 7 miles in 4 hours in moderately difficult terrain. Contact: leona@pineypaddlers.com for reservations. Reservations moderate terrain, visit to Historic Village, Lake Surprise, vistas. Facilities Visitor Center and Restrooms Reservations: No pets. Bring your own water and lunch. Bring equipment via Directions for the meeting place will be sent via email to members who register. Leader: Jimi McDaniel, jimitmcdaniel@gmail.com

Dec 10 (Sat): Whispersville Village Full Hike (Burlington Co). 10am. 5 miles, easy pace on sandy trails. Meet at the Township Court House parking lot at Whispersville for the tour again. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet in the parking lot across from the Whispersville General Store. The store will be open for early morning espresso and snacks. Bus shuttle via Optional, guided picnic tour after lunch for small fee. Directions and information: www.whispersville.org. George & Leona F: 609-259-5734 or leona@pinelands.org (W)

Dec 10 (Fri): Hike Historic Snowville and Tour Snowville Mansion (Burlington Co). 10am. 4 miles, easy pace. After the hike we’ll tour the Mansion decorated for a Victorian Holiday, (small fee) Contact: tour, lunch at Vicentoveni Court. Meet at Snowville’s Historic Snowville Park, Just Railroad Ave. Leashed dogs are welcome. George & Leona F: 609-259-5734 or leona@pinelands.org (W)

Dec 10 (Sun): Celebrate the Winter Solstice Early – Canoe/Kayak the Wading River (Burlington Co). 10am. The trip section depends on weather conditions Experienced water Paddlers only Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation George & Leona F: 609-259-5734 or leona@pinelands.org (W)

Dec 21 (Wed): D&R Canal Hike (Burlington/Mercer Cos). 10am. 5 miles, easy pace. It’s the first day of winter – let’s take a walk on the towpath from Bordentown to Trenton. Leashed dogs are welcome! Meet at the Riverline parking lot in Bordentown City. Option for fair lunch at Heart of Bordentown (808) Tavern. Inclusive weekend weather. Leaders: George & Leona F: 609-259-5734 or leona@pinelands.org (W)

Dec 26-31: Patriots Week - History of the American Revolution in NJ (Mercer Co). Learn about the American Revolution during Patriots Week. This week offers fun and history for the entire family. See the First and Second Battles of Trenton Reenactments and participate in Walking Tours of the Trenton Battlefields. Check website for events www.patriotswark.com. More info: Leona F: leona@pineypaddlers.com or Joanne Pannone

Jan 1 (Sun). New Year’s Day Paddle on the Wading River (Burlington Co). 10am. Ring in the New Year with NJ Sierra Club! Meet at the river on cold weather paddlers only. Contact leaders together after the trip. Bring something to share. Experienced cold weather paddlers only. Contact leaders to confirm trip and details George & Leona F: 609-259-5734 or leona@pinelands.org (W)

Upcoming ExCom Meetings:
All members are welcome to attend these monthly statewide policy deliberations, held on SECOND SATURDAYS. Details, including agendas and travel instructions, are available from Rich Isaac, the Chapter Chair. (Best contact)
Conservation and/or Political Committee meetings usually start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon. The main meeting starts at 1pm.

Jan 14, February 11, and March 11, at all the Hamilton (Mercer Co.) Library, 1 Justice Samuel Alto Jr. Way