

THE COMPASS

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ICO OUTREACH KIDS ENJOY THE WOODS, AND NEW EQUIPMENT THANKS TO REI

Even kids camp out at Fairfield Lake State Park. Sounds familiar to most of us. Except nine of these kids have never slept in a sleeping bag. Ten have never slept in a tent. None had ever hiked in the woods at night by moonlight. And imagine - all but one had never heard of a s'more or knew how to make it.

Making outdoor experiences possible for those who would not otherwise have the opportunity is what ICO is all about.

It's been a busy year for Dallas Inner City Outings, the Sierra Club's outreach program. Thanks to the dedication of the volunteers of this self financed program this year almost 160 minority low income at risk



youth have been able to experience the outdoors. They have camped at state parks in northeast and east Texas, seen new creatures up close, hunted for tracks at Dinosaur Valley State Park, explored trails at nature centers, learned to canoe, and been nose to nose with fish at the Texas Fresh Water Fisheries outside Athens. Dallas ICO has provided over 3,300 hours of fun filled outdoor kid time! And thanks to an equipment grant from REI's corporate office we were able to pick out some much needed new equipment including daypacks

and backpack tents the kids have already put to good use.

The Dallas area may not have an abundance of mountains or rivers, but ICO shows kids everything we do have to offer in the outdoors and gives them a meaningful experience with the environment. They learn to have fun in the wilderness safely, about habitat and how to protect our natural resources, and how a simple walk in the woods can be good for the soul. Because of ICO some of these kids will continue to explore and protect the outdoors, start recycling in their home or school, and even consider a profession helping the environment.

In the spirit of this season of celebration I want to thank all the ICO certified trip leaders, assistant leaders, and volunteers who have made these outings possible. May you enjoy the season knowing you have brought the gift of the outdoors to our youth.

If you're interested in more information about ICO please contact Liz Wheelan (see back page).

Want to help strengthen the ICO outings program? See The ICO Wish List.

SEE "THE ICO WISH LIST" PAGE 5



NOVEMBER CONSERVATION RETREAT MARKS PROGRESS

As you will see pictured with this article, a fine crew of hard core conservation coordinators and a few more die hard conservationists got together at the Dallas Nature Center November 3rd for what seems to be the earliest historical planning meeting for an upcoming year in the Dallas club's history.

The conservation group discussed administrative changes. Leslie March and John Rath are working on these administrative ideas for the group. Charles Townsend, who as of late, helped with other groups to champion the no vote on the Ursuline soccer field has agreed to work on Urban Sprawl issues. Lisa Silguero will work with Energy. Gayle Loeffler will now be working with Population. Rita Beving and Don Calloway will hope to help garner many club activists and outside groups to

help East Texans on the Marvin Nichols dam issue. Needed is someone to fill the Clean Air issue coordinator position.

Two major campaigns were briefly discussed for the upcoming year. The Wide Open Spaces Campaign and the ongoing concern with the Water Development Board's Plans to pipe water in from Oklahoma to the DFW area as well as the Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

The group held a picnic lunch at the Dallas Nature Center. They also attended a sign dedication at the invitation of the Center. The group hopes to garner fellow Sierrans to sport donations to buy a nature marker at the DNC.

A second retreat to develop the Conservation group's calendar will be held in January and discuss goals and issues in further detail.

SAVING TEXAS' WIDE OPEN SPACES

The vast open spaces of the Texas landscape support a diverse array of plants and wildlife and provide recreation for people. From the coastal wetlands that provide habitat for numerous species of birds to the western desert mountains that support black bears and mountain lions, there is no other state with as much natural biological diversity as Texas. But these landscapes and the wildlife that inhabit them are disappearing at an alarming rate. The poorly planned development that we commonly refer to as sprawl is permanently altering the Texas landscape in a way that devastating to our natural heritage.

Sierra Club, will present "Saving Texas' Wide Open Spaces." Brian's presentation will include a slide show and discussion about the biological diversity of Texas, how it is impacted by rapid growth and development, and what needs to be done to protect it. Brian's presentation will also outline the Lone Star Chapter's Wide Open Spaces Campaign, which is aimed at involving citizens in the identification and protection of ecologically significant lands throughout the state.

The "Saving Texas' Wide Open Spaces" presentation will provide you with important information about what is happening to our state's natural heritage and what you can do to protect it.

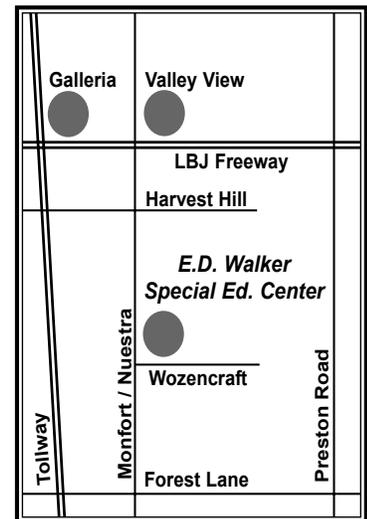
SEE "SPECIAL PLACES" ON PAGE 3

HOLIDAY PARTY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Sierra Club Holiday Party is just around the corner. December 15th marks this festive event. Already, we have some great stuff for the Silent Auction.... wine tastings from Tony's Wine Warehouse, restaurant and retail certificates, great backpack and outdoor stuff from Backwoods, Mt. Hideout, Whole Earth Provision and others, but we can certainly use more.

Sept. 11th's aftermath has put a crimp in our usual huge stack of auction goodies and we could use some help. Do you have a service, a gift certificate, or gently used, but desirable items you can donate for the Silent Auction???

If so, contact Rita Beving at (214) 373-3808 or contact Mick Nolen, the Holiday Party Guru and membership guy who is listed on the back of this newsletter. Thanks for your help. Ho! Ho! Ho! To the party we must all go.....



The Dallas Sierra Club's general meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all interested persons. The meetings begin at 7pm at the E.D. Walker School on the corner of Monfort and Wozencraft, MAPSCO 15S.

At the December 12th Dallas Sierra Club meeting Brian Sybert, Natural Resources Director for the Lone Star Chapter of the

WHERE'S YOUR SPECIAL PLACE?

Through the Wide Open Spaces Campaign of the Lone Star Sierra Club, the "Special Places Project" is under way. We now have an opportunity to identify and nominate specific lands in our area that need to be protected as wildlife habitat or as parkland for public recreation.

You and the Dallas Sierra Club are an important part of this project. Fill out the Special Places Identification Sheet and mail it to:

The Sierra Club,
Dallas Regional Group
PO Box 800365
Dallas, Texas 75380



BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

The information that is sent to the state office will be produced into a professional report. It will detail why each "special place" should be protected from future development. The report will then be distributed throughout the state to boost

media coverage and increase public awareness and support for the protection of these lands.

For more information, call Charles Townsend at (214) 363-0924 or cnt6667@aol.com

SPECIAL PLACES IDENTIFICATION SHEET

Name of group: _____

Name of coordinator: _____

Description of Special Place

Name of area: _____

County: _____

Nearest Town / City: _____

Directions to the location from nearest major road (include map and photos if available): _____

Number of acres: _____

Approximate value of property (optional): _____

Criteria for Environmentally Significant Area:

Check which apply:

- Unique natural area
- Contains rare or endangered species of plants and animals
- Needed to maintain the quality of water, air and soil
- Endangered forest
- Riparian buffer
- Important to drinking water supply
- Naturally beautiful
- Used by migrating species
- Identifiable fragile ecosystems
- Roadless forest tract
- Archeological site
- River corridor
- Wetland
- Recreational value

Description (include threats to area): _____

THE GLOBAL WARMING & ENERGY PROGRAM

The Global Warming and Energy Program organizer Nicole Holt, based out of the TX/AR Field

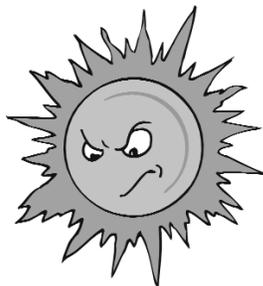
Office, is working to cool Texas. One project, which may be of interest to the Dallas Group members, is reducing the amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) released into the atmosphere through tailpipe emissions. Second only to power plants, automobiles are responsible for 20% of the CO2 released into the atmosphere in the US. There are several ways we can reduce the automobile contribution to the global warming problem. For

example; we can increase miles per gallon (MPG) standards for automobiles, encourage our communities to operate buses on compressed natural gas, and/or encourage local and state auto fleets to purchase automobiles which get the highest mile per gallon available. If you are interested in working on a campaign which will reduce CO2 emissions, would like to write letters to the editor about the global warming

issues, host a clean car day, have any ideas or would just like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact Nicole.

Additionally, on Jan. 18, the TNRCC will be releasing a state global warming gas inventory and a report on the causes, consequences and solutions and we expect a rule making will follow.

We would like to encourage you to write a letter to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) urging them to commit to a substantial reduction in global warming gases in the state plan. Your input can make a difference in our state plan. You can also make a pledge to positively impact the planet by taking personal action to reduce your global warming contribution. To find out more on this issue, contact Nicole. Nicole can be reached at (512) 472-9094 or nicole.holt@sierraclub.org. She would love to work with you to make Texas a leader in the solution rather than the pollution.



SIERRA CLUB TV

The Dallas Sierra Club has a television program that airs on the Dallas, Carrollton, Plano, Richardson, Garland and Rowlett Community Access channels. If you do not have cable, you can pick up a VHS copy at the Dallas Sierra Club meeting. The Dallas Sierra Club program needs your support! Watch it and let us know what you think.

If you have some video production experience, give us a call. Please call (214) 369-5543 or video committee chair at (972) 732-8599.

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TUE	10pm 74



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-  **SERVICE PROJECT**

Notice: To receive this outings list monthly via e-mail, send message to: outings.list@dallassierraclub.org
Type **SUBSCRIBE OUTINGS LIST** on the subject line.

 **DEC 8 SATURDAY**

WHITE ROCK LAKE CLEANUP Help clean up the Dallas Sierra Club's Adopted Shoreline. Meet at the For the Love of the Lake office parking lot on level below Eckerd's in Casa Linda Plaza (on Buckner facing Doctors Hospital, just north of Garland Road, Mapsco 38-J) at 8:00 AM for registration and refreshments. Leader: Carol Nash 214-824-0244(H) or cnash@dallasisd.org

 **DEC 9 SATURDAY**

DAYHIKE AROUND WHITE ROCK LAKE Hike the 9-mile loop around White Rock Lake. Meet at 10 AM at the parking lot on the hill just east of Mockingbird and East Lawther. We'll stop at the half way mark for a picnic lunch. Pack your lunch or get something at a 7-11 near our lunch stop. Let's keep those legs in shape for the winter & spring hikes! No reservation required - just show up. Leader: Bill Greer 972-964-1781(H) or wbgreer@worldnet.att.net

 **DEC 16 SUNDAY**

SIXTH ANNUAL HIGHLAND PARK HOLIDAY LIGHTS HIKE We'll hike 5 1/2 miles along Highland Park's Greenbelts and residential streets. Refreshment break (hot or cold) en route at Highland Park Village (Starbucks or Jamba Juice). We'll have a chance to view some spectacular holiday decorations along Beverly Drive and Armstrong Parkway. Meet near the intersection of Lakeside and Beverly Drives at 5:30 PM. Park along the

curb on Lakeside (Mapsco: 35P) and bring a small flashlight if you wish. NOTE: A shorter hike can be arranged for those that wish it. No reservations needed, just show up. Leader: Steve Longley 214-824-1128(H)

DEC 19 (WED) ANNUAL OUTINGS COMMITTEE HOLIDAY PARTY.

Bring a potluck dish to share, your eating and drinking utensils and photographs or slides from your favorite trip this year. Soft drinks provided - bring anything else you want to drink. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome. The party will be held, starting at 7:00 PM, at the home of Arthur Kuehne, 3363 Darbyshire Dr, Dallas TX 75229 (Mapsco 23L). Contact Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260(H) for details.

  **DEC 24 - 27 MON - THU**

BACKPACK in the GRAND CANYON during the Holidays. Celebrate the Holidays in the largest canyon in the world. Experience hiking through an alpine environment to desert in one day. We'll enjoy the magnificent vistas on the way down to the bottom on the first day of the trip. We'll do a day hike during our rest day at Phantom Ranch then take two days to climb back up to the South Rim. The backpacking mileage will be about 18 miles and will be on steep trails. Some portions of the trail will be exposed. Because of the nature of the trip, it is rated as "strenuous". The trip will be limited to 10 people and only to those who have had multi-day backpack trips on rugged terrain. Participants should not be afraid of heights and not become dizzy when looking into a precipice. Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP) charges \$5 per person per night for the permit. There is also a \$10 processing fee. To sign up please contact one of the leaders for availability. A \$16 check made out to Wendy Lambert will need to be received by July 15, 2001 to make the permit deadline. The GCNP has no provisions for refunds. Therefore, no refunds will be available even if we do not get a permit. If we obtain the permit, a refund for the fee will only be given if there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place.

Leaders: Wendy Lambert 817-251-0016(H) or wlambert@concrete-pipe.com and Marcos Jorge 972-394-2546(H) or mkkj@hotmail.com

 **JAN 5 SATURDAY**

HIKE INTO the GREAT TRINITY FOREST at ROCHESTER PARK to WHITE ROCK CREEK. This area is the central core of the Great Trinity

Hardwood Bottomland Forest and encompasses the confluence of White Rock Creek and the Trinity River. Learn about Trinity River Conservation issues in Dallas. Sturdy shoes / boots are required. Bring water and snack. Meet at 10:00 AM - estimated hiking time 4-5 hours. Meet at the South end of Bexar Street (Mapsco 56L). From North Dallas travel South on Central (US 75) to I-45 South then take the Kaufman US 175 exit and continue south, then exit at Bexar St. after US 175 turns east. Turn right (south) and follow Bexar to the south end cul-de-sac. OR From the East take C. F. Hawn Freeway (175) to Rochester Park and exit at Bexar. Turn left (south) and follow Bexar to the south end. Please call to register for this hike.

Leader: Jim Flood 972-557-1144 jdflood@airmail.net

 **JAN 12 SATURDAY**

WHITE ROCK LAKE CLEANUP

Help clean up the Dallas Sierra Club's Adopted Shoreline. Meet at the For the Love of the Lake office parking lot on level below Eckerd's in Casa Linda Plaza (on Buckner facing Doctors Hospital, just north of Garland Road, Mapsco 38-J) at 8:00 AM for registration and refreshments. Leader: Carol Nash 214-824-0244(H) or cnash@dallasisd.org

JAN 16 (WED) OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING at REI (on north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 7:00 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning spring outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans are welcome. Contact Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260(H) for details.

  **FEB 14 - 18 THU - MON**

FOURTH ANNUAL TAOS BUS TRIP. Don't miss out - mark your calendars now! This trip is one of our most popular. Trips

HOW THE OUTING PROGRAM WORKS

Dallas Sierra Club Outings are open to members and non-members. Some trips may require special qualifications and capabilities. The leaders of each outing / trip are serving in a volunteer capacity and assume no responsibility above that of trip organizer. If you have a medical problem, it is your responsibility to inform the leader before the outing / trip. Outing / Trip leaders are encouraged to participate in training and classes to increase their skills, but they are not paid professionals. They will assist you within their limitations. It is the responsibility of the participant to be aware of any personal limitations before going on an outing.

Radios and firearms are prohibited from all outings. Pets are not allowed unless specifically stated. All outings officially begin at the trail head or outing start point. Leaders cannot assign carpools, but may help coordinate ride sharing for energy conservation and to promote fellowship. All non-commercial transportation is the responsibility of the individual. Car-pooling is SOLELY voluntary, but the costs are shared. The usual method of sharing transportation cost is for all riders in the car, including the driver, to divide the cost of transportation equally. The recommended method of computing cost is to multiply round trip mileage by \$0.13 a mile for small cars, \$0.16 for large cars and \$0.19 for vans. Before leaving, be sure this or some other method is agreed upon.

Most outings require reservations. To participate in an outing contact the leader, who will decide if the trip you are interested in is suitable for you based on your capabilities and the demands of the trip. There is usually a limit to the number of people allowed on a given outing / trip. Reservations are necessary for outings unless otherwise noted. If you must cancel, inform the leader as soon as possible so that someone else can go in your place.

Please respect the wishes of your leader who has volunteered his / her free time to allow you to go on the trip of your choice. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in becoming a leader, contact either the Outings Chair or the appropriate Outings Committee Coordinator on the newsletter back page.

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- **Walkabouts**
(prefer Motorola so compatible w/ others)
- **Equipment storage sponsors**
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- **Donations**
(in any amt. to help w/ outing costs; payable to Dallas ICO or \$25 minimum payable to Sierra Club Foundation / Dallas ICO to be tax deductible)

Contact Liz Wheelan at LizWICO@aol.com or call (214) 739-2269 or mail c/o 8200 Southwestern Bl. # 510, Dallas 75206.

SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS CON'T

range from easy dayhikes and sightseeing around the Taos area (complete with lodge and hot tub) to snowshoeing dayhikes (also with lodge, etc) to a tough winter backpack trip. Our chartered sleeper bus will leave Dallas on Thursday evening and return at about 5:00 AM on Monday. We guarantee this will be the most fun you have all winter. Check the December outings list (on our web site) or the January newsletter for complete details.



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BEGINNER BACKPACKING and CAMPING CLASS. Aimed at beginners, this class is an ideal way to learn about backpacking. Topics include: wilderness ethics, outdoor clothing, boots, backpacks, tents, sleeping bags, cookware, food, and preparing for a trip. Instructors are experienced Sierra Club leaders. There will be time for questions and a hands-on look at outdoor gear. Lunch of backpacking food is included. See next month's outings list for location. The class will run from 10:00 AM until 5:30 PM. The fee is \$15 for Sierra Club members and \$25 for non-members. No reservations necessary, just show up. For additional information, please contact Arthur Kuehne at 214-902-9260 or arthur@akuehne.com

HOW TO STOP JUNK MAIL

Thomas T. Toland - Recycling Coordinator of the Dallas Sierra Club

Do you like receiving tons of "Special Offers" in your mailbox everyday? Are you lonely, and do you enjoy talking on the phone with strangers at dinner-time about interesting topics such as debt consolidation and water purification systems? If you answered "yes" to either question, the following information is not for you (you also probably have other problems - but that's beyond the scope of this article). However, if you recognize the immense, unnecessary environmental impact of junk mail and the total annoyance of repetitive phone solicitations, these guidelines can help.

HOW TO STOP JUNK MAIL

- The average person receives only 1.5 personal letters each week, compared to 10.8 pieces of junk mail.
- Each person will receive almost 560 pieces of junk mail this year - that's 4.5 million tons of junk mail produced each year!
- 44% of all junk mail is thrown in the trash, unopened and unread.
- Approximately 40% of the solid mass that makes up our landfills is paper and paper board waste.
- By the year 2010, it is predicted to make up about 48%.
- 100 million trees are ground up each year to produce junk mail.

Junk mail is an incredible nuisance with an immense environmental impact. Most of the junk mail you receive is the direct result of businesses with which you have a relationship selling your name and address to direct-mail brokers. These brokers then organize and sell the targeted mailing lists to other businesses looking for potential customers. I have obtained and organized the following guidelines to help you with your junk mail problem.

Recycle all junk mail, instead of throwing it away. This is very important and will greatly reduce the environmental impact associated with such mailings. Most curbside recycling programs now take this type of paper.

Reduce the amount of junk mail you receive. Many of the following entities are responsible for a majority of the junk mail. Contact them and request to be removed from their mailing lists.

Credit Bureaus - These entities sell your name and information, mostly to credit card and insurance companies. Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, effective September 30, 1997, you only need to call



one of the three major national credit bureaus to have your name removed from all of their mailing lists. Removal is only effective for two years, so remember to call back as necessary.

Equifax (www.experian.com)

(888) 567-8688

Experian (www.transunion.com)

(800) 353-0809

TransUnion (www.equifax.com)

(800) 680-7293

Direct Marketing Association - This organization represents many mail order service companies and is responsible for almost 75% of the mailings received at your house. You can call or write DMA and asked to be added to their mail suppression list.

D.M.A.

Preference Service
Box 9008

Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735

(212) 768-7277

If you contact the DMA and are still receiving junk mail, you need to contact these companies directly. Call the companies, and ask them to stop sending you garbage.

Warranty Registration Cards - Don't fill these out. This is nonsense as you should be covered by the warranty regardless of whether you send in the card. The only benefit would be notifications regarding future upgrades or recalls. If you feel obligated to send in the card, search for a box allowing you to opt out of any future mailings. The following organization receives most of these registrations, and should be contacted to stop current mailings.

National Demographics and Lifestyles Company

List Order Department
1621 18th Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO. 80202

Magazine Subscriptions / Catalogues - make money buy selling your name and address. Contact them and ask them to stop.

Phone Book - Many companies build their lists directly from the phone book. Ask that your address be removed from current and future listings. Get an un-listed/ non-

listed (not in phone book but still in directory assistance and sold to information brokers) or non-published (not in directory assistance or sold to direct-mail brokers/ more expensive) number.

Credit Card Companies - Also make money by selling your name. You may have received the innocuous little privacy notices with the fine print periodically sent by your credit card company. Unfortunately, the purpose of that notice is to inform you that unless you take an affirmative action and personally write and send a non-disclosure letter to the credit card company, then that company has the authority to sell your name to its list of "preferred partners". Make sure to send a letter whenever you receive one of these notices. You can also call your credit card company and inform them that you no longer wish to receive junk-mail.

America Online Disks - Call (800) 827-6364 to have your name removed from the list.

Sweepstakes - Face it. You're not a loser - but you won't win. Call the following three numbers to have your name removed from these lists:

Publishers Clearinghouse

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(800) 234-9000

American Family Publishers

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Flyers and Advertising Supplements - usually addressed to "Resident". Upon notification, removal from these mailing lists may take up to eight weeks.

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CONSERVATION NEWS



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CONSERVATION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 29 (THUR) TRINITY FUNDRAISING STUFFING PIZZA PARTY

Come to David Gray's house and help stuff and stamp fundraising letters for our legal fees for the Trinity River lawsuit the club has against the Army Corps of Engineers. **MANY BODIES NEEDED.** Party starts at 6:30 p.m. For info or directions, call David Gray at 214-342-2019.

DECEMBER- NO CONSERVATION PROGRAM! Go to the Holiday Party for the Club instead.

JANUARY- NO CONSERVATION PROGRAM! Conservation Coordinators will meet to discuss additional issues from their November retreat. See program starting up in February.

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Fellow Sierrans, January is around the corner and the tax man will cometh. So here's your reminder of the last 2001 chance for a tax write off. There are several opportunities.

As you may or may not know, the club is still involved with the TXI appeal regarding its cement kiln permit. As a matter of fact, we finally went to the Texas Supreme Court on November 6th with our case, still trying to get our appeal heard, as the Attorney General is trying to get it denied. The Trinity River suit against the Army Corps of Engineers is still alive. You may have gotten a recent letter (Joe Well's phone number was wrong on some) asking you to help out.

So help a cause, namely ours, to protect your health and the environment of Dallas. Write a check to : Sierra Club Foundation and mail it to our address as shown on the back of your newsletter. Note on the bottom of your check: TXI Litigation, or Trinity River Litigation and we will make sure it gets deposited in the right account. You will receive a tax deduction letter from the national office you can use for tax purposes and help the club with its legal fees. Thank you for your help!!



Stuart Henry, attorney for the Dallas Sierra Club, steps out of the Texas Supreme Court after arguing to the justices to grant the Dallas Clubs appeal on the TXI permit case on November 6, 2001.

MEET THE CANDIDATES CONTINUED

TOM TOLAND

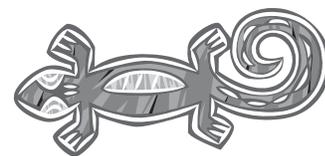
these efforts, I would also focus on the evaluation and presentation of alternatives to environmentally detrimental projects and actions. I believe that sometimes, the presentation of a viable alternative is a much more effective negotiation tool than a refusal to compromise.

When voting on the 2002 Ex-Com members, please consider my candidacy.

JOENIE MEIN

The Sierra Club provides a local forum, based on national objectives, for interested individuals to become involved in the bigger picture, or equally important to work in the local community. I've participated in monthly White Rock Lake clean-ups, hosted a pot luck at my house, and helped on our annual October fund raiser.

My position is simply: I have the time, interest, and energy to represent the Sierra Club on your behalf. Your support would be appreciated.





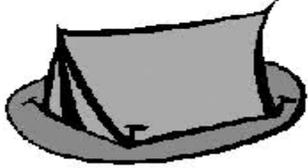
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2002 Sierra Club Election

Meet the candidates...

It's that time of year where you are asked to vote for the Sierra Club leadership for the upcoming 2002 year. Within this month's newsletter you will see the ballots for numerous individuals who are seeking a two year term with the Dallas Sierra Club Executive Committee. The Dallas Executive Committee oversees the budget, fundraising, legal, and administrative functions of the club. It meets the first Wednesday of the month at REI. These monthly meetings are open to the membership. Make sure you clip out the ballot published in the newsletter. Make sure you do not vote for too many people or your ballot will be invalidated. If possible, include your membership number- or we can find it for you. Only Sierra members can vote. We wish to thank board member John Rath for helping secure these fine candidates. Mail in your ballot to the Dallas PO Box as seen on your newsletter by January 2, 2002. Or bring your ballot to the next general meeting or you can vote at the Holiday Party on December 15th.

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With so many pots boiling over in the environmental kitchen it is hard to decide what to do first. The air is full of smoke, the water faucet has run dry and the dogs are in the compost, not to mention that drilling rig in the corner. Time to step outside for a moment.

In my workaday world as a teacher / naturalist at the Dallas ISD Environmental Education Center I am lucky enough to be able to go outside almost everyday with children and adults. Recently we stood transfixed before a huge clump of wild purple asters covered with an astonishing, buzzing swarm of bees, wasps, beetles, flies and butterflies, including some of the last of the migrating monarchs. Consider the monarch for a moment. Nauseating to birds as a result of its larval diet of milkweed, monarchs are threatened in the US and Canada when milkweed is eliminated under industrial farming regimes. Bio-engineered "Bt" corn may also pose a danger to the larvae. In Mexico the forests that shelter the butterflies in winter are being logged at alarming rates. Protecting the monarchs becomes a task that ranges from teaching children not to catch and damage butterflies all the way to the international challenge of protecting summer ranges, migration corridors and wintering sanctuaries. My job reminds me daily of the complex connections between the natural and political worlds and of how important groups like the Sierra Club are for illuminating and mediating those connections.

By this stage in life my personal biography is pretty convoluted. Suffice it to say that I grew up in Oak Cliff and returned to Dallas to work and raise my son fifteen years ago. He is now a student at the Arts Magnet HS. We live near White Rock Lake where we can walk the dogs and watch the birds and foxes. I have a degree in Social Anthropology and Latin American literature, have lived in Mexico and Colombia and am bilingual.

I have been a member of the Sierra Club for more than ten years. I have participated in various conservation campaigns, club hikes, volunteered with the Inner City Outings during their annual Jamborees and am the leader of the White Rock Lake Adopt-a-Shoreline project. In addition, I am newsletter editor for the Texas Association for Environmental Education and am active in the Society for Ecological Restoration, the Native Plant and Audubon Societies. Hopefully, my contacts with the environmental community will be useful to the Dallas Sierra Club if I become a member of the Executive Committee and, if selected, I will do my best to work with members of the Executive Committee and all Sierra Club members to further our collective goals.

My Background:

I am a lifelong resident of Dallas. I attended St. Marks School of Texas for middle and high school. I received a BA in Psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1994. Following graduation from Vanderbilt, I moved west to Sun Valley, Idaho where I directly witnessed many environmental battles first-hand. Subsequently, I became very interested in a variety of environmental issues and chose to attend Tulane Law School due to the strength of its environmental program. While in law school, I focused on environmental law, graduating with an Environmental Certificate. I was also managing editor for the Environmental Law Journal and worked as a student attorney for the nationally recognized Environmental Law Clinic. I am currently employed as an attorney for Haynes and Boone, LLP in Dallas.

Sierra Club Involvement:

I joined the Sierra Club in 1999 following my return to Dallas. Shortly thereafter, I filled the vacated Recycling Coordinator position. I have written several articles for the newsletter on recycling issues, recently made a recycling presentation at a chapter meeting, prepared recycling briefs for various local municipalities, prepared presentations in conjunction with ICO, and have been active in various other areas of the Sierra Club.

My Candidacy for an Ex-Com Position:

My interest in the Committee flows from my desire to utilize a leadership position in the Sierra Club to address the fact that Texas of the worst environmental records of any state in the country. Fortunately, I believe that this record is not necessarily because Texans are less sensitive to environmental concerns, but just that they lack the awareness and understanding of many issues. If more people are aware of the ecological consequences of their actions, they will be more inclined to make responsible decisions. As recycling coordinator, one of my primary goals has been to increase local awareness of recycling issues. I addressed this issue through the creation and distribution of Recycling Briefs and various articles I have written for the Compass. I would continue to promote environmental awareness for the entire Dallas Chapter through an Executive Position. Additionally, I believe that I will be a valuable asset to Club leadership. I evaluate issues on the basis of their merits, not just within the framework of a particular ideology. Therefore, I would represent a moderate, but effective voice on the Executive Committee. Finally, I am deeply concerned about the state of the environment. However I recognize the efficiency of cooperation. I would work towards the further development of dialogues between the Club and city and state officials. In conjunction with

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Two Years ago I was elected to the Executive Committee and am currently serving as the Vice Chair of the club. I am also serving as a trip leader for both adult and I.C.O. trips. I can be found at the Newsletter Parties and many other functions that the club has. In the six years that I have been a member of the Sierra Club I have seen first hand how the outings program can make people want to conserve the wilderness and it's beauty. I have truly come to appreciate and enjoy the club and the members that I work and play with.

As a member of the Executive Committee I have and will continue to work in all areas of the club. I believe that all of the programs and committees compile together to make the Dallas Group what it is. All of these programs from Sierra Singles to the Trinity River Conservation Committee are an important part of the club and when I go to Executive Committee meetings I go to represent everyone.

Over the past two years I have seen many new things tried and many old traditions continued and I believe very strongly in both. The new things that we have tried haven't always been the success that we wanted but I have always known that you have to crawl before you can run. For this reason I will continue to encourage new things and improve on things that we currently do.

I feel the responsibility that goes with being a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee set the policies for the club and makes sure that the funding is there to carry out those policies. If I am re-elected to the Executive Committee I will continue to represent the whole club. I will vote of policies that will be good for the club and do everything possible to see that the clubs resources are use wisely.

My name is Joenie Mein. Although I joined the Sierra Club in 1995, it was not until January 2001 that I attended a local chapter meeting. During these past months, many opportunities have been presented to become involved.

On February 26th, I joined other Sierrans at the State Capitol in Austin for Lobby Day. With a previous one day training on method plus a review of bills coming before the legislature, we embarked on a day long lobbying session, meeting our Senators, representatives, and their aides. Not only were we able to leave Sierra Club position papers with them, but in many cases valuable dialogue was established between lobbyists and legislature members. Such opportunities help Sierrans find their own voice to speak for the environment as well as participate in government in a constructive manner.

In August, along with several Dallas Sierrans, as well as Sierra Club members from a dozen states, we attended an intensive activist training workshop in New Orleans. From Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, we attended lectures, interacted in small groups, and 'organized' in a simulated community action workshop designed to teach Sierra Club methods, and to tap into our own creative organizational skills.

In October, a water conference hosted by the Sierra Club was held at the downtown Dallas Public Library. I learned about Dallas' consumptive water habits, the issues facing Dallas over the next 50 years of projected growth, and about environmentally irreplaceable solutions already in the planning process, as well as ways to become involved in positive change.

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2002 SIERRA CLUB BALLOT

Name _____

Membership Number _____
(not required to vote)

Current members of the Sierra Club are eligible to vote. Please return your ballot postmarked no later than January 2, 2001.

**Membership
Single / Joint**

Mail Ballot to:
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or bring your ballot in person to the December General Meeting or the Holiday Party.



Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15, 2001 • 7-11pm
Winfrey Point, White Rock Lake



Fun • Dancing • Potluck Dinner • Raffle
Silent Auction • Photo of the Year Contest

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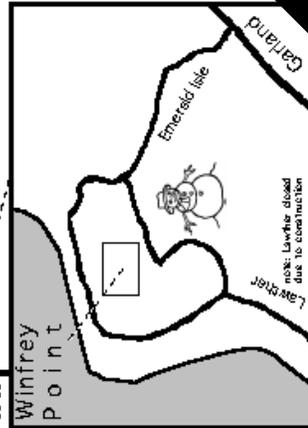
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• Prizes/Silent Auction • Wine Tastings for 30 Friends from Tony's Wine Warehouse • Backwoods and Mountain Hideout gift certificates • Exposure Indoor Rock Climbing passes • Mary Kay Gift Basket • Camping gear • Restaurant certificates and other Fabulous Stuff!



DIRECTIONS: Take Northwest Hwy. east from North Central Hwy. (75) to South Central Hwy. (75) and turn south. Take a right and head west on Garland M. Turn right onto Emerald Isle (head to Backbe's Restaurant) and turn left. The event is located around the lake to Winfrey Point which overlooks White Rock Lake. If you go too far on Garland, you will run into the Arboretum/dam area. (See Appendix 37A)
All proceeds to benefit Sierra Club Central Fund!



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