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Republicans for Environmental Protection

Conservatism and Conservation: Polar Opposites?

Not according to REP America. Martha Marks is our guest at our October General Meeting. See page 1 for time and location.



Cesar waits his turn as Leslie and Johnny climb down into a kiva at Pecos Wilderness National Historic Site.

INNER CITY OUTINGS MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

"I've seen things like this on the Discovery Channel but I didn't think it was real!" On page 1.



Maria is amazed by Palo Duro Canyon and tries to find our first night's campground in the state park below.

INNER CITY OUTINGS MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

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We were unloading the van to set up camp upon arrival at a group site in the Pecos Wilderness. I notice Leslie, age 16, was standing very quietly, just away from the van. We had been driving for hours and I wanted to be sure she felt ok, so I approached her. That's when she looked at me, looked at the mountain side, and then back to me and said the quote above. ICO volunteers work hard all year to bring outdoor wilderness experiences to disadvantaged youth. These are usually day hikes or overnights to state

parcs. Just like the rest of us however, the kids have dreamed of making their first visit to the mountains.

Thanks to a special donation to our national program Dallas was one of three groups who participated in an ICO regional outing this summer. Kids who had already been involved in our programs submitted applications and leaders from each group chose seven kids to participate. Certified

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Volunteer of the Month The Amazing "Doc" Baker

Dr. John T. "Doc" Baker could easily be called our very own Texas John Muir. Doc's tenure with the Dallas Sierra Club extends back to the organizing and founding of our local group in 1967-68, when Doc and others founded and organized the "North Texas Regional Group", which eventually split into the Dallas and Ft. Worth groups of the Sierra Club.

Doc has played many roles in the Sierra Club. He served for 3 years on the Dallas Executive Committee (ExCom), 6 years on Chapter ExCom, and as the Chapter Chairman on Outings. He served 8 years as Chair of the Task Force Committee on Texas Wildernesses. He served on the Southwest Outings Committee of the National Sierra Club during the 1970s and has led 11 national Texas and New Mexico outings. Doc estimates that over the years he has led more than 2000 people backpacking and canoeing in the wilderness areas of Texas and Mexico.

He was presented the Wilderness Conservation Award by the national Sierra Club in 1978 for Special Achievement for getting the Rio Grande designated as a National Wild & Scenic River. He is a recognized authority on Texas Wilderness and has given more than 300 lectures on southwest wilderness and outdoor experiences. Today Doc continues to give ecology lectures at Hardin-Simmons University.

Doc has authored many articles and documents and served as a field advisor for National Geographic magazine concerning Texas Wilderness and Wild Rivers

during the 1970s. He has also served as a guide and advisor to Field & Stream magazine, Time-Life's Wilderness Series books, and the Christian Science Monitor on Texas Wilderness and the Rio Grande as a Wild River. In 1967 he authored the supplement to the Guidebook to the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande, the first guidebook for that river ever published.

He has guided Congressional aides, US Dept. of Interior representatives and Mexican government officials on the Rio Grande and into the Guadalupe Mountains. He served as a consultant to Congressman Robert Krueger on wilderness and scenic river areas and was on the field study team for the proposed (and controversial) International Peace Park near Big Bend in 1974-5.

Doc has assisted in research for the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute and has spent years conducting and implementing field research to aid in reestablishing native grass vegetation in North Texas. He continues to preserve the native prairie, working with habitat restoration on his historical 710-acre farm. Doc" Baker has done more work on outdoor conservation than can be said or described in a newsletter article. He truly epitomizes the Sierra Club's mission to "enjoy, explore, and protect our wild places of the Earth". Thanks, Doc, for your inspirational service in helping to preserve Texas' wild places.

Rita Beving
Media Coordinator

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR FORESTS

Join us for an educational, fun, and entertaining weekend. The Sierra Club would like to show you how the USDA Forest Service is managing our National Forests. We will have hikes and seminars Saturday and Sunday, catered dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. There will be a campfire with local entertainment Saturday evening. We picked this weekend to see the Fall Color in the Angelina National Forest.

We will take you into the forests to examine areas being intensively managed. We will show you areas of the forest that have been managed incorrectly, and other areas that are managed in a manner that promotes a sustainable natural ecosystem. We will show you what to look for in the forests. Mismanaged forests have a severe impact on wildlife habitat and food sources. Erosion problems occur, streams and rivers are silted.

The Sierra Club Southern Plains Region is holding a training seminar on November 7, 8, and 9th at Boykin Springs Campground in the Angelina National Forest. We want to teach people what to look for in the forests. We would like the Forest Service to change the way they

manage the forests. The most serious threat currently is the misnamed "Healthy Forests Initiative". You will learn first hand what is wrong with this bill, and why it will impact all of us.

Brian Byrde from Santa Fe, Sean Cosgrove from Washington, D.C. and Brandt Machon from Houston will lead trips into the forest, seminars, and discussions to help us understand how the forests are being mismanaged. Come join us and learn how to evaluate timber management.

There will be a social get together Friday night. Training will start at 9:00 Saturday morning. The first trip into the forests will be at 11:00. Bring a lunch for the hike. In the afternoon there will be review and discussion. Saturday evening there will be a social get together, catered by people from the local community, and featuring local music talent. Vegetarian meals will be available. Sunday morning there will be catered breakfast and another trip into the forest. We will break around lunch time on Sunday.

From Dallas take Interstate 20 West to Tyler. Take U. S. 69 South through Tyler then Lufkin. Stay on 69 to Zavalla. Turn left into

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OCTOBER'S PROGRAM

Martha Marks of Republicans for Environmental Protection

The Dallas Sierra Club is excited to present Dr. Martha Marks, President of Republicans for Environmental Protection (www.REPAmerica.org), as the sole speaker at the group's general meeting on Wednesday, October 8. There will be plenty of time for questions following her remarks.

REP America describes itself as an organization of "Republicans who share a deep concern for the environment" and "know that a healthy environment and a sound economy are both essential to our nation's prosperity. We believe that by working together, we can preserve both our environment and our economy for current and future generations of Americans."

The 7 p.m. lecture is free and open to the public. A flyer about this event is available for download from our website:

www.dallassierraclub.org



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LETTER FROM CHAIR

Three Exciting Speaker Events

I am using my column this month to encourage you to attend the special events we're sponsoring in October.

First, bring your friends and colleagues to hear Martha Marks at our general meeting on October 8. In an interview with Martha in Sierra Magazine she described her organization as "mainstream, conservative Republicans" who are "leery of the anti-environmental element in our party, and concerned about what they may be planning." In a separate interview, the new President of the Sierra Club, Larry Fahn, stated his belief that environmentalism should be non-partisan and expressed his desire "to see Republicans find their way back to embracing environmental protection." See the meeting announcement on page 1 for more information.

This is a great month to learn about water planning, water efficiency and conservation, and the economic, environmental and national security ramifications of our decisions about water. The 3rd annual Water Conference will be held on Saturday, October 4 at the downtown Dallas Library. See the ad and registration form on the back page in this issue of the Compass for more information, or go to the Chapter website, <http://texas.sierraclub.org>.

Dr. Peter H. Gleick, internationally-known water expert from the Pacific Institute in Oakland, California (www.pacinst.org) will be in Dallas for a luncheon on Thursday, October 9. Information and registration form are on page 7.

Ann Drumm
Dallas Sierra Club Chair

CLEAN AIR WEDNESDAYS

DAILY COMMUTE IN 54 (STAIR) STEPS!

When I moved back to Dallas from San Francisco, I knew I didn't want to waste time on crowded Dallas freeways commuting to work. In California, I usually commuted by bus and light rail. Fortunately, the job I landed here is downtown, so I decided to live in the nearby Kirby Building, in the heart of the city. I began walking to work, and for 3 1/2 years my commute was seven minutes each way, everyday. I added only 4000 miles to my car in one year (for errands on the weekends).

I recently was charged with responsibility for relocating WRT's Dallas office, and decided to bring it even closer to home. Since the Kirby Building is a mixed-use redevelopment, I convinced headquarters in Philadelphia to allow me to open my new office right here on Main Street. My commute to work is now only three floors away! I have 54 stair steps in my commute, which takes only 90 seconds. Of course I could take the elevator, but I like burning the calories while reducing my ecological footprint.

You might say that I decided this arrangement because I'm lazy, but the reality is that downtown is very convenient for work and home. It's great to be located on Main Street for both reasons! My bank is a short block away, my major client is two short blocks away, as are other necessities for the office, plus restaurants are all around.



Don Raines Jr. is a Landscape and Urban Designer, and manages the Dallas office of Wallace, Roberts and Todd LLC.

When I need to go further, DART rail is 500 feet away, and the Katy trail is close by. I have very little reason to add to the pollution levels by driving. If I have to drive, I can walk over and rent a car a half-a-block away.

I'm happy to say that this lifestyle choice is the 'quality of life' that I have been searching for, and I rest assured that it is the right way to go for the health of our environment.

Don Raines, Jr.

Do you have a Clean Air Wednesdays story? We'd love to hear it.
Contact Bud Melton at
214-828-2144 (H) or e-mail
Bud at melbow@swbell.net

GUIDED WALK OF THE GREAT TRINITY FOREST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9:00 AM.

See hidden treasures of a forest right in our backyard. Sponsored by TCONR (Texas Committee on Natural Resources). Tim Dalbey will be the guide. Bring sturdy shoes.

Meet at Gateway Park. Directions are from I30 go south on Jim Miller for 2.2 miles into Gateway Park. Turn right to Keston Golf Course parking lot.

GENERAL CALENDAR

10/1 • 11/5 First Wednesday. Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM at REI 2nd floor meeting room (I-635 between Welch Road & Midway Road, MAPSCO 14Q), to discuss Club projects, policy and finances. All members are welcome to attend and participate. Call Ann Drum at 214-350-6108.

10/8 • 11/12 Second Wednesday. Sierra Club General Meeting 7:00-8:30pm in the auditorium at ED Walker School (Corner of Montfort & Wozencraft, MAPSCO 15S), come early to pick up activity materials and afterwards join the socializing at Juan's Cantina.

10/10 • 11/14 Second Friday. Deadline for electronic materials to be submitted to The Compass. E-mail matt@dallassierraclub.org or deliver diskettes to editors during the General Meeting.

10/15 • 11/19 Third Wednesday. Outings Committee Meeting 7:00PM REI (Mapsco 14Q), to discuss outings schedules and issues. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans are welcome. Call Mick Nolen at 972-991-9351 for more information.

10/20 • 11/24 Inner City Outings Meeting. Monday. 7PM at REI. Contact David McCalib at 972-438-1269.

10/22 • 11/26 Fourth Wednesday. Newsletter Party 7:00PM at the Churchill Recreation Center at Hillcrest & Churchill Way (MAPSCO 15V). Help sort, bundle and label the newsletter. Socializing afterward. Contact Arthur Kuehne at 214-902-9260.



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Newsletter Party Coordinator

Coordinate the monthly mailing of the Compass. 3-4 hours / month, responsibility can be divided. Contact Arthur Kuehne, 214-902-9260.

Webmaster Assistant

Do you know how to create and revise web pages? Want to learn? We need an assistant Webmaster. Contact Kris Sands, 972-442-0491.

HELP WANTED! Volunteer Announcements On-line

Want to volunteer but don't have lots of time? Check out our new Volunteer Board and take home the card that describes a job that suits you. The approximate time commitment is indicated on the card. New opportunities posted each month! There's also an online version at www.dallassierraclub.org.

Clipboard Coordinator

Coordinate the clipboard sign-up sheets and distribute the names of interested volunteers to club leaders. Call Ann Drumm, 214-350-6108.

Help Plan Volunteer Party

Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 13, and we need to start obtaining donations for the silent auction. If you can help, call Ann Drumm at 214-350-6108 or ann@dallassierraclub.org.

Garage Sale Saturday, October 18

It's getting closer! We need your donations. Ask family and friends for stuff, too! But we don't just need stuff - we need drivers and helpers to pick up large items; volunteers to sort, price and pack goods; and workers on sale day. See ad on this page for more details. Call Carol Nash at 214-824-0244 or e-mail her at cnash@dallasisd.org.

Help Plan our Big Event

We're forming a committee to investigate the possibility of bringing a nationally-known speaker to Dallas. If you have experience with major fund-raising events, or if you are interested in helping us plan an event to appeal to the community at large, we would like to hear from you. Call Mary Colston at 214-618-1424.

Be an Advocate to the Community

Are you interested in being trained to make presentations to the community on conservation issues? We're looking for energetic volunteers to help us build a long-term public education program. The first issue will be water conservation, and training will begin this fall. Contact Ann Drumm 214-350-6108.

Audio / visual help at meetings

We need someone to take responsibility for setting up and running the equipment at the general meetings. Contact Kristin Sands, 972-442-0491.

IMPORTANT CHAPTER EVENTS

OK, fellow Sierrans, mark your calendars for these important dates where Sierrans from all over the state from our 18 groups can get together to meet and have fun on different events throughout the year. Details will be finalized as the dates approach. For info on these events, call the chapter office at 512-477-1729 or access the lone star chapter website.

OCTOBER 17-19 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY)

Sierra Celebration at Lake Bastrop State Park near Austin at Bastrop. Outdoor fun with Sierrans at this neat location. More details forthcoming.



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The Dallas Sierra Club would like to thank the folks at QCC for donating the space for the garage sale fund raiser.

GARAGE SALE

October 18th

We need YOU! Your STUFF!

Donations cannot be accepted after Monday, October 13th

Saturday, October 18th, location, on Northwest Highway in east Dallas. Please donate: furniture, clothing, toys, linens, TVs, computers, bicycles, tools -- all in good repair and working order. Also solicit donations from your families, friends, and neighbors. Call to donate, volunteer, and work the sale on October 18th. This is a major fundraiser for the Sierra Club, we need everyone's participation.

For pick up please contact:

Ann Drumm at 214-350-6108 • anndrumm@swbell.net
Rita Beving at 214-373-3808 • rita@dallassierraclub.org

For volunteering please contact:

Liz Wheelan at 214-739-2269 • liz@dallassierraclub.org
Carol Nash at 214-824-0244 • cnash@dallasisd.org

We also need people with day or nighttime availability with trucks or vans to help bring things to the storage space. Thanks for your help!

Paper or plastic?

Please help us collect supplies for garage sale!

Donations Needed:

- furniture
- sports equipment, tools, bicycles
- good children's toys

Supplies Needed:

- walkie-talkies
- power strips
- extension cords
- fanny packs
- calculators
- **tables**
- **hanging racks**
- packing tape
- cold drinks for volunteers and to sell
- small raffle prizes for volunteers

**Super Important
Stuff Needed!!!**

GARAGE SALE

SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

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-  **BACKPACKING**
-  **CANOEOING**
-  **CAR CAMPING**
-  **CYCLING**
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-  **SERVICE PROJECT**

Notice: To receive this outings list monthly via e-mail, send message to:

outings.list@dallasierraclub.org

Type **SUBSCRIBE OUTINGS LIST** on the subject line.

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.

OCT 3 (FRI) DEADLINE for submission of outings to be listed in the October Outings List and November Newsletter.
 Contact: Mick Nolen
 972-991-9351
mick@DallasSierraClub.org



OCT 4 - 5 (SAT - SUN) BEGINNER BACKPACKING TRIP IN THE CANEY CREEK WILDERNESS We'll hike about 9 miles total in one of the most beautiful areas of central Arkansas. We will hike along a ridge on the Buckeye Mountain Trail on Saturday, camp near a small waterfall Saturday night and hike out Sunday on the Caney Creek Trail.

Leader: Arthur Kuehne
 214-902-9260
arthur@akuehne.com



OCT 10 - 19 (FRI - SUN) KAYAK THE LOWER CANYON OF THE RIO GRANDE Spend eight days exploring this remote stretch of the Rio Grande, put in at La Linda and take out at Dryden. We will hike side canyons, explore caves, view petroglyphs, soak in hot springs and maybe run some rapids (class II-III). This is an isolated area. The only way out is down the river. The trip distance is approximately 84 beautiful miles. Multi-day kayak experience is required. The group size will be small. Sign up early.

Leader: Bill Beach
 214-824-4584 (H)



OCT 11 - 12 (SAT - SUN) BEGINNER BACKPACK IN MCGEE CREEK, OK This will be an easy hike to check out the legs and all that new gear. McGee is close enough that we can leave Saturday morning for the drive to the trailhead. We'll hike in about 3 miles to camp, then do some day hiking. Sunday morning will feature another easy dayhike, then we'll take a different trail back out to our cars.

Leader: Bill Greer
 972-964-1781 (H)
wbgreer@worldnet.att.net



OCT 11 (SAT) 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-U) at 8:00 AM for registration and refreshments.

Leader: Carol Nash
 214-824-0244 (H)
cnash@dallasisd.org



OCT 11-12 (SAT-SUN) BEGINNER BACKPACKING TRIP ON THE CROSS TIMBERS TRAIL This is an easy hike along the surprisingly picturesque south shore of Lake Texoma. We'll drive up on Saturday morning (it's only about 90 miles from Dallas). We'll hike about 3-5 miles on Saturday and a bit less on Sunday.

Preference given to participants in the Beginner Backpacking Class.
 Leader: Arthur Kuehne
 214-902-9260
arthur@akuehne.com

OCT 15 (WED) OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING Meet in the upstairs program room 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 summer outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome.
 Contact: Mick Nolen
 972-991-9351(H)
mick@dallasierraclub.org



OCT 18 (SAT) BIKE WHITE ROCK LAKE An easy ride of 17 miles round trip; taking the trail to, then once around the lake. We'll be riding about two hours and take water breaks. We'll meet at 9:00 AM at Moss Park in Dallas. Moss Park is located at the S.E. corner of Greenville and Royal, entrance off Greenville. Lunch at a nearby eatery.
 Leader: Sonny Fee
 972-671-2112 (H)
mgfee2@msn.com



OCT 19 (SUN) RIVER LEGACY PARK BEGINNERS HIKE This hike is geared for those who don't hike much and may feel intimidated by longer ones. We will do a moderately paced 3-mile hike thru the woods near the West Fork of the Trinity over dirt trails. Meet at 10:00 AM at the first parking lot on your right after entering the park (look for large white van with DART logo), or at 8:45 am for carpooling at REI on LBJ Freeway (I-635) near Midway Road. Bring a picnic lunch for after the hike, and we'll enjoy a group picnic at the large outdoor pavilion. For those who want to hike after lunch, we will do the other part of the trail that runs another 3-miles. The park is located on Green Oaks Blvd, just west of Cooper St in Arlington (Fort Worth Mapsco 68M). To enter the park, turn north on Rose Brown May Pkwy from Green Oaks Blvd. No reservations necessary. Call for directions or carpool information.
 Leader: Allan Logan
 214-763-4884
alogan@raytheon.com



OCT 21 (TUE) AND OCT 23 (THUR) WILDERNESS NAVIGATION CLASS Learn the fundamentals of finding your way in the wilderness. Among the subjects covered are: purchasing maps, how to read maps, how not to get lost, what to do if you do get lost, GPS, different kinds of compasses, and how to use your compass. If you have a compass, bring it to the class. If you don't have one, we will show you what to look for when you purchase one. The class will be held at REI (second floor program room). REI is at 4515 LBJ Freeway, north side, between Midway and Welch. This two-night class will start promptly at 6:30 PM and will finish at about 8:45 PM. Also included is an optional weekend backpacking trip to the Caney Creek Wilderness in Arkansas. This trip will give you an oppor-

tunity to practice your new navigation and map reading skills. The fee for the class is \$15 for Sierra Club members and \$20 for non-members. No reservations are necessary; just show up.

Contact: Arthur Kuehne
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 Bill Greer
 972-964-1781(H)
wbgreer@worldnet.att.net



OCT 25 (SAT) DAY HIKE AT TURNER FALLS, OK Come with us for a 2-hour ride to this small scenic park. We'll see stone houses on the side of cliff, 77-foot waterfall, small caves, and clear streams. Mostly easy hike of around 5 miles with short section of rock climbing. Bring \$3.50 per person entrance fee and water and lunch to eat on the trail. Return to Dallas around 5:00 p.m.
 Leader: Neil King
 972-424-8377
neiling1@earthlink.net



NOV 1 (SAT) TURTLE CREEK / KATY TRAIL DAYHIKE Meet at 9:00 am at Reverchon Park at the corner of Turtle Creek Drive and Maple (parking lot on the left, after the entrance). We'll walk at a moderate pace on paved trails along beautiful Turtle Creek, and return on the Katy Trail for a total of about three miles. We may also learn a little about urban storm water runoff quality and control. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. Optional brunch afterwards. No reservations necessary.
 Leader: Don Callaway
 214-674-5636 (H)
don.callaway@comcast.net

NOV 7 (FRI) DEADLINE for submission of outings to be listed in the November Outings List and December Newsletter.
 Contact: Mick Nolen
 972-991-9351
mick@DallasSierraClub.org



NOV 8-9 (SAT - SUN) EXPLORATORY BACKPACK AT MCGEE CREEK Come and check out this very nice natural scenic recreation area just two hours north of Dallas. It features thick woods with scenic bluffs, and interesting trails going down to the lake. We'll backpack over mostly familiar trails, then do day hikes to see if we can track down some others. Suitable for beginners. Drive up Friday night and stay at the state park, or leave home early Saturday morning and meet us at the trail head.
 Contact: Mike Rawlins
 972-783-0962
mike@rawlinsecon.com



NOV 8 (SAT) HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM & WILDLIFE SANCTUARY EXPLORATION Never been to the Heard Museum in McKinney? Here's your chance to explore the trails at the wildlife sanctuary and hopefully spot some wildlife.

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OUTINGS LIST

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SIERRA SINGLES

Meet at 9:00 AM in the Heard parking lot and we'll hike approximately 4-miles on both paved and dirt trails. Admission to the grounds & hiking trails is \$5 per adult, \$3 for children 3-12 and senior citizens. If you decide to browse the exhibits in the museum in addition, the admission is \$8 per adult, \$5 for children and senior citizens. See the Heard website for directions & more info: www.heardmuseum.org. No sign up required; just show up. Optional lunch after the hike.

Leaders: Kim Unertl
Tim Coffman
(469)323-2438
unertl@mac.com



NOV 22 (SAT) HORSE SHOE TRAIL BEGINNERS DAYHIKE This activity is suited for those who haven't hiked much and want to enjoy a moderate pace on a shorter trail with a group lunch afterwards. We will hike 3 to 4 miles on a looped trail located in a woody area in Oak Grove Park (near the southern edge of Lake Grapevine). Occasional stops along the mostly level, mostly dirt, multi-use trail may be made for viewing of wildlife. Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot of Elliott's Hardware located at 108 W Northwest Hwy in Grapevine (Fort Worth Mapsco #27M, look for large white van with DART logo). We will meet and then go to the trailhead. After the hike, we will enjoy the lunch buffet at Wilhoite's restaurant in downtown Grapevine. No reservations needed. Call or email for directions and carpool information.

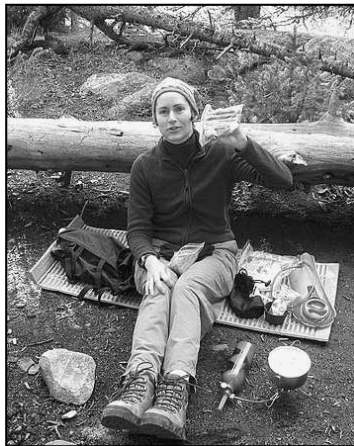
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NOV 26 - DEC 1 (WED EVEN - MON MORN) ANNUAL BIG BEND BUS TRIP The Dallas Sierra Club Thanksgiving tradition continues with the annual bus trip to Big Bend. New This Year: An option to backpack the Rancherías Trail in the Big Bend Ranch State Natural Area (strenuous). The canoe trip option will be available again this year as well. If you've never been, you owe it to yourself to discover this unique part of Texas. If you've been before, take advantage of the new options! Our chartered sleeper bus leaves Dallas on Wednesday at 6:30 PM and returns about 4:30 AM on Monday. We will have four backpacking trips from moderate to strenuous and one canoeing trip through Boquillas Canyon where the walls tower to over 1,200 feet. Some backpacking experience is required for the backpack trips and some canoe / camping experience is required for the canoe trip. The trip cost is \$160 for Sierra Club members and \$175 for non-members. Add \$20 if you want to hike the Rancherías Trail (this covers the per night camping fees at the state park). Add \$115 if you want to do the canoe trip (this pays for the canoes, and canoe shuttle). The canoe trip is limited to the first 10 that qualify. A \$10 fee is charged for cancellations and no refunds will be made after November 11 unless a replacement is found.

Contact: Laura Kimberly
972-307-8364
lkimberly@comcast.net.

To sign up, send a check payable to: Dallas Sierra Club to Laura Kimberly, 3836 Belton Drive, Dallas, Texas 75287.



This year's trip to Weminuche was full, full, and in more ways than one. A full bus load of folks had a fun filled week.

Top: The west face of Pyramid Mountain with a fresh coating of sleet on it.

Upper Left: Kathryn Littrell is singing the Oscar Meyer Weiner theme song.

Left: Unloading the bus at the Thirtymile Campground in the Weminuche.

Lower Left: Get on the bus. Grayson Garner and Jim Kirchoff discuss getaway plans.

Bottom: Dinner at the Hungry Logger restaurant. Tim O'Leary and trip 5 leader Wes Boren are chowing down after a hard day of logging.



More photos are available at:
www.akuehne.com

OCT 19 (SUN) RIVER LEGACY PARK BEGINNERS HIKE This hike is geared for those who haven't hiked much and may feel intimidated by longer trails. We will hike a 3 mile loop trail (moderate pace) through the woods near the West Fork of the Trinity River. Meet at 10:00 am in the first parking lot on your right after entering the park (look for large white van with DART logo) or at 8:45 am for carpooling from REI on LBJ Freeway (I-635) near Midway Road. Bring a picnic lunch for after the hike, and we will enjoy a group picnic near the large outdoor pavilion near the parking area. For those who want to hike after lunch, we will do the other part of the trail that runs another 3 miles. The park is located on Green Oaks Blvd, just west of Cooper St in North Arlington (Fort Worth Mapsco #68M). No reservations needed. Call for directions or carpool information. Leader: Allan Logan 214-763-4884 or send email to alogan@raytheon.com

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7:30 JOIN US FOR DINNER AT MULLIGAN'S located at 2115 W. Lovers Lane (near Harry Hines) in Dallas. Contact: Jenny Lehman.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 10:00 A.M. JOIN US FOR A DAY AT THE ZOO Anyone interested in visiting the Zoo, and getting a wildlife nutritionist's perspective (Mike's) on a short front and back side tour of the Park. Consignment tickets are available at a discounted rate from normal gate costs. Adults are \$7, kids are \$4.50, and children 2 and under are free. It should be a milder time of year to see the Park, the animals, and chat about cool things going on at the Zoo! After the tour, there will be time to visit the rest of the animals in the Park, grab some lunch, and / or keep visiting with whoever comes along. Please contact Mike Maslanka at 817.759.7142 (w), 817.738.9115 (h) or mmaslanka@fortworth-zoo.org with questions or to sign up. We'll need a solid head count by the weekend before the event (Oct. 18).

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 10:00 A.M. JOIN US FOR A 7-MILE AEROBIC HIKE AT THE FORT WORTH NATURE CENTER. Please allow plenty of driving time, as there is construction on Jacksboro Highway (199). Meet at the interpretive center shortly before 10:00. Optional lunch afterwards. Contact: Jenny Lehman.

NOV 22 (SAT) HORSE SHOE TRAIL BEGINNERS HIKE This activity is suited for those who haven't hiked much and want to enjoy a moderate pace on a Shorter trail with a group lunch afterwards. We will hike 3 to 4 miles on a looped trail located in a woody area in Oak Grove Park (near the southern edge of Lake Grapevine). Occasional stops along the mostly level, mostly dirt, multi-use trail may be made for viewing of wildlife. Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot of Elliott's Hardware located at 108 W Northwest Hwy in Grapevine (Fort Worth Mapsco #27M, look for large white van with DART logo). Lunch buffet at Wilhoite's in downtown Grapevine. No reservations needed. Call or email for directions and carpool information. Leader: Allan Logan 214-763-4884, send email to alogan@raytheon.com.

Just a reminder that all events officially begin at the event site / trail head. Contact for Sierra Singles information: Jenny Lehman, (817) 263 1357 or avidhiker@killer-frogs.com. See the Dallas Sierra Club home page for instructions on how to subscribe to the Sierra Singles listserv.

BIG BEND BUS TRIP

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How long has it been since you've been to Big Bend?

Check this month's Outings list for more details.

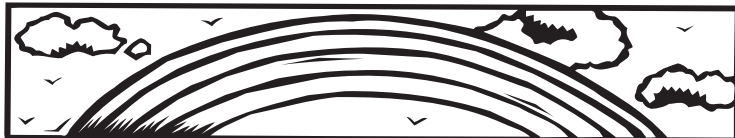


CONSERVATION NEWS



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We Need YOU to Help Stop the Attack on the Clean Air Act!



George Bush: "[My] Clear Skies legislation...mandates a 70% cut in air pollution from power plants over the next 15 years."

The Truth: The Bush plan weakens and delays the Clean Air Act and will allow more than 100,000 additional premature deaths by 2020 than alternative legislation. The plan also does not regulate carbon emissions and allows far more sulfur and mercury emissions.

This month a coalition of power companies launched a multi-million dollar campaign to convince members of Congress to support the Bush administration's air pollution bill, the falsely titled, "Clear Skies Initiative". Through the Edison Electric Institute, hundreds of companies are pushing their employees, retirees and shareholders to send faxes to Congress that falsely claim that the dirty air bill is good for the environment and public health.

The truth is that the Bush Administration's air pollution plan will weaken public health protections, leading to more smog, soot, and mercury pollution from old electric power plants than under current law.

We need you and your friends, colleagues, relatives and fellow activists help to beat their effort! Send a fax to your member of Congress today from www.savethecleanairact.org, telling them we need real solutions to the over 30,000 premature deaths and 160,000 asthma attacks that

the pollution that power plants alone cause! SaveTheCleanAirAct.org is a project of SaveOurEnvironment.org -- a collaborative effort of the nation's most influential environmental advocacy organizations, including the Sierra Club, harnessing the power of the internet to increase public awareness and activism on today's most important environmental issues.

Read more about the assault on our air at: www.sierraclub.org/cleanair/clear_skies.asp and www.blueskiesalliance.org, including <http://www.blueskiesalliance.org/BlueSkiesAlliance-CurrentCleanAirActCleanerIfEnforced.htm>.

And attend our monthly Clean Air Now meetings (every third Wednesday of the month) to keep updated on what's happening and what you can do for cleaner air.

Molly Rooke
Responsible Trade Coordinator

Clean Air Now ...regular Clean Air Now meeting (every third Wednesday)

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 - 7:00 p.m. This month we will host Doug Semms with Green Mountain Energy to discuss the benefits of renewable energy.

Location:
La Calle Doce
Skillman & Live Oak
1925 Skillman Avenue

CONSERVATION CALENDAR

OCTOBER 4 (SATURDAY)

3RD ANNUAL DFW WATER CONFERENCE

from 9 to 4:30 pm (Howard Garrett - Special Guest Speaker) at the Dallas Downtown Library. Hear from the experts on water conservation including the topics of saving water through organic gardening and rainharvesting. See what problems Texas may be facing in water supply. Advance registration required. Cost: \$15 (includes lunch). Students are free if register by Sept. 30th or by calling one of the local organizers. Go to dallassierraclub.org or call Molly Rooke at 214-369-6667 or Rita Beving at 214-373-3808

OCTOBER 3 - 5 (SATURDAY)

SIERRA CLUB TRAINING ACADEMY IN OKLAHOMA

Meet our national professionals and learn how to be an effective environmental activist. Learn how of plan a conservation issue campaign and put together an action plan. You must be a Sierra Club member. All participants are screened. Travel scholarships available. For more info, ask Rita Beving at 214-373-3808 or call the field office in Austin at 512-472-9094.

OCTOBER 9

LUNCH WITH NATIONAL WATER EXPERT PETER GLEICK

Join business and policy leaders for lunch with one of the world's experts on water and learn about different strategies Texas can use to meet future water needs. Information and registration form on page 7. Volunteers needed, call Ann Drumm, 214-350-6108.

OCTOBER 19 (SUNDAY)

LA MADELEINE FOOD / CONSERVATION CONVERSATION

at Preston Rd / Forest Ln at 6:30 pm near Tom Thumb. Let's talk about conservation and the issues of the day relating to that topic. Grab a bite to eat and feel comfortable in this casual conversational atmosphere. Call Zach Hilburn at 214-350-4207.

Forests

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Zavella on Texas 63. Be careful it is easy to miss this turn. There are just a couple of gas stations and a blinking light. Follow Texas 63 for about 10 miles and watch for signs for Boykin Springs Campground. The campground will be to your right. Turn onto the National Forest Road and follow the road to the campground. There will be signs at the fee stop explaining where to check in. The fee for camping is \$6 a night for up to two cars. There is a \$20 fee for the meals and training.

Come join us. Learn more about protecting our forests. Meet people from East Texas and Houston that share your interest in protecting our forests. It will be both a fun and educational weekend. Please RSVP with Cliff Rushing by Friday Oct. 31. His phone number is 469-201-6484 work 972-395-0146 home, or email at cactus.cliff@verizon.net.

Cliff Rushing
Forest Coordinator

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Inner City

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Dallas ICO participants chosen for this year's Southwest Region Inter Regional Outing ("IRO") pose for a group picture at Bandelier National Monument. Seated left to right are Marie, Cesar, Liz Wheelan (Dallas ICO Leader), Joel, Leslie, and Johnny. Standing is Simon. All Dallas participants will be juniors in high school and are from the GEAR UP program, now in its 5th year with ICO.

Leaders and youth from Austin, Dallas, and Denver loaded vans, drove hundreds of miles, and met in northern New Mexico. We had nine days for this amazing trip which included car camping and backpacking in the Pecos Wilderness, a visit to the Pecos National Historic Site, and camping in and exploring Bandelier National Monument. None of the kids had ever been so far from home or for so long. Everything about the trip was new for the kids - high altitude hiking and cooking, amazing scenery, learning backpacking skills, the beauty and wildlife of Palo Duro Canyon, exploring the Native American kivas of Pecos NHS and cliff dwellings of Bandelier, and making new friends from other cities. The kids did us proud with their enthusiasm, teamwork, and positive attitude which didn't stop even after several miles in the van, elevation gain on the trail, and days of oatmeal!

Many thanks to you Dallas Sierrans,

and REI who made donations so we could provide the kids with their own plastic mugs and bandannas to keep, plus sock liners and hiking socks for the trip. The liners and socks have been washed and stored for future ICO outings. Thanks to this unique ICO opportunity the youth began their junior year of high school with a summer tale to tell, and more importantly, a higher level of self confidence, a feeling of accomplishment, and a better appreciation for the wilderness.

"I've seen people on TV climbing mountains and thought they were crazy. Now I've done it." (A quote from Leslie when she finished the backpack trip.) If you want to be a part of or help support in some way this amazing outreach program, please contact Inner City Outings (see back page).

Liz Wheelan
ExCom Member

When the Well Runs Dry: Water Planning for the 21st Century

A Conversation with Dr. Peter H. Gleick, October 9

As our population grows, business and community leaders are increasingly conscious of the need for smart water planning to satisfy future needs in an economically and environmentally responsible manner. Water conservation and efficiency strategies are gaining more attention in an era when big new water supply projects are seen as too expensive and environmentally damaging and draw significant resistance from affected citizens. What different strategies can be employed to meet North Texas' future water needs? Join business leaders and policy makers in a conversation with water expert Dr. Peter H. Gleick as he addresses this important question.

Dr. Gleick is co-founder and President of the Pacific Institute of Oakland, California. He is an internationally recognized expert on issues related to water and in 2001 was named a "Visionary on the Environment" by the BBC. His work on water scarcity and efficiency, water privatization, conflicts over water, and water and climate change has been quoted widely -- most recently by The Economist Magazine for its global water survey. He serves on the boards of numerous journals and organizations and was elected an Academician of the International Water Academy, in Oslo, Norway, in 1999. In 2001 he was appointed to the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. Dr. Gleick is the author of many scientific papers and four books, including the biennial water report The World's Water published by Island Press (Washington, D.C.).

LUNCHEON: Thursday, October 9, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. Tickets \$25. Location: Cityplace Conference Center, 2711 N. Haskell @ US 75 (Central Expressway), Dallas

RECEPTION: Thursday, October 9, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Tickets \$20. Location: Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, 2719 Routh Street, Dallas (between McKinney and Cedar Springs, Mapsco 45-F)

Registration for Lunch and Reception with Dr. Peter H. Gleick
Yes, I / We will attend the luncheon at Cityplace:

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Yes, I/We will attend the reception at the Dallas Institute:

Name: _____ \$ 20

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Make checks payable to:
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