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Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club

Sierra Sentinel

SPECIAL APRIL MONTHLY MEETING

SCREENING OF *RACING EXTINCTION*

Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6:45 p.m., Fort Worth Botanic Garden, 3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard, Fort Worth, TX

The Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club is committed to informing our members and the public of current environmental issues in hopes that they will take action.

Utilizing state-of-the-art equipment, Oscar®-winner Louie Psihoyos (The Cove) assembles a team of artists and activists intent on showing the world never-before-seen images that expose issues of endangered species and mass extinction. <http://racingextinction.com/>

Tickets are FREE, Click [HERE](#) to reserve a ticket so we can get an accurate head count. Please arrive by 6:45 for a meet and greet before the film. Note: running time 1 hour 34 minutes.

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**March Monthly Meeting Aerial Tour of Big Bend
Wed. March 16, 7:00 p.m.**

Take an unforgettable sky excursion over Big Bend with photographer Paul Chaplo as he captures the shapes, textures, and colors of the craggy, weathered landforms people usually see only from the ground—and some places no photographer has gone before. Flying from Marfa, Fort Worth-based aerial fine art photographer Chaplo shares a hawk's eye view of a fiercely beautiful region, revealing the stark and magnificent landscapes carved by the force of eons of wind and water on the arid, mountainous country along the Rio Grande. Paul is the author of "Marfa Flights: Aerial Views of Big Bend Country." We meet at 7 PM in the Azalea Room of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. at University Drive, just north of I-30 in Fort Worth. All are welcome!



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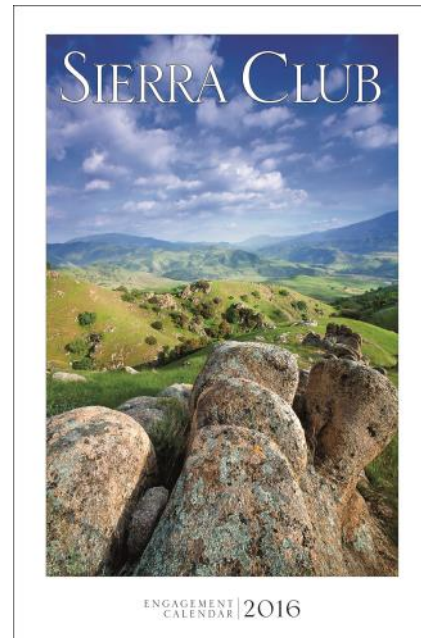
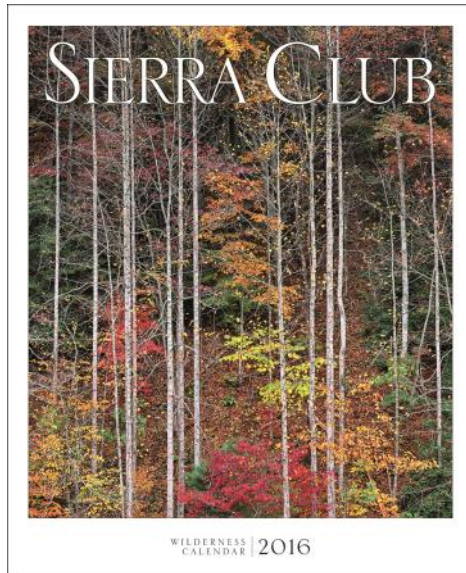
April 3, 2016

Noon-4 p.m. | Magnolia Green Park



Please join fellow Sierrans on April 3rd from noon till 4:00 p.m. for the City of Fort Worth's annual earth party at Magnolia Green Park, 1201 Lipscomb St. Enjoy great music, visit educational booths and exhibits, and discover city and regional sustainability initiatives that make Fort Worth a great place to live and work. Learn about water conservation, air and water quality, waste reduction and recycling, nature, environmental issues, alternative transportation, healthy living initiatives, and much more. Activities and games for all ages. Admission is free. Look for the Sierra Club booth and join the fun!

2016 Sierra Club Calendars on Sale!



These calendars will dazzle all year with dramatic and awe-inspiring color photographs of wild places all across the country, taken by world renowned nature photographers. Both calendars will be available at our upcoming monthly meetings. The sale price for each calendar is \$7.00. Get yours while they last!

Tuesday, March 8, 5:30 PM

Meet and Greet at Bar Louie



Please join us for a meet and greet at Bar Louie. Tuesday is \$1 burger night from 5:00 p.m. until closing, so you can chow down on a hamburger, turkey burger, or Portobello burger for only a buck. Bar Louie is located at 2973 W. 7th St., Fort Worth, at the corner of W. 7th Street and Norwood Street in the Cultural District. We will meet at the large tables to your right as you walk in the door. Learn more about the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club and our activities, and meet some new people who are also interested in enjoying the great outdoors and conserving our land and resources. Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SAT-SUN, MARCH 5-6—BEGINNER BACKPACK AT INKS LAKE STATE PARK near Burnet, TX. This scenic park is close enough to Ft Worth to allow us to drive there Saturday morning and the backpack will start at 11 am that morning. We will backpack a 5-7 mile section of trails within the park on Sat. and a shorter section on Sunday. Focus will be on learning to adjust your pack and to become accustomed to packing it appropriately for an overnight trip. Preference will be given to recent attendees at the Sierra Club camping class in August 2015. Trip limited to 12 persons and require approval of trip leader. Leaders: Claudia Blalock and Craig Woodcook. Must contact Claudia Blalock to register for trip and requires approval by leader 817-924-6242 or claudiablalock@att.net). Campsite fees will be shared and require prepayment of \$5 to reserve your place. Camping spaces are limited so register early for trip.

SAT. APRIL 2, 10:00 A.M., CROSS TIMBERS TRAIL—BEGINNER BACKPACK. Please join the Fort Worth Sierra Club for a beginner backpack on the Cross Timbers Trail in Gordonville, Tx, along the southern shore of Lake Texoma. On this backpack, the hiker travels high above the lake on the rocky ledges that make up the shore line. From these high vantage points one is refreshed by beautiful views of the lake and its shores. This segment of the trail takes the hiker through many changes of elevation, but is still suitable for a beginner.

The backpack will start 10:00 AM on Saturday morning leaving Cedar Bayou Marina and will be a 2 mile hike to camp. We will have lunch at our camping spot, then set up tents. Once we set up our camp, we will hike another 3 - 5 miles along the trail, to return to camp before dinner. On Sunday, we will hike out two miles back to our vehicles.

Participants must carry their own gear, water (approximately 2 liters per day), and food, including lunch and dinner for Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Backpack is limited to 12 people and approval of the leader is required. There is a \$5.00 fee to park your car at the marina. To register, please contact the trip leader: CARLA EGYED at cegyed@sbcglobal.net

SAT. APRIL 2, 6:00 P.M., STAR PARTY AT PALO PINTO MOUNTAINS STATE PARK. Explore the dark skies of night-time Texas at a stargazing party in our new state park. The Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Astronomical Societies of Dallas and Fort Worth will be hosting a stargazing party at Palo Pinto Mountains State Park on Saturday, April 2.

Directions - Strawn is about 60 - 65 miles west of Fort Worth off I 20. Exit 361 - Strawn. Go north on Texas 16 for 4 miles. Turn west on Farm Road 2372 (downtown Strawn) for 2 miles, then follow the signs. You can bring your own telescope or view the sky through the telescopes of the Astronomers. They are very happy to share their expertise, knowledge and lore. If you have never been to a star party and want to learn the do's and don'ts, go to: <http://www.fortworthastro.com/etiquette.html>

Before the star party, please join fellow Sierrans for dinner. Meet at the Smoke Stack Restaurant in Thurber just off I 20. You will see the restaurant on your right as you exit. Thurber is approximately 4 miles from Strawn. Meet at 6:00 PM.

Please contact NANCY MCVEAN - nancymcvean@gmail.com - 817 596 5209 for reservations for dinner. They will have tables set up for us. Dinner at the Smoke Stack is an adventure - lots of history and good food!



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To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. For more information, please visit www.sierraclub.org.

C'mon, Join the Club!!

Did you know that for only \$15.00, you can join the Sierra Club and enjoy all the benefits of membership? Such as a one-year subscription to the Sierra Magazine and automatic membership in your local chapter. And for a limited time, receive a free gift when you join. So please help support the Sierra Club by joining today!

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Have you Signed our Single-Use Bag Ban Petition?

If not, you can sign it by going to <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/622/890/475/support-a-single-use-plastic-bag-ban/>. We have over 400 signatures and counting. You can also like our Facebook page to keep up with the status of our campaign. <https://www.facebook.com/fwbaqban>

Please help make Fort Worth an environmental leader by signing our petition to ban single-use plastic bags in Fort Worth. And remember, when you shop, bring your bag!



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Social Connections



Are you on [Facebook](#)? So are we. Like us to stay up to date on outings, conservation issues, and any events we are having.



[Meetup.com?](#) Find us there too and meet others who are interested in the same activities as you.



Visit the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club's [web page](#) and see a list of our outings, events, and upcoming meetings, learn about our bag ban campaign, and find lots of good links!

How to Join a List Serve and Why Should I?

If you would like to receive current information about club news, outings, and conservation issues, please sign up for our list serves. That way you won't miss out on any important news and will be informed if there are any last-minute changes to any of our outings. Occasionally an outing may be cancelled because of weather conditions, etc., so if you are on our Outings list serve, you'll be the first to know. And if you're on our News list serve, you'll receive a reminder about our general meeting each month. And don't worry, you won't get spammed. We don't distribute email addresses to anyone, so the only organization you'll be getting emails from is us! To sign up, go to the home page of our website or click on these links.

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How to Volunteer and Where am I Needed?

Volunteers are essential to any organization, especially one that doesn't have a full-time paid staff. Currently the Fort Worth Sierra Club needs help with:

- Outings leaders for car camps, hikes, and backpacks
- Fundraising
- Volunteers to bring light snacks and drinks to our monthly general meetings

If you want more information or are interested in helping us, please contact Claudia at 817-924-6242 or claudia.blalock@att.net

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Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
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