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# Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club

## Sierra Sentinel

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### Sierra Club Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 21,  
7:00 p.m.

In December we will not have a regular meeting with a speaker, but instead will socialize and celebrate the holidays with members and guests. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. We will have a raffle for a Yeti Rambler Tumbler and Rambler Colster, and our Sierra Club merchandise will be available for sale. Please join us! Location: Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Azalea Room, Moncrief Garden Center, 817-871-7686, 3220 Botanic Garden Boulevard at University, north of I-30, Fort Worth. All are welcome!

## RAFFLE!

Enter to win a Yeti Rambler Tumbler & Rambler Colster



# YETI



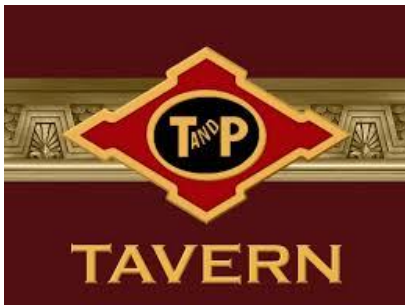
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5 for \$20

To be awarded at our  
Holiday Party, December  
21. You do not need to be  
present to win.



**November Monthly Meeting**  
**Wed. Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Photo Tour of the Camino de Santiago**  
**Trail in Spain**

Martha Ohlson of Allen, TX and Dallas Sierra Club member will return to share her hiking stories and pictures from her 800 km walk on the Camino de Santiago trail in Spain. This trail is the pilgrimage of the Crusades that people from all over the world travel to Spain to complete. Martha has visited over 40 countries and is an expert photographer and storyteller to boot. We meet at 6:45 PM for a short social period and our program begins 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!



**Meet and Greet at T & P Tavern**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 5:30 p.m.**

Take a break from the fall heat and join us for a meet and greet at the T&P Tavern. <http://www.tptavern.com/>. Come join us for some good company and cheap eats! Happy hour lasts until 7 and includes discounts on beer (\$3 craft beer) and half-priced appetizers. The T&P Tavern is located at 221 W. Lancaster Avenue in the T&P Train Station. Free parking is located behind the building off Vickery Blvd. All parking in front is paid parking either in the lot or on the street.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for our Yeti raffle. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. We will be inside the tavern. 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.

Three weeks after Texas Parks and Wildlife park officials "said they had 'no evidence to indicate concern' about [Apache Corp.'s plans to drill oil and gas wells on 350,000 acres surrounding Balmorhea](#) Springs and canals", they are now saying that they haven't studied the potential impact at all....

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is once again attempting to [subvert local control and screw the environment](#) in the process by suing the City of Brownsville for their plastic bag fee. Is it a coincidence that plastic bags are made from petroleum and gas byproduct?



How does a motley band of country people in a forgotten corner of Texas defend itself against an industry that has, like the 2.6 million miles of pipelines webbed through the American countryside, woven itself into the very heart of our political system? [Check out this truly brilliant piece](#) on a Texas fight for American values.

The City of Dripping Springs wants to discharge 995,000 gallons of treated sewage (per day!) into Onion Creek, which is the source of 40% of Barton Springs' flow. [We need your help](#) to stop make sure that doesn't happen.

This month, [20,000 gallons of fuel spilled](#) after a barge hit a South Texas dock. Now, imagine if this had been an LNG tanker.

Texas Congressman Lamar Smith continues to bring our state shame with his [interference in the ExxonMobil climate change probe](#).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Sat. Nov. 26 OUTING-Hike off the turkey at Fort Worth Nature Center.** Meet at 9 AM at the Hardwicke Interpretative Visitors Center parking lot at Fort Worth Nature Center. After you enter the refuge pay your entrance fee and follow signs to Hardwicke. We will hike a 4-5 mile section of trails. Bring water, snacks, and raingear. Nature Center is located in NW Tarrant County on Lake Worth. Take Highway 199 exit west toward Azle off 820 West on western edge of Fort Worth. No need to register with leader for hike; just show up. Leader: Claudia Blalock, (817) 924-6242 or [claudia.blalock@att.net](mailto:claudia.blalock@att.net). For more information on Nature Center, visit [www.fwnaturecenter.org](http://www.fwnaturecenter.org). In the event of rain, hike is cancelled. No dogs please.

**Sun. Dec. 4, 3:00 p.m.—OUTINGS MEETING.** What a great way to start your Holiday shopping by attending the December 4 outings meeting at BACKWOODS - gifts galore for your friends and family who love the outdoors. Come early to the meeting and get two important things done! This is a call for all to attend our outings meeting. We need your ideas, your input and always need a few new, good leaders. We will discuss upcoming outings for winter and spring. As you know, Texas has lots of good winter days to be outside. Camping is possible and day hikes are terrific. If you think of places you would like to go with a great group of interesting folks, please come and share your ideas. Looking forward to seeing you DECEMBER 4 - BACKWOODS - FORT WORTH - W 7TH STREET - across from Montgomery Plaza  
Contact for more info - NANCY MCVEAN - [nancymcvean@gmail.com](mailto:nancymcvean@gmail.com) - 817 596 5209

**Sun. Dec. 18 OUTING-Day hike at Fort Worth Nature Center.** Get outside to hike instead fighting the holiday shoppers! Meet at 1:30 PM at the Hardwicke Interpretative Visitors Center parking lot at Fort Worth Nature Center. After you enter the refuge pay your entrance fee and follow signs to Hardwicke. We will hike a 4-5 mile section of trails. Bring water, snacks, and raingear. Nature Center is located in NW Tarrant County on Lake Worth. Take Highway 199 exit west toward Azle off 820 West on western edge of Fort Worth. No need to register with leader for hike; just show up. Leader: Claudia Blalock, (817) 924-6242 or [claudia.blalock@att.net](mailto:claudia.blalock@att.net). For more information on Nature Center, visit [www.fwnaturecenter.org](http://www.fwnaturecenter.org). In the event of rain, hike is cancelled. No dogs please.

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### **Upcoming Executive Committee Election**

Our Sierra Club Group is managed by an "Executive Committee" of seven members in good standing of the Sierra Club residing in the group's region. This year there are three positions whose terms are expiring; therefore, we need to elect three members to the ExCom for a two-year term to fill out the seven-member Committee. If you are interested in being nominated to join our 2016-2017 Executive Committee, or would like to suggest someone as a potential nominee, please contact our Chair, Mary Goodman, at [larry-goodman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larry-goodman@sbcglobal.net) or 817-293-7492 by November 16. Only Sierra Club members are eligible to serve. Our Executive Committee meets the first Monday of each month.



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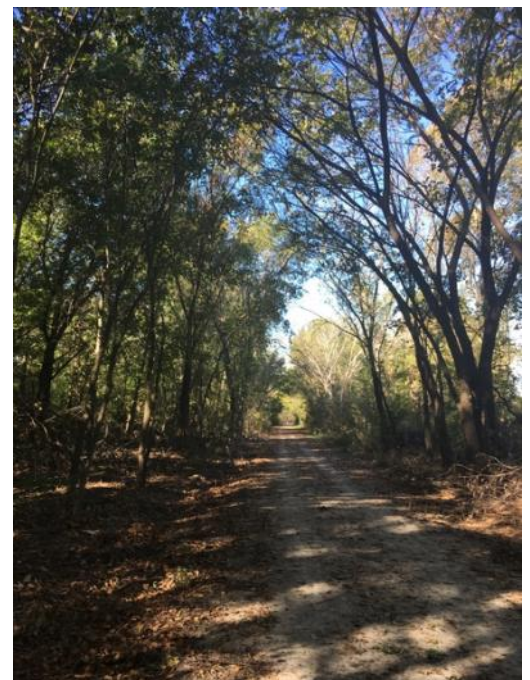
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## A Walk in the Woods

On Saturday, October 29, a group of fine folks from three counties had a terrific walk in the woods at the Mineral Wells State Park Trailways. The weather was perfect and our guide, Ranger David Owens, led us through the rails to trails wilderness in western Parker County. David is an expert birder and botanist. He called to the birds and they came to him like old friends. We saw amazing trees and bushes that grow only in other parts of Texas, but somehow made their way to this trail. In the spring dogwood will bloom .

Please join us in the future for another walk in the woods with Ranger Owens for a breath of real fresh air!



## 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!

To join and find out more, please click here → → → →



## 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!



## Do you Shop at Tom Thumb?

If your answer is yes, how about helping the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club earn money while you shop? Just link your Tom Thumb Reward card to the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club, and every time you purchase groceries, the store will donate a portion of the purchase amount to the Club. Just go to <http://www.tomthumb.com/IFL/Grocery/Home>, click on "Community Caring" at the bottom of the page, click on "Good Neighbor" in the column on the left, and then click on "Get Application and Start Saving Today." That link will take you to a form you can fill out to link your card to the Club. The Club's number is 4659. If you shop at Tom Thumb, please take advantage of this easy way to contribute. Thanks for your support!



## Do You Shop at Amazon.com?

If so, you can shop and support the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club at the same time. All you have to do is go to our website, <http://www.sierraclub.org/texas/greater-fort-worth>, scroll to the bottom of the page, and you will see a link to the Amazon website. Just click on that link and start shopping away! Amazon.com will automatically gift a portion of the money you spend to the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club. How easy is that? I hope you'll remember us next time you shop with Amazon.com. Thanks for your support. We appreciate it!

## 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.

[Lonestar-FTW-News list serve](#)

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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](mailto:claudia.blalock@att.net)

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Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Student/Limited Income	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35

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