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## FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR

Over 125 years ago, a middle-aged naturalist, writer, and wilderness explorer renowned for his exciting adventures in California's Sierra Nevada founded the Sierra Club, with the simple, but brilliant, notion "to make the mountains glad." Following in his footsteps, early Sierra Club members believed our nation's majestic natural places would make others want to protect it, for now and future generations.



Today, that tradition continues here in Georgia. Our mission with the Georgia Sierra Club Outdoors program is to reach across economic lines, cultures and communities, to engage everyone, including military and youth, to explore and enjoy the natural world, connecting people to nature, benefiting both. And as many Georgians know, April, May and June offer some of the most beautiful months to enjoy and explore our natural places, whether it be in the mountains, down on the coast, or just around the corner.

Join your fellow Sierra Club members out there on the trails, the riverways, beaches, and forests this spring. I hope to see you outdoors real soon!

If you're new to Georgia and need some guidance on where to go and what to see or are just looking for some new adventures in 2018, be sure to check out our Outdoors Page at [sierraclub.org/georgia/outings](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/outings) for a complete calendar of upcoming guided outings, new outings sign-up notifications and information on how to become an official Sierra Club Outings Leader. All are welcome!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ted Terry".

Ted Terry  
CHAPTER DIRECTOR

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### On the Cover

Mariangeles Gutierrez on a Cooper Creek Hike, September 2015. Photo by Barbara Bowen.

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# April CONSERVATION OUTINGS SERIES

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## OUTINGS 2018

### Join us for our April Conservation Outings Series!

Every year on the weekends in April, we celebrate the beautiful spring season and Earth Month with our Conservation Outings Series. Different than our year-round Chapter outings offerings, our Conservation Outings Series connects the conservation and advocacy work we do every day to a particularly special place to visit, whether it be a national forest, protected riverway, or a solar panel factory. This year's Conservation Outing Series has some fun and inspirational options all throughout April.

Highlighted this April will be our work in the Chattahoochee National Forest, our Beyond Coal work in LaGrange, the Sierra Club Military Outdoors program, and a special river clean-up!

Join us\* as we explore and enjoy Georgia's beautiful wild places, and learn how you can be a part of protecting them for generations to come.

*\*To RSVP for our April Conservation Outings, please visit the RSVP links included in each outing description. View our calendar with all upcoming outings at [sierraclub.org/georgia/calendar](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/calendar).*

### SWEEP THE HOOCH

*Saturday, April 7, 9 am - 1 pm*

**RSVP: [bit.ly/STH2018](http://bit.ly/STH2018)**

For our first outing in this year's Series, we are excited to join Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK) for their eighth annual Sweep the Hooch day! Sweep the Hooch is an annual service day on the Chattahoochee River where volunteers remove trash throughout the watershed. Volunteers will be mobilized at over 40 locations throughout 100 miles of rivers and tributaries along the Chattahoochee. This day of service will bring us together as we give back to the river that gives so much to our state (source: [chattahoochee.org/sweep-the-hooch](http://chattahoochee.org/sweep-the-hooch)).

*All attendees must register with CRK. Space is limited! When registering, please note that you are a Sierra Club member.*

### COAL ASH ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE

*Saturday, April 14, 11 am - 4 pm*

**RSVP: [bit.ly/COSCoalAsh](http://bit.ly/COSCoalAsh)**

Coal ash is the toxic byproduct of burning coal for electricity and contains harmful heavy metals like mercury, arsenic, and lead. There are over 5 billion

gallons of coal ash wastewater in Georgia. As Georgia Power moves to close these ash ponds, we are fighting to move the utility from coal to clean energy and ensure coal ash disposal does not further harm our waterways and nearby communities.

Join us to hear from Chattahoochee Riverkeeper attorney Kevin Jeselnik about coal ash's impact on Georgia's most heavily used river. Ian Karra, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Organizer, will also discuss the Sierra Club's involvement in decreasing our nation's dependence on coal. We will also learn how we can take action on this critical issue.

Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy with the group. After lunch, we'll hit the Riverwalk Trail for an easy 5-mile round trip hike along the "Hooch."

## WALK THE LINE

*Saturday, April 21, 10 am - 2 pm*

**RSVP: [bit.ly/COSWalkTheLine](http://bit.ly/COSWalkTheLine)**

Come join the Sierra Club Military Outdoors and the Georgia Chapter as we explore the Atlanta Belt-line and the Atlanta Streetcar, two projects that are transforming the city by combining biking, walkability, and rail to connect 45 intown neighborhoods. This event is open to all people. Veterans, military, and their families are strongly encouraged to join us this day. This trail is accessible for folks at all ability levels and age ranges.

## COOPER CREEK HIKE

*Saturday, April 28, 10 am*

**RSVP: [bit.ly/COSCooperCreek](http://bit.ly/COSCooperCreek)**

Sierra Club public lands advocates have worked hard to improve what could be one of the worst Forest Service projects we've seen in years. The work continues as we still push to hold the Forest Service accountable. Come get your boots on the ground with Davis Mounger of the Tennessee Heartwood and Tennessee Sierra Club. We'll explore some of the project areas in the Cooper Creek Watershed and learn some of the basics of forest planning and what to look for on the ground.

## OUTINGS 2018

### On Being an Outings Leader

#### TERRI LYDE, ATLANTA INSPIRING CONNECTIONS OUTDOORS LEADER

"I love being an outings leader because I love sharing my passion for traveling and being out in nature with others. It is my goal to inspire others to experience wild places and expand their boundaries with new adventures. Nothing has come as close to fulfilling me as has seeing and having personal experiences with some of the most beautiful places on earth."



#### MAX BROWN, METRO ATLANTA GROUP OUTINGS CHAIR

"As an outings leader, I value nature, especially birds, and the opportunity to experience our beautiful Georgia forests, streams and mountains. Our Outings give me the chance to share the places that I love with Sierra Club members and to attract new participants, too."



#### LAURA BREYFOGLE, LAGRANGE GROUP CHAIR

"Getting out in our natural world brings me great joy; being a Sierra Club outings leader allows me to share these soul-enriching opportunities with others. My hope is that by getting others outside, they will be inspired to be activists in protecting our environment."



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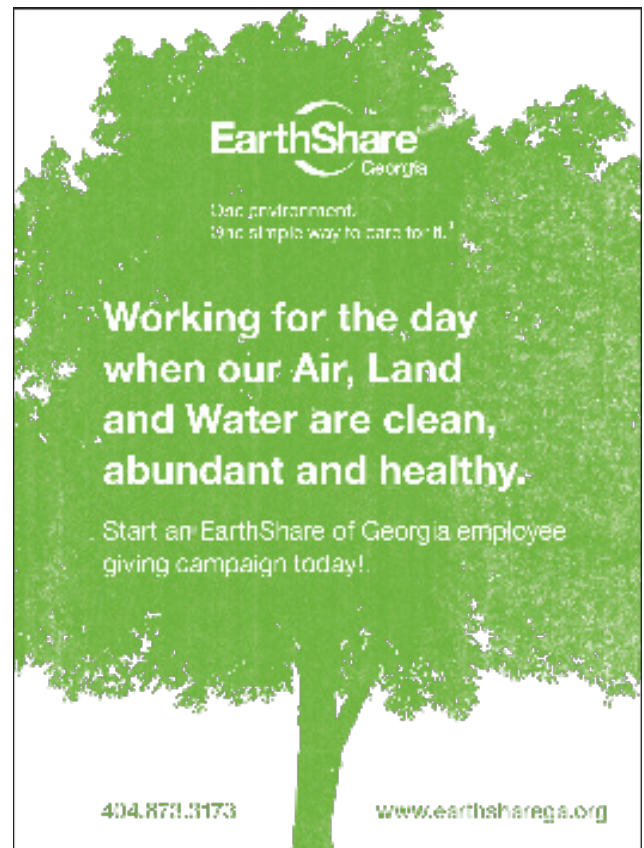


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# SPRING 2018 GROUP NEWS

## CENTENNIAL GROUP

SERVING COBB, CHEROKEE, & NORTH FULTON

### Centennial Outings: A New View

MARY MILLER, LYNN WALSTON &  
BETTYE HARRIS



Our new Centennial Group delegate Mary Miller has been busy helping us lobby, table and march—and becoming a newly certified Centennial outing leader! Most recently, Mary enjoyed leading her third local adventure.

About the experience, she writes, “On March 10th, I led an outing at the Etowah Indian Mounds Historical Site in Cartersville, GA. The mounds at the site were built by Native Americans between the years of 1000 A.D - 1550 A.D. Our group walked along the perimeter and climbed to the top of 3 mounds at the site. The group stopped to have lunch on the riverfront before heading into the museum for Dr. Dan White’s lecture. He discussed the daily lifestyle and trade practices of the tribes in the North Georgia area, and about the changes and downfall of the Indian tribes as Europeans continued their westward expansion.”

“Becoming an outings leader with the Sierra Club has been an extremely rewarding experience.

Having attended and organized events for other groups and organizations, I went into this new position assuming that I was prepared to lead outings and that I would have the same types of experiences as with these other groups. I found that assumption to be wrong. Every outing brings out a new set of attendees with specific knowledge, backgrounds, and interests. I have attended an owl prowl, learned how to identify tree species in the winter, learned to identify wild flowers and types of animals in the woods, and more; the list is endless. I never know what knowledge is in attendance until I start to converse with each attendee. If that is not enough motivation, each outing is focused on an area with great history and an extremely interesting geographical footprint.”

## OTHER NEWS

Special thanks to our Centennial outing chair Lee Graham for his excellent recruiting, training, mentoring and leadership, and to other Centennial folks who have helped lead outings so far in 2018, including Connie Dassinger, Michael Firment, Bob Springfield, Karl Whitlock, and Lynn Walston. Recent destinations include Red Top Mountain, Amicalola Falls to Hike Inn, Blood Mountain, Sweetwater Creek, and Kennesaw Mountain. Please check the Georgia Chapter Outings calendar for outings planned in April and beyond and join us on the trail: [sierraclub.org/georgia/outingscalendar](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/outingscalendar).

Please contact Lynn Walston ([lynnwalston22@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnwalston22@yahoo.com)) and see our Centennial Facebook and Meetup pages for information about meetings, tabling, lobbying and outreach activities.

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**Visit our Webpage** at [sierraclub.org/georgia/centennial](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/centennial)

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## METRO ATLANTA GROUP

SERVING ATLANTA, DEKALB, & SOUTH FULTON

### Outings Are Back!

NINA DUTTON

Ready to get outside this spring? You're in luck, because our new outings chair Max Brown has some perfect hikes and walks planned for you! Max has revived the Metro Atlanta Group outings program in 2018, with three outings so far, including to Sweetwater Creek State Park, Vickery Creek and Yellow River, with more to come. Through this program, Max aims to shine a spotlight on the wonderful parks we have within our metro area. Find out about upcoming outings at our monthly meetings, in our meeting announcements, on our Facebook page, or on the Chapter's calendar online.

### RECENT MEETING REPORTS

At our January 2018 kickoff meeting, we reviewed last year's work and looked ahead to our plans for this year, discussing local issues, opportunities to take action and ideas for events and activities. In February, Sierra Club legislative experts Neill Herring and Mark Woodall provided their annual update on the state legislative session, explaining key bills to watch (and contact our legislators about) relevant to protecting our environment. Notable bills this year involved transit expansion, coal ash dewatering and ending the nuclear tariff.

For our March meeting, Sierra Club Beyond Coal organizer Ian Karra gave us a practical introduction to Georgia's Public Service Commission (PSC), the five-person board of publicly elected officials whose job it is to regulate utilities in our state, including Georgia Power and utility management corporations. The PSC has the power to direct the utilities toward use of clean energy sources. Knowing this, we as voters and activists can work with the PSC toward the sustainable energy system we need in this state. Two PSC seats are up for election in 2018, so start talking with your friends and neighbors about the PSC now and look out for opportunities to spread the word about the election. As we approach the primary election on May 22 and the general election on No-

vember 6, the Metro Atlanta Group has started inviting PSC candidates to speak at our meetings. For our March meeting, PSC candidate John Noel discussed his policy priorities and responded to questions.

### ADOPT-A-STREAM MONITORING

Our Adopt-A-Stream activities focus on Peachtree Creek in Medlock Park. For biological monitoring, we need many eyes to find the macroinvertebrate critters found in the creek. The next chance to get your feet wet — figuratively or literally! — on a day with both biological and chemical monitoring will be Saturday, **June 16 from 10 am to 12 pm**. Chemical monitoring will be 10 – 11, and biological monitoring will take the entire time. For information about chemical monitoring dates, call Larry Kloet, (404) 636-7226. For more about biological monitoring, call Nancy Wylie, (404) 256-1172. For directions, visit [sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta/adopt-stream-program](http://sierraclub.org/georgia/atlanta/adopt-stream-program).

### GET INVOLVED!

Want to pitch in by keeping on top of local news, policy, politics, events and opportunities? Would you like to help at our meetings, plan events, join our political committee, or help get out the word for elections this year? Please email our chair, Nina Dutton ([nddutton@gmail.com](mailto:nddutton@gmail.com)).

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**Our Executive Committee Meetings** are open and generally held on the first Tuesday of the month (Athens Pizza, 7:30 p.m.). Contact Nina Dutton ([nddutton@gmail.com](mailto:nddutton@gmail.com)) for details.

**Monthly Meetings:** The Metro Atlanta Group typically meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Typically our meetings feature a speaker on a timely topic. Then, we present info on how to take action on important issues. We have been meeting at the Georgia Chapter office, at 743 E. College Ave., Suite B, Decatur, GA, 30030, but the location is subject to change. Please join us at 7 p.m. to socialize and 7:30 p.m. for the program!

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## LAGRANGE GROUP

SERVING THE LAGRANGE AREA

### Get Involved This Season

LAURA BREYFOGLE



You may be familiar with the popular folk song “Turn! Turn! Turn!” which goes: *“To everything (turn, turn, turn) / There is a season (turn, turn, turn) / And a time to every purpose, under heaven.”*

Well, folks, it’s time to get political! So many people are turned off by politics and all the negativity it generates, the broken promises, the corruption of power it often brings. Yet it is of extreme importance that we act according to our conviction that protecting our water, air and public lands is the right thing to do. At the very least, we should be registered to vote, find out which candidates are pro-environment and vote in all elections. There are many ways to devote ourselves on a deeper level:

Educate ourselves about environmental issues. The Sierra Club provides opportunities through the *Georgia Sierran* as well as its national publication, both available to members.

Respond to action alerts to send emails to state and national legislators. Sierra Club provides these through a signup on its website. Also, Protect Georgia provides an excellent avenue of political activism through well-crafted appeals to its subscribers to email state legislators.

Call our legislators asking them to support or oppose various bills. Sierra Club lobbyist Neill Herring suggests this tactic is even more effective than letters or email.

Meet with our legislators, such as at the Georgia Water Coalition’s Capitol Conservation Day, which took place on March 1 this year.

Show our green convictions by participating in marches and protests. Over 65,000 people marched statewide in the Women’s March last January. This included a strong showing of those resisting threats by our current administration to weaken environmental laws, rules, and safeguards.

Go to hear political candidates speak and support their campaigns. Some of the best candidates do not receive super PAC donations or come from a wealthy background.

The LaGrange Group invites everyone to our April meeting on Tuesday, April 17 from 6:30 – 8 pm to hear Rusty Oliver speak. Rusty, who has a background teaching high school science as well as working with the Nature Conservancy, is a strong green candidate for Congress. We also hope to hear from opposing Democratic candidate Chuck Enderlin as well as Republican incumbent Drew Ferguson about their commitments to protecting our environment. We meet at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church on 207 Greenwood St. in LaGrange.

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## GREATER GWINNETT GROUP

SERVING GWINNETT COUNTY

### Gwinnett Update

DAN FRIEDMAN

The year got off to a stormy start. Although the weather forced us to cancel our January group meeting, the Gwinnett Group has forged relationships with other

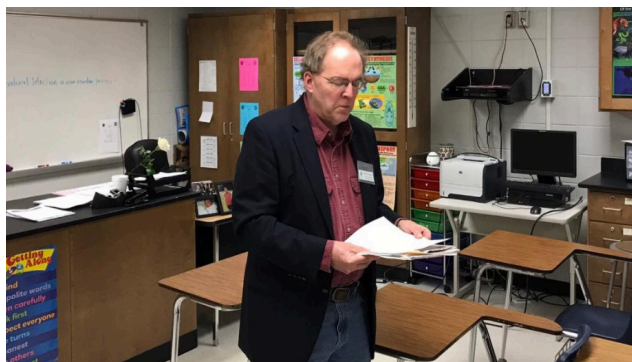


groups and has been very busy.

In January, we hosted a meeting with other transit advocates and began to lay the foundation to build a strong grassroots movement across religious and ethnic lines. We are eagerly anticipating using our relationships to bring inter-county transit to Gwinnett.

Transit is a political issue and as 2018 is an election year, we are planning a congressional forum focused on environmental issues. Hearing different views on environmental topics such as transit, the Plant Vogtle nuclear expansion, and infrastructure will help Gwinnett citizens determine who best represents their views.

Our February meeting brought the Traveling Legislative Roadshow, otherwise known as Mark Woodall, to discuss the status of Georgia's legislative bills. Mark described the progress of several 2018 environmental bills through the Georgia state legislature.



Our March meeting featured Chapter Director Ted Terry, who spoke about what the Sierra Club's 2018 mission and goals are, and how members can become more involved with Georgia Sierra Club activities and events.

Our stream monitoring program continues on the third Saturday of the month. Not only do we obtain important information on stream health, but we also use the activity to conduct outreach to the local community.

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## SAVANNAH RIVER GROUP

SERVING AUGUSTA AND SURROUNDING AREAS

## A Look into SRG Outings

LINDA MCBURNEY, CO-CHAIR

Savannah River Group (SRG) has an active outings program thanks to our outings chair, Cathy Black, and outings leaders. We offer a variety of outings options that include bike rides, paddling outings, camping, hiking, indoor climbing, picnics at state parks, flower shows, nature walks with knowledgeable guides, and whatever else we can think of to get outdoors. Outings always include food (a restaurant, bring your own, or potluck)! We use Facebook and MeetUp to announce our outings, but most people who join us learn about them from our bimonthly newsletters and at our monthly meetings.

Our outings leaders have varied backgrounds and experiences in the outdoors, but all share a love and appreciation for nature and the desire to engage



others in getting outdoors. Some of them offered the following insights into their experiences.

LARRY KOMP, OUTINGS LEADER VICE-CHAIR

I have been an outings leader for the SRG for about four years now. We have had some fantastic outings on the water, such as our annual full moon kayak paddle on the Augusta Canal. We have discovered about half a dozen new and interesting places to take our kayaks, exploring such places as the unnamed island that is the site of one of the earliest native villages in North America and another watery path that takes us up Horse Creek, the site of the birth of the Industrial Revolution in the South. We usually have four or five paddling events every year.

I also enjoy leading rides for fat-tire mountain

bikes or medium-tire hybrid bicycles. We do about seven or eight bike rides a year. We ride either the Augusta Canal towpath, from the old canal headgates to downtown Augusta, or along the North Augusta, SC, Greenway. This year, I plan to add a ride on the single-track Bartram Trail up at Clarks Hill Lake.

#### **BILL JACKSON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

For me, leading and participating in outings is a social and physical experience and is a chance to reconnect with like-minded friends and meet new people with similar mindsets. Our outings are an outreach tool for the Georgia Sierra Club and the SRG; after all, the Sierra Club is at its heart an outdoor group. We have a chance to explain what the Sierra Club is, encourage new folks to attend one of our meetings, and get them involved in our group.

#### **CATHY BLACK, OUTINGS CHAIR**

I've been a Sierra Club outings leader for five years and found a home with like-minded people as we hike and discover and enjoy our natural resources. I greatly enjoy getting to know the people on our hiking, kayaking, and biking trips, and I'm having so much fun in the process! The purpose of our outings is to allow people to discover the outdoors; from there, they may take steps to conserve our natural resources. I feel I am helping people to become more aware of the need to conserve our natural resources here in Georgia.

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**SERVING SAVANNAH & SURROUNDING COUNTIES**

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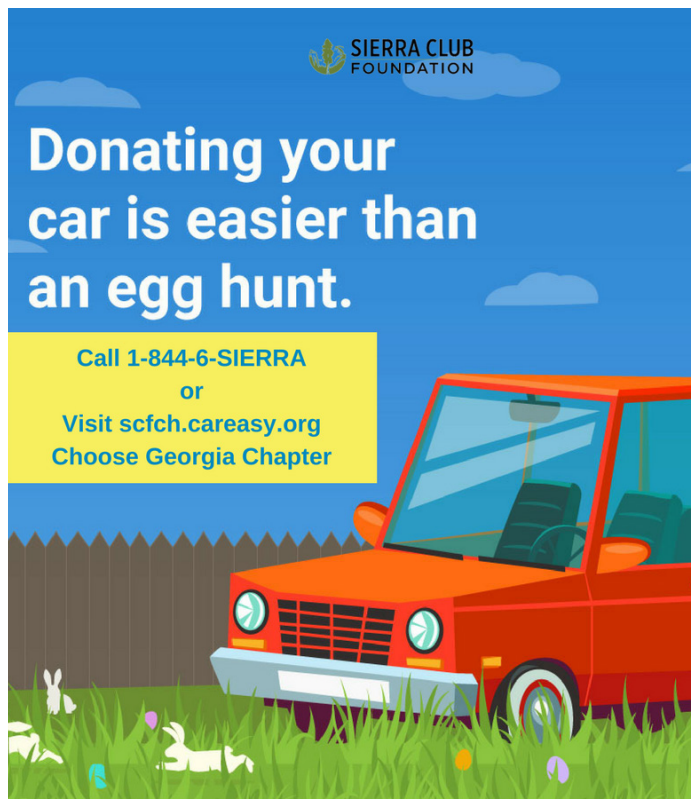
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