



SIERRA CLUB

DALLAS GROUP

August 2024 Newsletter

Musings From The Chair...

As the oppressive temperatures in North Texas, the torrential rains of May and June, and the manic hot/cold temperature swings around the country constantly remind us, Climate Change is no longer a concept but a tangible reality.

As is often the case, art imitates life, and the Dallas Sierra Club is proud to announce an apropos collaboration that we are involved in. [The Watering Hole Collective](#) is a non-profit that creates plays to raise social consciousness/awareness on a myriad of issues in the DFW Metroplex. Their new play, "[I Am An Island](#)", is surrealist dark comedy that delves into the emotional impact of climate change, presenting a compelling metaphor for the sinking uncertainty of our world.



Watering Hole Collective Presents

I AM AN ISLAND

A World Premiere
Written by **Julia Lederer**
Directed by **Angela Gulner**



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We are proud to announce that
I AM AN ISLAND
has been selected to be in the
AT&T Performing Arts Center
2024/2025 season of
The Elevator Project!

September 19-22, 2024
Wyly Studio Theater

In addition to multiple performances beginning on September 19th, 2024 at the Wyly Studio Theatre in Dallas, there will also be post-performance “talkbacks” featuring panels of environmental experts and mental health professionals, providing audiences with actionable ways to contribute positively to our ever changing world. Along with Environment Texas and Cedar Ridge Preserve, The Dallas Sierra Club will be there offering insight and answering questions, both during the “talkback” segments of each performance and after each of the shows.

Hope to see you there!

Cheers,

Victoria

This Saturday Morning!

(second Saturday every month)

White Rock Lake Cleanup

Sat, Aug 10, 2024; 8:30 AM (Central)

A great Saturday morning opportunity.

Where: Meet at the Sierra Club sign between 159 and 175 E. Lawther Dr.,
32.859223,-96.719002



Please Bring: Drinking Water, Gloves, Sun Protection, Insect Repellent

Questions: Please contact Tim Gibson timgibson@gmail.com 972-567-8093

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000002JoaCAAS>

We were determined to carry on our hike around the lake, come hill or high water.

Sierra Club Dallas Group General Meeting via Zoom

Torrential Rain, Widespread Drought, Soaring Temps, Rising Seas, Explosive Hurricane Seasons, the list goes on and on... The earth is giving us a clear message. The question is do we have the stomach to take Climate Change head on and realize the time for conversations are over and immediate action must be the enacted.

What is Happening to Our Mother Earth Right Now?

Please join the Dallas Sierra Club as well welcome our **Statewide Lone Star Chapter Chair, Bob Hendricks**, as he delves into the literal “hot” topic of **Climate Change and its impacts on Texas and beyond**.

7:00 pm, Tuesday, August 13 via Zoom

From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

[To register for the meeting with Zoom, click on this link.](#)

Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member.

For more information, contact Victoria Howard at Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org.



FALL CAMPOUT at EISENHOWER STATE PARK

October 18-20, 2024

Save the date and plan to join us for a wonderful fall weekend at Eisenhower State Park, a popular destination nestled on the bluffs along the south side of Lake Texoma, just 90 minutes north of Dallas. Pitch your tent and relax in our shared reserved campsites. This is a perfect weekend outing for beginner campers/hikers and also anyone wanting to try out backpacking skills/gear. Saturday we'll spend part of the day hiking easy, scenic wooded trails. Your option to carry a daypack or a backpack to get the feel of carrying more of a load while hiking. You'll have free time to explore more of the park or nearby Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on your own, or just relax in camp. Saturday evening we'll discuss everyone's favorite topic – food! We'll

share food ideas to make camping easy, tasty and fun. Surprise dessert included! Reservations required and space will be limited. Sorry, no pets. Complete details and reservation information will be posted on our Outings page soon. For questions or to be notified when reservations open, send email to Liz@DallasSierraClub.org.

Take Action

The U.S. Forest Service just started a process to amend every national forest plan in the country to protect old growth. It could become one of the most important protections for federal forests that we have seen in decades. However, to be successful, the proposed amendment must protect all existing old-growth and, critically, chart a course that allows mature forests to develop into old growth. [We need your help to ensure that the U.S. Forest Service strengthens the proposal to protect our oldest forests!](#)

Take Action to Protect Forests!

Ouachita Trail Trip

Nov 1st – 3rd, 2024

Want to get away for a short backpacking trip to the mountains? The Ouachita trail is a beautiful mountain hike that begins in Eastern Oklahoma about 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours from Dallas. The Dallas Sierra Club is hosting a trip starting from the Winding Stair trailhead. Whether you are looking for your first overnight backpacking experience, want to test out your latest gear or just enjoy a weekend in the woods, this is the hike for you.



We will meet Friday, November 1st at the trailhead. We will spend the night at the backpackers' camp at the trailhead. The evening can be used to checkout equipment and prepare for the hike, so arriving early is a plus. Alternatively, you can arrive at the trailhead by 9:00 AM on Saturday. On Saturday the hike will be 4.5 miles long and we will make camp at Red Springs. In this section the trail is well maintained and amongst trees. There will be two climbs of 700 feet and 500 feet, so the hike is rated moderate. Saturday, we will spend a lovely evening of camaraderie and stories (some true). On Sunday we will hike to the Big Cedar trailhead (2.5 miles all downhill – really). A car will be available to shuttle drivers back to the Winding Stair trailhead. You can then return to Dallas (or to your next destination).

For more information and the application forms, go to <https://www.sierraclub.org/texas/dallas/hike-ouachita-trail-0>

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